

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

February 8, 2012

Present:	Al Byam (Chair)	Rob Hendry	Andy Steinberg	John Collura	Randy Boivin	Martha Patrick
	Mike Brennan	Dan Stratford	Maxine	David	Jennifer Bennett	
	Ann Carr	Niels La Cour	Greenblatt	Woemhoener	Barbara Stewart	
	Jake Clemen	Pam Monn	Yevin Roh	Kyle Howard	Tom O'Donnell	

Absent:

Vacant:

Special Guests: Juanita Holler, Assoc. VC Facilities and Campus Services, Dennis Swinford, Director Campus Planning, Tom Shaw & Peter Gray-Mullin from Facilities, Anders Minter, Asst. Area Director Kennedy Hall

MINUTES: Approved minutes from November 30, 2011

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES PRESENTATION: Peter Gray-Mullin and Tom Shaw from Facilities presented a highlighted map of all the scheduled projects that will begin this spring. Peter reviewed the Commonwealth College Residential Complex that will be interrupting traffic and pedestrian flow as new utility and sewer lines will be installed across the Athletics fields and under Commonwealth Avenue. Commonwealth Avenue speed limit has been reduced to 20 mph due to construction and lanes will be shut down when construction starts to cross Commonwealth Avenue with sewer and utility lines. The new Academic building off North Pleasant Street will be starting in March of 2012. Construction fencing will be going up at that time, and the southbound, bus stop will be closed. The old trolley stop will be demolished. Metawampe lawn and the pond dike will be closed as well during construction. Facilities will post signs detouring pedestrians around the construction site. Goessmans' egresses to the building as well as its utilities are being updated. Hasbrouck lab will be having its roof replaced and the old power plant will be demolished.

TOBACCO POLICY: Juanita Holler, Associate Vice Chancellor for facilities and Campus Services presented the new tobacco policy that is intended to be implemented July 1, 2013. According to this policy, the use of all tobacco products anywhere on campus property will be prohibited. Juanita solicited feedback from PTAB members concerning smoking in private vehicles on campus property. After much debate and an informal straw poll, it was decided to table the discussion in lieu of more detailed information regarding the policy as a whole.

Anders Minter, Assistant Area Director of Residential Life in South West, presented PTAB a proposal for a policy regarding having residential life staff ticket and tow vehicles that park in designated RA and RD spaces.. His presentation discussed how Residential "live-in" staff is provided parking spaces near the dorms they live in. Almost every night and weekends, students and visitors parking illegally take their parking spaces. The proposal requested that Parking Services train and deputizes Residential Life live-in senior staff members who have opted to engage in limited parking enforcement activities. These "deputies" will be able to issue paper citations and/or authorize the towing of vehicles in violation of parking regulations. After much discussion, the proposal was tabled. Mike Brennan, Manager of Parking Services and Officer Tom O'Donnell of the Umass Police suggested that they would meet at another time with Anders and discuss alternative solutions to the issue. The results of the meeting will be brought back to PTAB for further discussion.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Al Byam, Director of Transportation distributed the Transit FY 2013 budget. He discussed certain line items and answered questions that were raised.
- New Buses: Transit has received the 10 new buses from New Flyer Industries. Five are clean diesel and five are Hybrid Drive buses. Four of these new buses are on the road and operating. Al mentioned that these buses are getting great feedback from the campus community as well as passengers.

PARKING UPDATE:

- Mike Brennan, Manager of Parking Services presented Parking Services FY 2013 budget. He spoke about how the Repair & Replacement accounts help maintain and repair existing parking lots. Also projected for FY-13 are monies that will be set aside for a new parking garage Dennis Swinford expressed how nice it was to see departments planning for the future.

RIDESHARE UPDATE:

- Rob discussed the EV (Electric Vehicle) Policy and how he is in the process of drafting the policy by gathering data from other organizations. He would like this program to eventually pay for itself in some way.

- Rob is looking to form a Vanpool and is sending out letters to campus employees who live in the dense areas such as Easthampton, Ware, Holyoke, and Greenfield to see if there are employees who would be interested in a vanpool.
- UMass and the Town of Amherst will be hosting bike week in May of 2012. There will be a breakfast and lots of information on bikes, commuting etc.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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| -- Master plan update | | |
| - Pay station Updates | Transportation funding | |
| - Tobacco Free Campus | EV Policy | - landscape on campus |
| -We Car | Res. Life proposal | -update on Bike week |

NEXT MEETING: April 11. 2012 Room 911-15 Campus Center 12:00pm – 2:00pm