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To: Campus Community

From: University Transportation and Parking Services

Subject: Parking Condition - Fall 2005, Spring 2006 and Fall 2006 Semesters

As many of you may have heard, the University plans to begin construction of Parking Structure III in June 2005 and a new Bookstore in Fall 2005 (both are scheduled for completion for Spring 2007). While both projects are welcomed and needed additions, the campus community will have to endure a reduction in parking spaces during the construction period. During construction of Parking Structure III (PS III) and the new Bookstore, the campus parking inventory will be reduced by approximately 1,100 parking spaces. A loss of this amount of parking will be felt by everyone, and we will need to take proactive measures to mediate the problem.

When the Fall 2005 semester begins, construction of PS III should be well underway; shortly thereafter, construction will begin on the new Bookstore. We hope that you will begin to think about ways you can personally help to reduce the impact of the temporary loss of campus parking spaces. University Transportation and Parking Services (UTAPS) is actively seeking off-campus parking. We believe we will have off-campus parking in place for the Fall 2005 semester, with shuttle service between the campus and the off-campus parking location. More information will be provided as soon as an agreement(s) is solidified.

We’re asking everyone who can, to please participate in the use of alternate transportation at least some of the time during this period. Doing so will not only help the campus get through a difficult time, but it will help to improve the air quality in the Sacramento region by reducing vehicle emissions. Out of a five day work/school week, if a person uses alternate transportation just one day, this will significantly reduce the number of vehicles being driven to campus and make a significant difference in the availability of parking spaces, and reduce traffic congestion on and near the campus.

Consider using some of the following alternatives:

* **Sacramento Regional Transit buses and light rail trains** - Sacramento State students have paid only about $7 for six months to ride Sacramento Regional Transit buses and light rail trains. Sacramento State employees may pay $10 for six months to ride. By showing a Sacramento State OneCard with a current validation fee sticker (for students) and a transit sticker (for employees), students and employees may ride anywhere and anytime without paying any additional fee. Just think about the cost of driving a single occupant vehicle for six months!
* **Sacramento State Hornet Express shuttle buses** - Sacramento State students and employees may ride the Hornet Express shuttles "free" by showing their campus OneCard. The Hornet Express operates four (4) fixed routes on and near the campus.

* **Carpooling** - A carpool consists of at least two (2) persons. Carpoolers may share the cost of a parking permit and park in preferential parking spaces.

* **Vanpooling** - Vanpools may be arranged through several outside agencies. Vanpoolers may share the cost of a parking permit and park in preferential parking spaces.

* **Bicycling** - There are bicycle paths leading to and throughout the campus. UTAPS staffs a bicycle parking compound at the base of the Guy West Bridge. Bicycle lockers are available through ASI Peak Adventures. Bicycle racks are available throughout the campus.

* **Bicycle racks on transit buses** - There are bicycle racks on the front of Sacramento Regional Transit buses and Hornet Express buses. The bicycle racks provide an opportunity to ride a bicycle to a transit route and board a bus for the duration of the trip.

* **Walking** - There are pedestrian walking paths leading to and throughout the campus.

The Guaranteed Ride Home Program is a benefit available to employees that "rideshare" at least 60% of the time. All campus employees who employ some method of ridesharing at least 3 days per week now have the opportunity to participate in this program. This benefit is a no cost, non-taxable benefit available to you as a ridesharing commuter, it provides a way home or to pick-up your child in the event of an emergency or your rideshare partner is detained or has to leave without you.

Go to the UTAPS web page at [www.csus.edu/utaps](http://www.csus.edu/utaps) for more information regarding alternate modes of transportation, transit routes & schedules, as well as links to other agencies.

More updates on the parking condition will be provided as we move through the PS III & Bookstore construction projects. If you have questions regarding parking conditions, please feel free to contact Nancy Fox, Transportation and Parking Manager at 278-5241 or Ronald Grant, Director, Support Services at 278-6014. If you have questions regarding alternate modes of transportation, please feel free to contact Alfredo Orozco, Employee Transportation Coordinator at 278-7527.

Thank you

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