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UH GREEN COMMUTER FAIR PLANNED FOR FALL 2009

Houston, July 31, 2009 – With the expected enrollment increase for the fall semester and the various construction projects around campus, students are likely to find driving and parking on campus more difficult. To help make commuting easier and more affordable, UH plans to hold its second UH Green Commuter Fair on September 1 and 2, 2009.

The event once again partners UH with Houston METRO to provide information to the community about METRO services and other ways of green commuting.

The fair will challenge faculty, staff, and students to sign a pledge to become a green commuter. The pledge will encourage participants to bike more often, walk, take mass transit and even ride the campus shuttles. Participants will also be able sign up for a Metro Q Card which is operates as debit card for bus riders. All full-time students will be eligible to register for a discounted student Q Card saving them 50 percent on all bus and METRO Rail fares.

“We had a great response during the first fair in the Spring with 900 people signing the pledge to use environmentally friendly transportation,” Emily Messa, assistant vice president for university services said. “This time the goal is to have 2000 pledges signed.

The fair will also showcase AlterNetRides, a free service on the parking website www.uh.edu/parking, which allows users to advertise rides and/or find other users with whom to carpool. It will also promote the new METRO Q Card reloading station recently installed in the Welcome Center Parking Services desk. Both these services are available now.

The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Philip Hoffman Hall breezeway, the University Center Satellite and the Welcome Center.

For more information on the UH Green Commuter Fair or to find ways to become a UH Green Commuter, visit www.uh.edu/parking.

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