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To our valued UH Mānoa parking customer,

We want to provide you with some background on the proposed parking permit rate increases you may have heard about. The new rates are anticipated to go into effect on July 1, 2012, pending approval by the UH Board of Regents.

We know that price increases are never appreciated, even less given the current economic climate and the salary cuts that many of our employees are experiencing. We arrived at the decision to request an increase through a long and difficult process.

The 12 years between 1998 and 2009 in which parking rates remained static severely challenged Parking Services' ability to keep up with important repair and maintenance projects, to say nothing of other operating costs, which steadily increase as a result of inflation. For every year we delay, projected costs of repairs can rise exponentially. In addition, continuing to defer maintenance could potentially jeopardize the safety of our facilities. It was the need to address these critical issues that led to our request to the Board of Regents for rate increases.

As a self-supporting unit, Parking Services funds its operations solely by the revenues it generates. The proposed schedule of increases was calculated to meet the expense of these deferred maintenance projects over several years. In the first year, the proposal will result in a permit rate increase of 25 - 30% for UHM employees, with reduced increases annually through FY 2017.

You'll find the complete proposed rate schedule at www.hawaii.edu/parking.

You'll also find on our web's home page additional analyses of parking structure conditions and the recommendations of local and national consultants. We also hope our website serves as a resource on the various transportation options available to those who visit, study, and work at UH Mānoa.

Dates, times, and locations of the public hearings on the proposed new permit rates will be announced on our website and elsewhere; we invite you to attend and share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

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