

UC Santa Cruz Parking Permit Fees

Proposed Increase 1999–2001

Questions and Answers

The following is intended to provide an overview of plans to increase parking permit fees, beginning with the 1999–2000 year.

► **What fee increases are proposed?**

For 1999-2000, A, B, and C permits would increase from \$32 per month to \$42 per month, for a new cost of \$1.94 per day. For 2000-01, these same permits would increase to \$52 per month, for a new cost of \$2.40 per day. The increase for R permits would be one half that amount—to \$21 per month (\$.95 per day) in 1999-2000, and to \$26 per month (\$1.18 per day) in 2000-01.

► **Why are these fees being considered?**

The Master Plan for Higher Education in California prohibits the use of state funds to pay for the operation and maintenance of existing parking and the planning and construction of new parking. All vehicles parked on campus, therefore, pay a fee sufficient to cover these activities.

► **What will we get for the increased fees?**

Fee increases are needed to fund the parking and transportation program, including parking maintenance

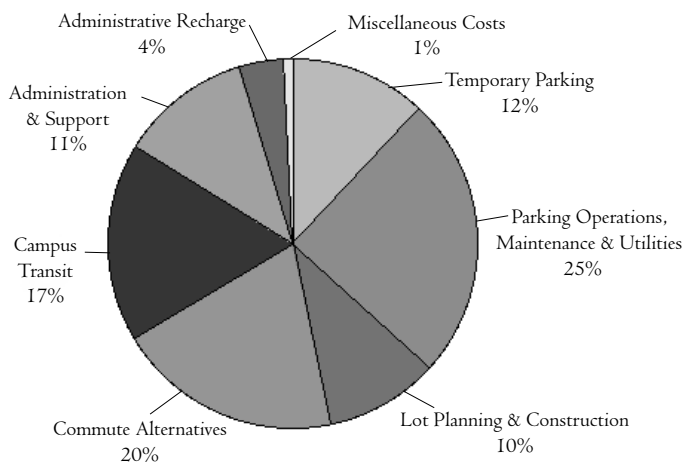
and operations, expansion of alternative transportation programs to keep up with campus growth, campus transit systems, continuation of temporary parking systems, and planning and construction of new parking facilities.

► **Why do we need more parking? Why can't people use alternative transportation?**

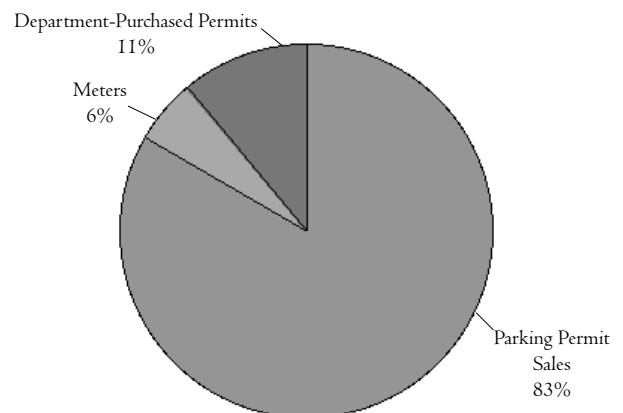
We need to do both. Transportation alternatives are an essential element of the UCSC parking and transportation plan. More than half of the trips to and from campus already are by means other than a single-occupant vehicle, and there are vigorous efforts to increase these numbers. Part of the funding increase will be used to offer more vanpools, to continue to fund free bus passes to our growing number of faculty and staff, and to find ways to encourage people to use alternatives. The campus Long Range Development Plan projected that a parking structure would be needed on campus to accommodate

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1999-2000 Parking Budget: Expenses



1999-2000 Parking Budget: Revenues



enrollment growth. Parking in the Science Hill area now exceeds 90 percent capacity, and with the addition of the Interdisciplinary Studies and Physical Sciences Buildings, demand for parking will significantly exceed capacity.

► **Why is all this parking construction planned now? Can't some of it wait?**

The last time a significant number of parking spaces was added to the campus was 1991-92 when the Colleges Nine/Ten spaces were built, and 34 spaces were added to the West Remote lot. Prior to that the last major addition was 190 spaces in the East Remote lot in 1988-89. Since 1988-89, the campus has increased enrollment, and more faculty and staff have been hired. The new parking structure should serve the campus Science Hill needs until the year 2004-05. The campus is also studying possibilities for expanding remote parking in the near future.

► **Why should students or other users of R permits have to pay increases?**

Permit fees pay for many things (see chart): temporary parking (currently 400 spaces in the East Remote lot), parking maintenance and operations, lot planning (currently looking at expanding remote parking), circulation improvements (pedestrian paths, bus shelters and pullouts, lights, maps, etc.), and a portion of campus transit. Revenues received for R "remote" permits are not used to finance "close-in" projects like the parking structure.

► **Are we using existing parking at an optimum?**

Yes. In fact, we have significantly increased the number of undergraduate carpoolers this year to maximize use of spaces, doubled the number of cars that are parked by attendant parking in the East Remote lot, and increased enforcement efforts to decrease use of lots by people who are not eligible to park.

► **How does UCSC's current close-in parking rate compare to that assessed at other UC campuses?**

Close-in fees range from \$23 to \$75 a month at the university's nine campuses. UCSC's rate of \$32 is the third least expensive (see table, next column).

**University of California
Close-In Permit Rates (monthly)**

1998-99

Campus:	Fee:
Los Angeles	\$75
Berkeley	\$72
San Francisco	\$65
San Diego	\$50
Irvine	\$43
Davis	\$34
Santa Cruz	\$32
Riverside	\$30
Santa Barbara	\$23

► **Why did the campus keep fees at the same level in the early 1990s and then propose a fee increase of \$120 annually (\$10 monthly) for the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 years?**

Parking fees at UCSC did not rise over a four-year period (see table, below) because of a slowing of campus growth. Now that the campus is growing again, additional parking and investment in alternative transportation programs are needed. The following chart shows close-in parking rates reflecting increased investment in transportation programs over the past decade.

**UC Santa Cruz
Close-In Permit Rates (annual)**

1990-2001

Year:	Fee:
90-91	\$258
91-92	\$282
92-93	\$282
93-94	\$282
94-95	\$282
95-96	\$300
96-97	\$324
97-98	\$348
98-99	\$384
99-20	\$504 (proposed)
00-01	\$624 (proposed)

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