



## **Annual Hearing on Parking & Transportation Policies, Capital Improvements and Budget March 17, 2011**

The Annual Hearing on Parking and Transportation Policies was convened by Parking Advisory Committee Chairperson David Cowan at 12:30 PM on Thursday, March 17, 2011, in Student Union's Room 201. Minnesota Statutes requires an annual hearing on such matters. Fourteen people were present including a *Reporter* writer and a KMSU-FM Radio student news worker.

### **Hearing Opening**

David Cowan, Public Hearing Officer, read an opening statement laying out the ground rules for speaking at the open hearing. Cowan stated that an email had been sent to all MSU employees and students notifying them of the hearing and that formal notice had been published both on MSU's electronic newsletter and in the *Reporter*. Cowan then read the names and introduced the volunteers serving on the Parking Advisory Committee as well as those serving on the independent Parking Citation Appeals Board.

### **Review of 2011-12 Budget**

The proposed 2011-12 income and spending plans included \$1,315,020 in revenue and predicted \$1,311,000 worth of expenditures. No permit cost rate hikes, bus fare and/or pass increases, or citation fine changes were recommended. Capital Improvements this May and June, and July would be limited to minor lot repairs, patchwork, and a shared cost connected with the access road to Lot 19 (Alumni & Foundation Center); no increase in overall parking stall capacity is recommended or included in the FY'12 budget.

Potholes in Lot 5, 17, 19 are being temporarily patched by the Grounds Maintenance Department with a cold patch. Gage Lot 1 and 3 needs to be resurfaces but the towers would have to come down first before major investment in Lot 1 improvements can be seriously considered.

Compared to this year, the spending plan for FY'12 is less. The spending plan for 2010-11 totals \$1,479,893, but includes \$95,893 in one-time costs (\$46,254 CCTV camera shared cost upgrade; \$49,639 handicap Maverick Shuttle shared cost).

It was noted that increased bus ridership particularly suite with nighttime service was implemented the last two years contributed to a downturn in revenue falls.

### **General Parking**

Discussion of write off citations happens every year and if the cashiers don't have students Social Security Number they cannot go to collections.

The buses are causing the Paylot to lose revenue because the buses are running at night now. The Paylot

rate drives the permit holders away from the Paylot which is great because now the actual visitors can find a parking spot.

### **CCTV Exterior Cameras**

Those present talked about the CCTV exterior camera upgrade. The University is investing \$42,113 toward the \$95,392 upgrade to digital cameras. Of the original 12 sites, six remain to be upgraded from analog cameras to digital devices. Though parking funds had been used to upgrade one unit annually, a major upgrade was required with the destruction of 15 year old analog lines thanks in part from the construction of a \$25 million residence hall in March 2011. The construction zone is in Lot 13 where the analog line feed is housed. Digital transmissions can be rerouted on the multi-strand fiber now in use campus-wide. Parking share would be \$53,279 with the balanced of \$42,113 picked up by MSU's General Fund.

### **Lot 13 Construction Zone - Relocation of 227 Lot 13 Green Permit Holders**

Most of Lot 13 now has been absolved as part of a fenced in construction zone. 227 Lot 13 Green permit holders had to be relocated not all of the 227 asked to leave have exchanged their permit at the Cashiers and gotten a new permit for either Lot 14, Lot 16, Lot 1, or Lot 20a/20. Those cars will be ticketed, auto clamped, and possibly towed out of Lot 13. The exchange rates that these students are being provided are helping them move. These exchange rates are:

- \$30 rebate for those going to Lot 1 Gage; \$79 rebate to those going to Lot 21 Orange Lot South (overflow lot from Dark Green Lot 20a). \$7,641 in rebates to affected customers anticipated.

Shuttle Service expansion focusing on Gage underutilized giant Lot 1. Bus stop in Lot 1 Gage is being considered and maybe even relocation of a small bus shelter now located on north curb of Maywood.

### **Parking Lot Snow Removal - Feb. 20-21 Snow Storm**

Testimony was then received about Lot 21 (Orange Permit)(39) and Lot 23 (Free Lot) the lack of timely plowing in distant lots following the 10+ inch snowfall that blanketed the entire campus on Sunday, February 20th; specifically, the impact on parking permit customers trying to park in Lots 21 and 22 (Orange permit lots) and the Free Lot (Lot 23).

Though Monday, February 21, night classes were canceled, day classes were not and snow filled Orange permit lots greeted those able to make it into the campus that day.

Streets and sidewalks were cleared as well as handicap stalls, the Visitors Paylot, Gold permit stalls, and Purple permit lots, but Lot 21 South (Orange), Lot 22 (Orange and Overnight Brown), and Lot 23 (Free Lot) were not plowed. Plowing commenced on Monday afternoon in the Orange lots and all those Orange and Free Lot areas were cleared by 7 AM Tuesday, but Monday customers in those lots were adversely affected.

Student Traffic Controllers were used to help over 40 vehicle owners to vacate those lots Monday afternoon so the giant plows could get in the lots.

It was reported that the circumstances surrounding the event were reviewed by Facilities Management and a snow removal plan developed to better address future snow events.

Testimony was received concerning what role the Residence Hall Association and/or Residential Life

Office could or should play in recommending when to vacate 1,500 Green Permit stalls for snow removal.

**Snow Budget**

Though not all parking lot related snow removal changes have yet hit the Parking fund it is anticipated that \$15,000 - \$25,000 might be the final tally of this winter season's costs. The budget was cleared out in January due to all the snow fall we have had this year.

The Hearing was concluded at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cowan, Convener

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Parking Advisory Committee  
Post - Public Hearing Special Meeting  
March 17, 2011

A special meeting of the PAC was convened by David Cowan at 1:25 P.M. on Thursday, March 17, 2011, following the Annual Hearing on Parking and Transportation Policies, Capital Improvements and Budget.

<b>PAC Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Parking Advisory Committee Member</b>
David Cowan	Present	Administration Representative – Voting Member
Autumn Hamilton	Present	Faculty Association Representative – Voting Member
Cody Ingenthron	Excused	Off-Campus Student Assn. Representative – Voting Member
Sarah Koenen	Present	On-Campus Student Assn. Representative – Voting Member
Roberta Spangenberg	Present	Classified Employee Representative – Voting Member
Mike Lagerquist	Present	MSU. Assn. of Admin. & Svc. Faculty (MSUAASF) – Voting Member
Sue Edstrom	Excused	Parking Services Coordinator/Citation Appeals Board Liaison - Non-Voting
Marty Rost	Excused	Planning & Construction – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Jodi Orchard	Present	Business Services – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Hilary Geesman	Present	Residence Hall Association President – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Cynthia Janney	Excused	Residential Life Office – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member
Shirley Piepho	Present	University Scheduling – Ex-officio, Nonvoting Member

Based on the testimony presented at the public hearing, It was moved to recommend to the Administration approval of parking 2011-12 budget.

Adjourned at 1:50 P.M.