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#### **UH Green Commuter Fair Announced**

It is no secret that the University of Houston campus has parking space challenges to accommodate its current student population. As the enrollment numbers increase and new structures outlined in the University's master plan call for reducing more surface parking, the University will be making strong efforts to transform the way students, faculty and staff travel to and from campus by educating them about alternative transportation.

To kick-off the public transportation campaign, the University of Houston will be hosting a UH Green Commuter Fair on January 27 and 28. The Fair in partnership with METRO and VPSI will have officials from both groups on site to provide students reduced rate Q-cards, information about METRO routes to campus and van/carpools.

“Accessibility to and from campus will be challenging in the next several years,” said Bob Browand, Director of Parking and Transportation Services. “Construction projects to grow the campus will make driving and parking on campus difficult. We want to offer solutions that are easy to use and affordable, which is why we are partnering with METRO and VPSI.”

The Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Philip G. Hoffman Breezeway, the UC Satellite and by the Moody Towers Dining Hall entrance. It will be one of many activities held during RecycleMania, a 10-week friendly competition between colleges and universities to promote sustainable practices on campus. During the Fair, participants will be challenged to sign a E-pledge to encourage them to use public transportation at least one time during RecycleMania.

“Public transportation is a great way for students to go green and save money. UH students qualify for a 50 percent discounted fare which is a great incentive in addition to not having to find a parking space,” said Emily Messa, Assistant Vice President for University Services. “Also getting more people to ride METRO or car/vanpool will help reduce the campus’ carbon footprint which is a goal of the University’s sustainability efforts.”

Students, faculty and staff can blog about their parking experience at <http://uhparking.blogspot.com/>.

To see the new Cougar Line Schedules, visit <http://www.uh.edu/parking>.

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