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## **UH Announces Transportation Management Plan**

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In a presentation at the regularly scheduled meeting of the UH Student Government Senate, representatives of the UH division of Administration and Finance presented a proposed transportation management plan. Working from materials posted on the UH web site the plan was presented, followed by questions from the Senators.

“Due to increased enrollment and expansion, UH visits per day are expected to increase from 125,000 to 160,000,” said John Walsh, UH Asst. VP for Real Estate. In anticipation of this growth, UH is planning the re-development of campus according to the *UH Framework Plan*. The formulation will accommodate the University’s growth and enhance the quality of the campus. A transit study has been conducted and a multi-agency approach that included UH, TXDOT, City of Houston, and METRO was structured to outline roles and responsibilities for each agency. These include adjustments in signage, added turn bays, intersection improvements, etc.

The changes will have a powerful impact on all aspects of the campus, but the overall effect will have positive and negative factors. Other enhancements the University is planning include residential accommodations that will add additional student housing to diminish the trip per student ratio, UH parking facilities will develop 2,600 new parking spaces, and METRO will strategically place five transit stations with 2 light rail lines to service the UH campus and neighborhoods on Wheeler, Scott, MLK and Elgin. Although the transit will improve mobility and reduce vehicular traffic, the Light Rail will disrupt the flow of traffic on these serviced roadways, but the overall goal of the plan is to coordinate a more effective and speedy transportation system.

“In order to increase the visits per day via public transportation, we now want to begin to establish the frame work and behavior around public transportation. To do this, we met with METRO to market transportation which would include the ability to sell and reload Q cards on campus. We have also discussed marketing solutions with METRO and VPSI possibilities include public transportation fairs which could begin as early as the spring 2009 semester.” Emily Messa, Asst. VP for University Services.

For more information see **TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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