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PRESS RELEASE
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University of Maryland decides to ban transit from central campus road – No Students Consulted
Public Forum to be held May 4 in the Stamp Student Union

College Park, MD – April 29, 2010 – A Student Government Association-sponsored open forum to address student concerns over the University's decision to close Campus Drive over the summer will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in the Margaret Brent Room

University of Maryland President Dan Mote and Vice President for Administrative Affairs Ann Wylie will unveil a plan this week that closes the College Park campuses' central campus road, Campus Drive, to private vehicles and buses and eliminates direct transit access to the Stamp Student Union student center this summer. Only two campus connector routes and paratransit will run to the Student Union. The initiative is a pilot to test the feasibility of a permanent ban on vehicles on Campus Drive between the M-Circle and Cole Field House set to begin in 2011. The pilot was developed and is being implemented without any input from students.

The Stamp Student Union is a central transit hub and a primary destination of students and visitors. The ban would deny transit access to the center of campus, make it difficult for visitors, staff, students and faculty to reach key campus destinations and, unnecessarily complicate Shuttle-UM, Metrobus and The Bus routes.

Beyond the implications that the plan will have on campus transit access, the decision to ban vehicles from Campus Drive was made behind closed doors without any student input. In fact, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Ann Wylie refused requests by students to allow public comment on the proposal.

The forum, set to address these topics and other concerns, is open to both the campus community and to residents of the greater College Park area.

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Recent Media Coverage:

4/27 Greater Greater Washington Blog: "UMD plans to ban all transit from Campus Drive"
<http://greatergreaterwashington.org/post.cgi?id=5624>

4/27 Rethink College Park: "Continuing the Anywhere But Campus Drive Purple Line Strategy"
<http://rethinkcollegepark.net/blog/2010/2252/>

4/28 Diamondback: "Campus Drive to Close This Summer"
<http://www.diamondbackonline.com/news/campus-drive-to-close-this-summer-1.1432488>

4/29 Diamondback: "Admins Seek Input on Plan to Shut Down Campus Drive"
<http://www.diamondbackonline.com/news/admins-seek-input-on-plan-to-shut-down-campus-drive-1.1434796>