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TO: Campus Community

FROM: University Transportation and Parking Services

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

This is an update of parking condition information we provided in May 2005. As many of you know, the University began construction on Parking Structure III (PS III) during Summer 2005 and construction on a new Bookstore is scheduled to begin in January 2006. PS III is scheduled for completion by Spring 2007. While both projects are welcomed and needed additions, there will be a serious loss of parking spaces during the construction period. During the construction of PS III and the new Bookstore, the campus parking inventory will be reduced by approximately 1,100 parking spaces. Measures are being taken to mediate the problem, but things will be difficult.

When the Fall 2005 semester begins, construction of PS III will be well underway; by January 2006, construction is scheduled to begin on the new Bookstore. University Transportation and Parking Services (UTAPS) is planning for off-campus parking beginning in Fall 2005, with shuttle service between the campus and the off-campus parking location. More information will be distributed later this week regarding the off-campus parking location.

We’re asking everyone who can to please use alternate commute choices at least some of the time during this period. Doing so will not only help the campus get through a difficult time, it will help improve the air quality in the Sacramento region by reducing vehicle emissions.

Consider using some of the following alternatives:

*Sacramento Regional Transit buses and light rail - 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 enrollment sticker (for students) and a transit sticker (for employees), students and employees may ride anywhere and anytime.

*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 fixed routes on and near the campus.

*Carpooling - A carpool consists of at least two 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 allow you 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. It provides a way home or to pick-up your child in the event of an emergency or if your rideshare partner is detained or has to leave without you.

Go to the UTAPS web page at www.csus.edu/utaps for more information regarding Sac State Commute Choices, 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, contact Nancy Fox, Transportation and Parking Manager, at 278-5241 or Ronald Grant, Director, Support Services, at 278-6014. If you have questions regarding Sac State Commute Choices, contact Alfredo Orozco, Employee Transportation Coordinator, at 278-7527.