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TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE PASSES PARKING PLAN

Houston, January 4, 2010 – Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) recently released its recommended parking permit plan for 2012-2013. At a Town Hall meeting in December, the committee presented their future development and construction plans along with the permit prices for the upcoming years.

After many months of special sessions, discussion and revisions, the committee has developed a solid plan to get ahead of the supply and demand curve and improve physical parking facilities for long term serviceability. With a record enrollment for Fall 2010 and anticipated continued growth in demand for parking on campus, parking is expected to continue to be a challenge.

With this recommended parking plan, UH is projected to see an actual surplus in parking spaces by Fall 2013.

Parking and Transportation has several construction projects outlined through 2015, including the addition of a stadium parking garage in Fall 2012 which will provide 1,500 spots. Starting this spring, P&T will begin construction on Leek Street lots (adding 240 spaces), Lot 16D expansion (130 spaces), 19D expansion (132 spaces) and Bayou Oaks lot addition (80 spaces). In the summer of 2012, the MacGregor lots will be developed adding 500 more spaces. By 2015, P&T hopes to have three more parking garages built.

Parking and Transportation is an auxiliary service, meaning it is self supporting and can enter into debt service. Therefore, P&T is required to fund its own projects using revenue earned from citations, visitor parking, and mainly through the sale of permits to students, faculty and staff. In order to support the plan to meet the growing parking demands of the university, TPAC developed a financial strategy to accommodate the construction projects to allow for more parking through raising permit prices over a two year period. In 2012 and 2013, the main increases can be found in reserved and garage parking for faculty and staff and residential housing parking for students.

The parking plan may be viewed online at http://www.uh.edu/af/TPAC.htm.

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