

Comments Posted to the CECC Forum after the CECC Submitted Its Interim Report to President Mroz

Art on Campus

"Let's use space on campus for art and museum purposes and not proliferate harsh and unimaginative advertising. Salvage what's left of places like the lobby of the Dow building facing the sun, and put some good photography, local minerals, art from local people so we can enjoy it.

Use all lobbies for art and beauty, not for silly propaganda. Eliminate the big boards with mugshots on them."

Parking

"Let's plan to eliminate one major parking lot on the campus edge each year for the next decade. Let's plan a recreation activity for that space that can be enjoyed, winter and summer, by people on campus during breaks. The areas can be soccer, broomball, mud volleyball, cycling, cricket, softball, Frisbee, whatever. The areas can be landscaped to look better also. So the campus will look better, and we'll all feel better."

"Parking lots are important. I live 11 miles away, and I know of people who live farther away. This makes it rather difficult to carpool and the like when you live so far away, and usually those of us who live that far away have jobs to go to, too.

Maybe there would be less of a need for so much parking space if people from Houghton who live only maybe like 5 blocks away didn't drive to school. That is pathetic unless you are sick or broke a leg, but I see it all the time.

Houghton Motor Transit should definitely be promoted more because it is underutilized, but taking away all the parking lots is not an option. Having nice grassy landscaped areas to replace parking lots is also rather unfunctional and frivolous...maybe try landscaping the areas we have open right now on campus that sit empty and bare. The thing with landscaping up here is that it's covered up for over half the year, so it is rather useless to have large areas dedicated to landscaping."

"We are talking past each other. Once one admits that cars are the problem, not the solution, the mind clears a bit. We need to design a new system where cars are only for the times that other ways are not possible (weekends, night, special needs). With efficient trolley systems from the hospital through Hancock and downtown Houghton to campus, with a link to SDC, Hurontown, Econo and Walmart?, there could be a major decrease in campus parking needs. There still could be special parking for those with big packages or disability. Lack of campus parking would make

the trolley the main transport. Lower-cost parking could be diffusely arranged at trolley stops. Financial incentives and good planning would make such a system work happily. Let's get over our addiction to outmoded wasteful and irresponsible technology. The result is an environmental leadership example *and* a better much more beautiful campus."

Elevating US 41 Between the Rozsa Center and MacInnes Drive

"Sure tunnels to go under the road would take planning...everything takes planning, but it is totally possible. The city of Houghton just put an underground walkway in near Hardee's to go down to the water last summer. Logging trucks and other heavy vehicles drive over that all the time. Maybe there would be detours and whatnot during construction. If you were here for this last summer...you would know there were detours for months and months on end. People deal with it and then its done and people can cross the road safely.

I think tunnels are a great idea."