

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2006

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Attendance: Dewey, Capaccio, Class, Karl, Lawson, O'Brien, Sullivan, Larry Pardi

Welcome

- Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting, round table introductions were made

Reports

- Daily parking rate is now \$2.50; union represented employees will pay \$2.00 daily, permits available at the parking office. There are still some cash handling issues with the new dispensers. The dispensers are getting "tagged" but not broken into. They have the ability to be upgraded to accept debit/credit card payments.
- Car Free Day – Thursday, September 21; there were no issues with the B Street closure, all appeared to go well. Express shuttle ridership went up to 191, there were 156 on the previous Thursday and overall rides on other routes were up as well. The morning bicycle commute had a lot of community participation and President Richmond joined in.
- Construction Projects – more traffic impact/disturbances expected to continue for probably the next 2 years due to the various construction projects on campus. B Street permanent closure still planned; a parking structure is still planned however is lower on the priority list until the other current projects are done: the new BSS building should be completed in Spring of 2007, the new gym complex in Summer of 2008, then new student housing. There are parking issues and concern for students needing ADA accessibility when street closures occur. Brief discussion on possibility a fee established for reserved, closer parking.
- City Transit – ridership was down this September by 100 versus September 2005, however overall ridership is up 6%. AMRTS, HTA, Arcata council and SunValley Bulb Farm representatives met to discuss transit opportunities for workers; possibility of an express from Fortuna to Arcata would eliminate transfer in Eureka; only transfer would be to AMRTS to the bulb farm.
- Jack Pass – still moving forward, AS supported with resolution; President met with JackPass proponents, he was asked to include the issue to the Chancellor's Office when discussing student fees; HTA to be given presentation in early October.
- Flex Car – Request for Proposal being prepared for financial feasibility; program would allow rental of vehicle by the hour with pre-sign ups; the university is interested in augmenting it's vehicle fleet; one of the potential contractors is able to insure drivers under age 21; other universities are interested in how HSU handles.
- Parking & Commuter Services website - posting of committee agendas and minutes; posting/link to bus schedules.

- University of California Davis hosting transportation conference October 12
- Bicycle Racks – appear pretty full so far this semester; bike map link from Parking webpage; bikes still being locked to guardrail on Mill Street; once the street is closed there will be substantial space for bicycle racks; some areas with bike racks are becoming impacted however there is availability by the Library basement, Art fire lane, Student Health Center and Wildlife buildings; additionally there is covered parking by the events field
- Parking has a commuter savings calculator and links to bus schedules on it's webpage
- Google Transit – found on the internet, has transit trip planners available

Next Meeting

- Monday, November 6 at 10:00 am, Nelson Hall East 120