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RE: Transportation Services Update for 2016-2017

Dear Campus Community Members:

Transportation Services is pleased to announce that for fiscal year 2016-2017, there will again be no parking rate increases for the campus's long-term monthly permits. The campus's growth initiative this past year caused our permit sales to rise and our parking inventory to be more fully utilized, and we are projecting it will do so again in 2016-17. So we will use these additional projected permit-sales revenues to fund our rising operating costs in the following areas:

- Salaries and Benefits
- Debt service
- Cost agreements with campus service providers
- Office of the President and Campus assessments
- Reserve for improvements

The campus is currently in the process of updating its Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The transportation component of this plan is important in determining how we will accommodate the future access needs of the campus. Rather than continue to construct the number of new parking spaces the campus would need if we multiplied the percentage of people who drive on campus today by the population projections identified within the LRDP, Transportation Services, together with Campus Planning and transportation consultants, will study over the next several months multiple strategies designed to further encourage and further reward individuals who choose an alternative to driving alone. The increased use of preferred transportation modes and decreased single occupancy vehicle use will lead to reduced emissions, less traffic congestion, less land set aside for the construction of additional parking, and ultimately will minimize future permit rate increases.

Adequately testing and evaluating the multiple strategies that will eventually be implemented to encourage and reward the use of preferred transportation modes will take several months. When completed, this important data will allow us to identify how many parking spaces will need to be constructed over the next ten years. So, how will Transportation Services accommodate parking demand while this data is being evaluated? We will implement a program of attendant-assisted (stack) parking in specific facilities on campus. Through this program, attendants will coordinate the parking of vehicles in aisles to allow more vehicles to park than could otherwise be accommodated in a strictly self-park situation. This approach will increase the parking capacity by approximately 25% in each of the parking facilities selected for stack parking services. Stack parking is not new to the campus. It has been used successfully on campus multiple times and within several parking facilities over the past 25 years as a stop-gap measure to accommodate the increased demand for parking until additional parking facilities were constructed. Additional information regarding when the stack parking program will start, where

on campus the program will be implemented, who the stack parking contractor will be and answers to commonly asked questions about the program will be provided to the campus community several weeks in advance of an implementation date.

If you would like to reduce the cost of your commute, please consider utilizing a preferred transportation option instead of driving alone to campus. Please visit the goClub website at <http://taps.ucdavis.edu/> to explore all of the available options, or contact the goClub at goClub@ucdavis.edu or call 530-752-6453.

Transportation Services will continue to offer the lower-cost L permit options to eligible faculty, staff and students. You can review all campus L permit locations by visiting our parking map at http://taps.ucdavis.edu/parking_map.

Together with our Transportation and Parking Administrative Advisory Committee, the Campus Bicycle Committee, the Transportation and Parking Work Group, and your individual feedback, we will continue our efforts to minimize future rate increases and support cost-effective, environmentally friendly transportation options. We take very seriously our responsibility to serve your parking and access needs and to be excellent stewards of the resources and revenues entrusted to us, and we welcome your suggestions to continuously improve our services.

If you have questions regarding the information above, please email Transportation Services at taps@ucdavis.edu or call 530-752-8277 during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.).

Sincerely,

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