Automated License Plate Readers are Coming Soon to UCSB

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August 17, 2020

TO: UCSB Community

FR: Jennifer Lofthus, Policy Coordinator

RE: Notice of Issuance of the Automated License Plate Reader Policy

Dear Colleagues:

I write today regarding this issuance of a new policy allowing for an Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) system on the UC Santa Barbara Campus – an essential and required component of administering a virtual parking permit program. The policy is attached for your convenience and will also be posted to the campus policy and procedures website.

The proposed ALPR policy went out for comment on October 1, 2019 for a full 90-day review. After the review period was complete, campus stakeholders reviewed the comments received and made changes to the proposed policy, accordingly. Substantive changes made to the ALPR policy in response to comments received are as follows:

- Changes to allowable uses under the Campus Safety umbrella (Section III.C.2);
- Removal of the UCPD as authorized users of the system (Section III.F);
- Removal of “law enforcement” and “other public agencies” as approved for sharing of information (Section III.K);
- Addition of requirement of external law enforcement agencies to coordinate with UCPD if ALPR information is necessary for an investigation or if sharing is otherwise required by law (Section III.K); and
- Removal of “academic research” as a valid use for which ALPR information may be shared (Section III.K).

Virtual Permit Program Update:

Over the 2020-2021 academic year, TPS will begin the testing phase of UCSB’s virtual permit program. During this testing phase, decals will still be required, but virtual permits will allow TPS to validate your parking privileges through your vehicle license plate as well. TPS will reach out to existing permit holders to remind them to update vehicle information associated with their parking accounts to ensure accuracy during this phase. The goal is to fully roll out virtual permits in time for the July 2021 permit renewal cycle at which point your vehicle license plate will serve as your permit.

Additionally, as part of the testing phase, TPS will roll out mobile payments for visitor parking in pilot areas allowing campus visitors to purchase parking directly from a mobile application and eliminate the need to interact with a permit dispenser.

As the new virtual permit system comes online and new parking options and features become available, TPS will be communicating directly to the campus community.

If you have any questions about the new virtual permit program, please contact Suzy Nespor at suzy.nespor at ucsb.edu.

If you have any questions about the policy, please email me at: Jennifer.Lofthus at ucsb.edu

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lofthus