December 21, 2010

Dear Dr. Carlucci,

The Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee has approved their recommended parking permit rates for fiscal years 2012-2013. The key components of the committee decision were based upon the increase of supply to meet projected demand, services and consideration of the strategic parking plan for the university. As part of the development of this recommendation, the committee held four committee meetings, which were open to the public. In addition, the committee hosted a Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee Town Hall, where the parking permit prices and strategic plan were shared with the community. The following are the key issues that TPAC considered when developing the recommendation:

-The total demand is projected to increase by 2% in FY 2012 for faculty, staff and students with a target ratio of 2 parking spaces per student and 1.5 parking spots per faculty/staff member.

-The total demand is projected to decrease by 4% for FY 2013 for faculty, staff and students compared to FY 2012, due to a targeted shift of 5% commuters that will be re-directed to green commuting options, including mass transit, carpooling and car sharing.

-During FY 2012, there are various alternative projects that will create close to 600 economy parking spots, lessening the deficit of parking spots at the same time providing an affordable option.

-In FY 2011 and FY 2012, there will be a projected net decrease of 900 parking spots.

-In FY 2013, there will be the addition of the stadium parking garage which will net a total increase of about 1,500 spots and reaching a surplus in parking spaces.

-The committee approves FY 2013 permit prices as a maximum increase but the committee will review these rates factoring in the evaluation of sales, projections, and supply and may lower the permit increases.

Attached are the details of the parking plan and how the recommendation for fiscal years 2012-2013 will support the growth of supply and meet the demands of the University of Houston community. We request your approval of the recommendation.

Sincerely,

Joe Papick
Chairman of Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee
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