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AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PARKING
FEE INCREASE

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REPORT: The Board of Directors approved a PCC Traffic Demand Management Plan on June 18, 1992. One component of the plan included a fee schedule for parking permits and was implemented fall term 1993 as per resolution 93-98. Parking fee rates have remained the same since implementation with the exception of the one-day permits. These permits were increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 on September 1, 1995 as per resolution 96-20.

The revenue from the parking permit fees is used to mitigate existing traffic and parking challenges by reducing single occupancy vehicle ridership at our campuses and to encourage alternative forms of transportation. Parking and Transportation Services is also charged with maintaining existing parking facilities and roadways.

In support of the Traffic Demand Management Plan, Parking and Transportation Services currently operates six different district-wide shuttle runs. Ridership on these shuttle busses has shown a consistent yearly increase, despite the decline in district-wide enrollment. Parking and Transportation Services has responded to the increase in demand by replacing the 15-passenger vans with larger passenger carrying capacity buses and mini-buses. It is anticipated that the 15-passenger vans will be totally eliminated from service by September 2006, having been replaced by higher passenger capacity vehicles.

To encourage alternative transportation, \$50,000 is budgeted on an annual basis to subsidize Tri-Met bus passes. These subsidized passes are quite popular and are quickly sold out each month. A fee increase will allow the Parking and Transportation Services Department to increase the subsidy from \$10 to \$12 per pass and increase the number of bus passes purchased per year by 10%, increasing the budget to \$66,000 per year.

At the present time, Parking and Transportation Services fully funds its operational budget with revenue from permit sales and parking fines. The department has also been able to transfer funds to the General Fund while maintaining a reserve for future capital expenditures, such as shuttle replacements and additions. The increased cost of providing current services, coupled with larger expenditures for maintenance and capital equipment, highlight the need for an adjustment. We also need to develop financial resources, on a planned and gradual basis, to fund the replacement of most of the college's roads and parking lots, which are approaching the end of their 30 – 40 year life. Without additional revenue, the college will be unable to provide new services, fund existing services and adequately maintain the roads and parking lots throughout the district.

The following adjustment to the parking permit fee schedule is being proposed to maintain current services provided in support of the traffic demand management plan. Fee adjustments are subject to negotiations for both the Federation of Classified and Faculty/AP Employees.

	Current	Proposed
All Day Student (per term)	\$25.00	\$33.00
Evening Student (per term)	\$18.00	\$24.00
Carpool (two) (per term)	\$13.00	\$16.00
Carpool (three +) (per term)	Free	Free
Senior (per term)	\$12.50	\$16.50
Monthly	\$10.00	\$15.00
Daily	\$2.00	\$3.00
Full Time Staff (per year)	\$75.00	\$100.00
Part Time Staff (per year)	\$54.00	\$68.00
Adjunct Faculty (per term)	\$13.50	\$17.00
Casual Staff (per term)	\$18.00	\$24.00
Vendor (per year)	Free	\$25.00

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors approve the proposed parking permit fee increase to be implemented effective January 1, 2006 and applied to the cost of the Winter Term 2006 parking permits.