

May 31, 2017

Dear Campus Parking Permit Holders,

I am writing to provide you with important information concerning UCR's Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) planning activities and the related impacts on rates faculty, staff and students will pay to park on campus in FY 2017-18.

During the past year, TAPS has engaged in planning to evaluate future campus parking needs, in anticipation of the growth called for in the UCR 2020 strategic plan. Without question, UCR will need to increase its available parking inventory to accommodate this growth, the impact of which is already being felt with the addition of over 1,000 new freshmen this past fall. The construction of new buildings and capital projects, some of which will be built on existing surface parking lots, will further stretch our ability to accommodate parking demand on campus e.g., North District, Mobility Hub, Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) STEM Academy, and an Outpatient Pavilion.

You may know that TAPS is an auxiliary operation, which means that users of its services pay for the cost of operations, as well as for the construction and maintenance of parking spaces/facilities; State general funds cannot be used for this purpose. In order to generate revenues to fund the construction of new and replacement parking inventory, TAPS will implement a permit rate increase, on average 6.30%, effective August 1st of this year. This increase was previously approved in FY 2014-15, as part of a five-year financial model, which included similar increases in each of the five out-years; however, we made a strategic decision to defer implementation of the increases planned in FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17, pending an examination of opportunities to streamline operations and reduce operating costs. As a result of our efforts, we identified significant savings of approximately \$900,000, which has enabled us to fund mandatory increases in salaries and benefits and escalation on routine operating costs over the past two years, without implementing the previously approved parking rate increases. Our new financial model assumes that all of the revenue generated by the FY 2017-18 parking rate increase will be reserved to construct new and replacement parking inventory and not to fund the cost of operations.

In the upcoming FY 2017-18, TAPS will be undertaking a strategic parking master plan, begin the planning and design of a Mobility Hub in conjunction with the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA), and planning for the closure of various lots in conjunction with anticipated campus growth. This will require a thorough evaluation of parking permit rates and our current permitting structure (practice by which spaces are sold/assigned), to achieve a financially sustainable program with sound business practices and high client satisfaction.

To ensure we are including the perspective of our stakeholders in these planning efforts, TAPS reconstituted the Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee in January. I believe this provides us with a wonderful opportunity to increase stakeholder involvement and campus communication as we respond to the increased campus growth, infrastructure needs and program evaluation. This committee is comprised of faculty, student and staff representatives and is charged with reviewing policies, programs, services, budget, rates and strategic planning.

Below is a partial list of the new parking permit rates, which will become effective August 1, 2017. For a complete listing of rates please visit our website at <http://parking.ucr.edu>.

		2016/17	2017/18	Increase
Gold	Annual	\$420.00	\$444.00	\$24.00
	Quarter	\$105.00	\$111.00	\$6.00
	<i>Monthly increase is \$2.00.</i>			
Blue	Annual	\$516.00	\$546.00	\$30.00
	Quarter	\$129.00	\$136.50	\$7.50
	<i>Monthly increase is \$2.50.</i>			
Red	Annual	\$720.00	\$768.00	\$48.00
	Quarter	\$180.00	\$192.00	\$12.00
	<i>Monthly increase is \$4.00.</i>			

I am extremely proud of the work the TAPS team has done to significantly reduce costs over the past several years, while also increasing service, which has resulted in real savings and increased customer satisfaction. Please know that we are committed to continuously improving our services, programs and processes, in all corners of BAS.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this communication, please contact Irma Henderson, Director of Transportation Services, at irma.henderson@ucr.edu.

Sincerely,



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