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To all parking patrons,

The City of Philadelphia has announced its intention to close the South Street Bridge sometime before the end of 2008 for reconstruction. The closure will have considerable impact on accessing the University and the Health System and potentially lead to increased traffic congestion on and around campus. As a result, the University is urging all faculty, staff and students to begin making a plan for commuting to and from campus during the 24-month reconstruction.

In preparation for the bridge closure Penn Transportation and Parking held a series of focus groups last summer in which we asked our parking patrons the question, "What would it take to get you not to drive to campus?" Based on the input we received, we developed the following incentives to encourage our current parking patrons to use alternatives modes of transportation for their daily commutes.

1. **Guarantee your current spot** – All parking patrons (UPHS and Penn) who give up their parking will be guaranteed a space in the same garage or lot when/if they return (for 60 days after completion of the Bridge project). This guarantee is in effect for all locations, including those with waiting lists.
2. **Discounted Parking Cards** – Recognizing that for many of you there will be times when you still need to drive to campus, we are offering a discounted parking card (\$10 per use for 25 uses vs. the normal \$13 rate) to patrons who give up their parking for the South Street Bridge closure. The card will cost \$250 and can be paid via a one time payroll deduction, credit card or cash. The card will have no expiration date and can be used in 3 garages. (Garage #37 at 34<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut, Garage #30 at 38<sup>th</sup> and Walnut or Garage #40 at 40<sup>th</sup> and Walnut.)
3. **Help planning your commute** – Penn Transportation and Parking is holding a Commuter Fair designed to help members of the Penn community find alternatives to driving to campus as well as make their commutes more affordable and sustainable. Two sessions are planned:
  - 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7  
Hall of Flags  
Houston Hall
  - 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8  
Ravdin Mezzanine  
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

[www.upenn.edu/parking](http://www.upenn.edu/parking)

**Penn Parking Office Phone: (215) 898-8667 (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)  
Penn Police Phone: (215) 898-9441 (After Hours and Weekends)**



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Representatives from SEPTA, New Jersey Transit, PATCO, Amtrak, The Clean Air Council, PhillyCarShare and The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia will be on hand to help you plan your commute. In addition, Penn Human Resources will have information about flextime options and the Walking Program; the Division of Public Safety will have tips on bike safety and the Walking Escort Program; representatives from the South Street Bridge Working Committee will provide information on the Bridge project and Penn Transportation and Parking will have more information on the initiatives outlined above as well as Penn Transit bus and van shuttle schedules and van pooling options.

Please, consider taking advantage of these offerings. A choice not to drive to campus will relieve traffic congestion and allow easier access to campus and the Health System for emergency vehicles, patients, families and visitors. It will also support Penn's commitment to sustainability and lowering the University's carbon footprint.

If you have questions about the South Street Bridge Project, please visit the University's South Street Bridge Project website at: [www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/ssbridge](http://www.publicsafety.upenn.edu/ssbridge). If you have questions about the Commuter Fair or the parking options outlined above, please feel free to contact the Parking Office staff at 215-898-8667.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you to have a less congested, more sustainable campus.

Larry Bell  
Director, Penn Transportation and Parking.