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Subject: "U-Zone" Bus Service & Gold Permit Drawing Suspended - No Permit Rate Increases for 2020-21

Sent on behalf of David Cowan

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TO: Campus Community

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RE: "U-Zone" Bus Service Suspended – 2020-21 Parking Permit Rates No Increase – Gold Permit Holders Automatically Retain Existing Lot Assignment for 2020-21 – No Gold Permit Drawing in April

Parking Permit Rates Frozen and Gold Permit Drawing Suspended

Based on a recommendation circulated among the members of the Parking & Transportation Advisory Committee, the Spring Gold Permit Drawing in April will not be held this year. All Gold Permit holders will retain their existing Gold permit assignment for next year (e.g., if you now have a Lot 11/11a Gold you will be assigned that again for 2020-21) – The opening date for the gold permit purchasing portal will be announced in June 2020. No proposed rate increases for next year will be implemented for any parking permit color, including Residence Hall Light and Dark Green, Purple, Orange, Brown, etc.; all rates for 2019-20 will remain in effect. There will be those who do not want to buy a Gold permit for next year creating vacancies then available for new employees and incoming students.

"U-Zone" Bus Service in "Summer Mode"

Our comprehensive University supported "U-Zone" bus service has been suspended and we are now in "Summer Mode." How long non-MSU funded bus routes will continue is a decision determined by the Mankato Transit System. For now, non "U-Zone" City funded Routes that stop on our campus include: **Route 6** (hits Student Union every 60 minutes), **Downtown Express Route 7** (hits Nelson Hall every 30 minutes), **Route 2** (hits Student Union every 30 minutes), **Routes 10 & 11** (Saturday service – hits Student Union every 60 minutes 10 AM to 4 PM), **Route 23** (Sunday service – Nelson Hall area every 60 minutes, 9:51 AM to 2:51 PM). When in doubt refer to this City website: <https://www.mankatomn.gov/city-services-a-z/city-services-a-m/city-bus>



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