

## Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee

### Minutes – February 2, 2017

The Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee was convened at 12:05 PM on Thursday, February 2, 2017, by Chair David Cowan. A quorum was present with 6 out of the 6 voting members in attendance.

<b>PAC Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Voting Status</b>
David Cowan	Present	Administration Representative	Voting Member
Nancy Rolfsrud	Present	Faculty Association Representative	Voting Member
Mohammed Bin Hamsa and Alternate Frederick de Ruitter	Present	Student Association Off-Campus Representative	Voting Member
Alysia Przbilla	Present	Student Association On-Campus Res. Hall Rep.	Voting Member
Mike Cofield	Present	Classified Employee Representative – Patrick Pearce (Alternate)	Voting Member
Shirley Piepho, Alternate for Julie Snow	Present	MSU Association of Admin. & Svc. Faculty (MSUAASF)	Voting Member
Jodi Orchard	Present	University Head Cashier	Ex-officio, Nonvoting
Sue Edstrom	Present	Parking Services .Coordinator and Citation Appeals Board Liaison	Ex-officio, Nonvoting
Nathan Huettl	Present	Facilities Mgmt. 's Planning & Construction Depart.	Ex-officio, Nonvoting
Alysia Przbilla (now a voting member above)	Present	Residence Hall Association President	Ex-officio-Nonvoting
Cynthia Janney (or alternate)	Excused Absence	Residential Life Office	Ex-officio-Nonvoting
Shirley Piepho	(See Above)	University Scheduling	Ex-officio-Nonvoting

#### Review of 2016-17 Parking and Transportation Financial Spreadsheet

Current 12 month income projection of \$1,726,496 for the parking part of the Parking & Transportation Program seemed to be on track with six months left of the fiscal year - \$230,648 remains to be earned from the original forecast for FY'17. The \$1,584,128 spending plan will have to be modified to accommodate upwards of \$40,000 in unanticipated CCTV camera upgrades and repairs. A spreadsheet detailing all personnel costs was also reviewed.

Sue Edstrom reported that Security's Traffic Services Officers did upwards of 300 or so "free" on-campus door unlocks and/or battery jump starts last year. She also indicated that Security patrols and Traffic Services Officers have Stadium Heights as an approved site for such services.

#### Lot 1 Repairs

Nathan Huettl, representing the Planning and Construction Department, responded to questions about when and if a predicted FY'17 year-end surplus would be spent and on what. Noted was a long standing commitment to initiate repairs for the giant 500 stall Lot 1 which is the worst lot in need of repair.

Nate said that upwards of \$900,000 could be spent on Lot 1 alone if the University wanted to rip up the existing crumbling hard surface, install a reliable drainage system, and overlay everything. Concern was expressed that such an expenditure should be phased in over several years as it would take that much time to build up a reserve in the Parking Fund. Shirley Piepho expressed her opinion that repairs to Lot 1 should not be denied because of rumors that a "bubble" or some such semi-permanent structure would be built on nearby Football Practice Field #3 or on part of Lot 1.

### **Busing Costs and Projected 2017-18 Green Transportation Fee Funding Increase**

Because of a ridership surge in September, and, at the request of the Student Senate, a new bus route was created (Route 1-B North). For 2016-17 the \$502,949 previously estimated for the 8 (now 9) separate bus routes within the “U-Zone” bus services contract with the Mankato Area Transit System, had to be adjusted to a higher level of \$537,073 for the 8 ½ months the buses serve the University. The \$34,124 in increased costs was absorbed by the Parking Fund for 2016-17 – a decision was made not to ask the Student Allocations Committee for a mid-year supplement to augment the \$313,515 the Student Senate had approved last spring in the form of a Green Transportation Fee allocation for FY’17.

Advisory Committee Members endorsed the decision to include the cost of Route 1-B North within the FY’18 \$352,538 request submitted to the MSSA/Student Senate’s Student Allocations Committee as part of its 2017-18 budget review process.

It was not known at this time whether the City of Mankato would increase for FY’18 the \$97 hourly charge now included in all busing cost estimates. It was noted that the City invoice for Fall Semester bus services had not yet been received.

Shirley Piepho stated that if the Green Transportation Fee allocation request was not fully funded at \$352,538 for FY’18, the service hours, and possibility bus routes, would have to be cut back. Over the years parking permit holders have heavily subsidized the busing program, but with the creation of the mandatory per credit hour charge known as the Green Transportation Fee, all additional hours and new routes need to be picked up by different cost centers including the Green Transportation Fee and Residential Life (service to Stadium Heights).

[Parking Fund support for busing has increased due to a hourly rate change from FY’11’s \$72 to today’s \$97 and includes: 2011-12 \$123,432; 2012-13 \$79,796; 2013-14 \$46,483; 2014-15 \$84,397; 2015-16 \$139,081; and 2016-17 \$163,361. The Route 8 Campus circulator which services parking lots 20, 21, 22, and 23, will cost \$106,798 in FY’17.]

### **Bike Registration Program Launched in Fall, 2016**

Advisory Committee Members noted that 100 bikes were registered in Fall Semester as part of a new program underwritten by the Green Transportation Fee account. To date one stolen bike, recovered by the Mankato Department of Public Safety, was returned to its owner because of the new services. \$2,724 was committed to the purchase of an inventory of bike socks as an incentive to register - bike owners were given a free pair of bike socks branded with the MSU Maverick logo.

### **Proposal to Repurpose 13 stalls in Lot 11a for Use by Sears Residents who have Off-Campus Nighttime Jobs**

Advocates of the proposal to convert 13 stalls on the west curb of Lot 11a from Gold to Light Green maintained that it was in response to the safety needs of Sears residents who currently returned at night to campus at the end of their off-campus job shift when no Red Eye Shuttles were running. If approved for FY’18, payroll stubs would validate would-be Lot 11a Light Green parking permit requesters.

Others stated that to mix permit colors within the 86 stalls in Lot 11a would be difficult to enforce with many Light Green permit holders parking illegally hoping that their Lot 16 light green permit would go unnoticed. Further, for those arriving on-campus after the Red Eye Shuttle quits, Security does maintain an escort service which could pick Sears residents up from Lot 16 (Performing Arts lot) or Lots 1 & 2 Dark Green permit areas.

Further discussion on the matter was tabled for a future meeting of the Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee.

### **Annual Public Hearing on Parking Policies, Budget, and Capital Improvements** – Thursday, March 2, 2017

It was announced that the Annual Public Hearing on Parking Policies, Budget, and Capital Improvements will be held March 2, 2017 from Noon to 1:30 PM in the Student Union’s room 201.

**Adjournment** - Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.