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## **Transportation Services Department Update on Weekend Parking Proposal**

UC San Diego Transportation Services recently hosted a Virtual Town Hall where we proposed a flat \$5/day rate for weekend parking. **However, based on student input, we are not proceeding with this proposed flat weekend parking fee.** Students made it overwhelmingly clear that the flat \$5 parking rate for weekends does not suit their needs. Many students expressed that they spend shorter periods of time on campus over the weekend, and that a flat all-day rate isn't responsive to how they use the parking facilities.

As background, we have heard from the campus community—including students—that we need to build more parking. In response, we opened more than 1,700 new parking stalls last year, another 1,700 are under construction today and with another 3,500 additional parking spaces planned. Revenue from weekend parking would help cover some of the costs associated with much-needed new parking facilities. It would also ensure that those who park on campus during the week don't see parking fees increase any more than necessary. Students, faculty, and staff who already purchase parking passes would not be required to pay any extra on the weekends.

Transportation Services is committed to maximizing campus access for students and the broader community – that means continued investment in new parking infrastructure and in transportation options like Triton Transit, our fare-free intra and intercampus shuttle system. Parking fees are the sole source of funding for these services, which are critical for our students, as well as the entire campus community.

UC San Diego's Transportation Services is working with the Student Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC), as well as Associated Students and Graduate Student Association leadership, to develop a range of updated options, informed by the valuable feedback and suggestions received during the initial Virtual Town Hall. We have also invited interested and concerned students to meet with our Transportation Services leadership to share ideas.

Transportation Services agrees with our students that there needs to be additional inclusive dialogue on the new alternatives that will be developed. Once we have created an updated proposal – which takes into account the student input we have received – we will ensure that information about the new proposal and opportunities to provide additional feedback are communicated to students. We anticipate that this feedback process will include a follow-up Virtual Town Hall. Students and others who are interested in receiving personal notice of the new proposal and opportunities to provide feedback are invited to <u>subscribe</u> to Virtual Town Hall updates.