



PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 20, 2009 - Regular Meeting
Student Senate Conference Room, Minnesota State University

A regular meeting of the Parking Advisory Committee was convened by Chairperson David Cowan at 12:37 PM on Friday, November 20, 2009, in the Student Senate's Conference Room in the Centennial Student Union. A quorum was present with five of the six voting members in attendance.

PAC Member	Attendance	Constituency
David Cowan	Attended	Administration Representative – Voting Member
Autumn Hamilton	Excused	Faculty Association Representative – Voting Member
Kyle Engdahl for Abby Knott	Attended	Off-Campus Student Assn. Representative – Voting Member
Sarah Koenen	Attended	On-Campus Student Assn. Representative – Voting Member
Roberta Spangenberg	Attended	Classified Employee Representative – Voting Member
Mike Lagerquist	Attended	MSU. Assn. of Admin. & Svc. Faculty (MSUAASF) – Voting Member
Sue Edstrom	Attended	Parking Services Coordinator/Citation Appeals Board Liaison - Non-Voting
Marty Rost	Excused	Planning & Construction – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Jodi Orchard	Attended	Business Services – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Adam Bartz	Attended	Residence Hall Association President – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Cynthia Janney	Absent	Residential Life Office – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Shirley Piepho	Attended	University Scheduling – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
(Vacant)		MN. Assn. of Professional Employees (MAPE) – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
(Vacant)		MN. Management Association (MMA) – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Without objection the previously prepared meeting agenda was approved.

Review of Summer 2010 Capital Improvement Plan

PAC Chair Cowan reported that the Planning & Construction Department was reviewing parking lot repair options and had not yet finalized their recommendations. Members noted that revenue predictions were off and that would affect the PAC's ability to fund major parking lot improvements in the summer of 2010.

Financial Activity of Parking & Transportation Program

It was noted that the \$1,425,811 income plan for 2009-10 was too optimistic, particularly the \$300,000 predicted from the 200 stall Visitors Paylot. PAC members agreed to scale back the estimate to a more achievable \$250,000 with appropriate cuts being made to the \$1,416,810 spending plan.

The prime suspect in the revenue decline was the fact that fewer customers were showing up to park in the Visitors Paylot for night classes. This year's nighttime bus service (Rt. #1 - Student Senate's Campus Express), which operates Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 10 PM to the nearby apartment

complexes, has led to a change in behavior with student customers who have night classes buying more bus passes in lieu of parking in the Visitors Paylot (Lot 4).

Bus Pass Type	Fall 2008 \$40 Semester/30 Day \$14		Spring 2009 \$40 Semester/30 Day \$14		Fall 2009 Preliminary \$45 Semester/30 Day \$16	
	# of Passes	Receipts	# of Passes	Receipts	# of Passes	Receipts
Passes Sold by MSU Cashiers						
Semester Bus Passes	333	13,320	572	\$22,880	634	28,530
30 Day Bus Passes	172	2,408	252	\$3,328	163	2,608
Totals	505	\$15,728	824	\$26,208	797	\$31,138
Cash Fares Collected/Bus Drivers						
Route # 1 Campus Express to Apts.	N/A	4,236	N/A	6,315	N/A	Pending
Rt. #8 Campus Circulator	N/A	5,654	N/A	8,084	N/A	Pending
Cash Fare Totals		\$9,890		\$14,399		

Bus Service Costs

Total bus ridership has increased from 138,185 rides in 2006-07 to a record high of 189,033 last year 2008-09. Costs have gone from \$111,619 in 2006-07 (\$68 per hour leasing cost) to \$136,416 last year (\$74 per hour leasing cost).

Proposed Transfer of Visitors Paylot Stalls to Lot 4a Gold

PAC members agreed to add this proposal on the Docket of the March, 2010, Annual Hearing on Parking & Transportation Policies, Capital Improvements, and Budget:

Proposal: Reduce to number of Visitor Paylot parking stalls by 20 and increase the number of stalls in Gold Lot 4a by 20. The existing 200 Paylot vs. 60 Gold Lot 4a mix would then change to 180 Paylot vs. 80 Gold Lot 4a. To accomplish such a change would require a \$5,000 investment moving the existing fence which now divides the lower level of Lot 4/4a.

PAC members were divided on whether the additional \$4,720 raised annually through the sale of 20 extra Lot 4a Gold stalls would be worth what is now viewed as a plus for conferences and workshop participants being able to park close using the Visitors Paylot and not have to be shuttled in from Lot 21 (Purple). Vacancies in the Visitors Paylot continue - unless a conference or workshop lands - while demand for Lot 4a Gold parking is a matter of record. Head Cashier Jodi Orchard opposed any transfer and conversion of Visitor Paylot stalls to Lot 4a Gold. Cowan noted that "Lot Full" situations now seldom occur, a major improvement for guests and visitors over what was happening 18 months earlier when the Visitors Paylot was expanded at the expense of Lot 4 Gold permit stalls.

Roofing Project at Performing Arts Center - Impact on Fall Parking in Lot 16

It was reported that the roofing project for the Performing Arts Center had concluded and the 100 Lot 16 stalls were returned that had been set aside in August for the staging of contractor building materials. The disruption affected Lot 16 Gold permit holders and required the temporary relocation of Green Permit residence hall buyers to the Gage Zone parking area. Cowan noted that most of those affected have been or will be invited to exchange their Gage Zone Green permit for a Lot 16 Green permit.

New Residence Hall - Most Lot 13 Parking Stalls to be Eliminated

Though the Minnesota Legislature has yet to weigh in on a proposal to raise the current \$200 million cap on MnSCU bonding authority, MSU has hopes of creating a 300+ bed residence hall and locating it where most (200?) of Lot 13's 346 Green permit parking stalls. Softening the blow to Lot 13's capacity reduction will be the planned construction of a new smaller lot (60 to 70 stalls) on the north side of Crawford B & C halls.

The net parking stall shortfall of 70 to 150 stalls will require the sale of Gage Zone parking permits on the south side of the campus to Sears, Crawford, and McElroy residents, an action which will not be viewed as a positive move by those wanting to pay the \$170 Light Green parking permit but now having to park blocks away. Those affected will have to walk to their vehicles, take the free bus, or rely on the nighttime Red Eye Shuttle service.

Of the 3,112 Fall renters among MSU's four residence halls, 1,676 (or 54%) owned either a \$170 Light Green parking permit or a \$72 Lot 20a Dark Green Discount permit.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.