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To: Faculty, Staff and Students

From Stacy Pearson, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Re: Parking Permit Fee Increase

The University's master plan is a dynamic document which will dramatically change the landscape and environment of our campus as it is realized. One of the aspects of the master plan is the placement of parking structures near the perimeter of campus. This strategy allows for more centralized areas on campus to be redeveloped into open and green spaces or additional academic facilities. With new facilities being constructed and others being planned, the time has come to build another parking structure. We anticipate construction will start on the second half of Parking Structure #2, located near the Student Union, in about a year. This garage will add an additional 600-700 parking spaces.

We understand that any fee increase can be difficult for the campus community. However it is important to balance the desire to keep costs minimal with the need for more parking on campus, and the consequence of not having enough parking.

To keep pace with our expanding parking infrastructure we will be implementing our first parking permit increase since 2006. To be sensitive to the current economic situation the increase to be effective with the coming school year will be just 5%.

A quick synopsis of how this 5% affects the most common parking permit fees for the coming academic year is below:

Student General permits will increase \$2.50 per semester or \$5.00/yr

Student Reserved permits will increase \$ 6.50 per semester or \$13.00/yr

Faculty & Staff General permits will increase \$3.50 per semester or \$7.00/yr

Faculty & Staff Reserved permits will increase \$7.50 per semester or \$15.00/yr

A complete list of all parking permits and prices can be found on the parking website at <http://www.boisestate.edu/parking/>

To see how Boise State's parking rates compare with our peer universities see the matrix below. The matrix illustrates that Boise State remains an economically credible operation with respect to providing, maintaining, and developing parking options at a reasonable cost. In fact Boise State University is about 40% the average cost of our peer universities.

2009 School	Student		Employee	
	General	Reserved	General	Reserved
Boise State University	\$97.00	\$264.00	\$144.00	\$311.00
University of Alaska Anchorage	\$145.00	\$320.00	\$145.00	\$320.00
Northern Arizona University	\$222.00	\$390.00	\$222.00	\$390.00
California State University Fresno	\$136.00	\$736.00	\$108.00	\$708.00
University of Northern Colorado	\$290.00	\$330.00	\$310.00	\$360.00
Wichita State University	\$108.00		\$216.00	\$390.00
Eastern Washington University	\$168.00	\$221.00	\$168.00	\$221.00
University of Nevada Las Vegas	\$115.00	\$655.00	\$230.00	\$655.00
Cleveland State University	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$486.00	\$486.00
Portland State University	\$1,116.00	\$1,188.00	\$1,116.00	\$1,188.00
University of Texas El Paso	\$205.00	\$255.00	\$360.00	\$650.00
Weber State University	\$62.00	\$97.00	\$62.00	\$97.00
George Mason University	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
University of Cincinnati	\$252.00	\$1,200.00	\$252.00	\$1,200.00
Wayne State University	\$360.00	\$520.00	\$360.00	\$520.00
Average Excluding BSU	\$264.21	\$517.85	\$302.50	\$548.93
Average Excluding BSU/Portland	\$198.69	\$462.00	\$239.92	\$499.77

The additional revenue will not only support the additional costs of a new parking structure, but will support other activities such as improvements to existing parking lots, continuation of free services like the campus shuttle, free city bus rides, and motorist assistance (battery jump starts, key lock outs) and supports the ongoing operational costs of the parking and transportation department.

Again, we understand that any fee increase is difficult for many people, but as the University continues to grow difficult decisions like permit fee increases need to be made. For more information you can visit the Transportation and Parking Services web site www.boisestate.edu/parking and learn about:

- More information on how parking permit increases are determined.
- What happens if BSU did not build more parking inventory?
- Why does BSU construct buildings on parking lots?
- What lower cost or free options are available for staff and students?

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Boise State University.

Stacy Pearson, Vice President, Finance and Administration