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Aca­demic Sen­ate Res­olu­tion

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Res­olu­tion in Sup­port of

Al­ternative and Sus­tain­able Trans­porta­tion

WHEREAS, as part of its strate­gic vi­sion to be­come the na­tion’s pre­e­min­ent pub­lic ur­ban univer­city, SF State has pre­pared a cam­pus master plan that es­tab­lishes a long term vi­sion for the phys­i­cal en­vi­ron­ment and iden­ti­fies im­pro­v­ements to oc­cur through 2020; and

WHEREAS, these im­pro­v­ements fo­cus on ac­com­mod­at­ing in­creased en­rol­ment from 20,000 to 25,000 full­time equiva­lent stu­dents, 711 ad­di­tion­al fac­ulty and staff, ex­panded aca­demic ini­ti­a­tives and ways to best serve its many con­sti­uen­ts—from stu­dents, fac­ulty and staff to alu­mi, friends and neig­bors—who con­tribute to the Uni­ver­city’s suc­cess; and

WHEREAS, the Uni­ver­city has ac­quired Uni­ver­sity Park North and Uni­ver­sity Park South with 697 and 262 units re­spect­ful­ly to pro­vide stu­dents, fac­ulty, and staff af­ford­able on­campus hous­ing to re­duce com­mu­ter trans­it needs; and

WHEREAS, the Uni­ver­city seeks to use al­ter­na­tive, sus­tain­able trans­porta­tion to sup­port its growth; and
WHEREAS, the University has undertaken a comprehensive and recurring analysis of the transportation patterns of our community, which has informed the University’s transportation planning initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in fall 2009, the University adopted a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan including strategies, timeline, and monitoring plan in order to minimize the transportation impacts of enrollment growth, specifically AM and PM peak-period vehicle trips to the campus; and

WHEREAS, the University established a Transportation Committee composed of representative from campus departments involved with transportation and reporting to the Executive Vice President of Administration and Finance and the Vice President of Student Affairs and charged with serving as the coordinating body for all transportation matters, including implementation of the TDM plan; and

WHEREAS, the University has implemented several TDM programs including ?Zipcar,? pre-tax commuter cost payroll deductions and the installation of hundreds of new bicycle racks on campus since fall 2008; and

WHEREAS, the University has participated in several initiatives, including ?Bike to School Day,? ?Bike to Work Day,? and ?PARK(ing) Day? in an effort to raise awareness about the benefits of alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, the University has constructed a Class I bicycle and pedestrian pathway that connects Buckingham Way to the Bike Barn, and points south, thereby creating an important connection for cyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the University has adopted a Climate Action Plan with the goal of reducing the University’s greenhouse gas emissions 25 per cent by 2020 and 40 percent by 2030, with particular attention to reducing transportation-related emissions; and

WHEREAS, the University operates a shuttle between the campus and the Daly City BART Station, which provides a key transit connection and approximately 5,000 rides each day to commuters who might otherwise drive to campus; and
WHEREAS, the Academic Senate supports the University’s efforts working with Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to co-locate the University’s shuttle stop at the Daly City BART Station with the 28/28L SFMUNI line bus stop; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate applauds the work of the University in seeking to minimize its carbon footprint by implementing TDM strategies that encourage the use of public transportation to and from campus and make cycling and walking more viable and safer options; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate urges the University to continue to expand its efforts to further improve access to public transportation to and from the University; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate encourages faculty, staff and student use of public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian commuting, and ride sharing.

***Approved by the Academic Senate at its meeting on April 26, 2011***