

CONSTRUCTION, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC FAQ's: LATE AUGUST 2009

Parking is an issue for any university. At Humboldt State University we're experiencing a shortage of parking coupled with an increase in visitors to campus as we welcome the families of the Humboldt Orientation Program. To help ease the struggle to find parking, here is a list of frequently asked questions about parking, traffic and campus construction.

Parking

What's the easiest way to drive into campus? Take Union St north to 17th St; or, take B St north from 14th St; or, enter Plaza Ave "Library Circle", and drive carefully through the Library parking lot to Laurel Dr.

Where should I park for Humboldt Orientation Program (HOP)? Participants in HOP should try to find parking in the Jolly Giant Commons parking lot off Granite Avenue. If it is full, they may park without charge at any HSU parking meter* or in any General or Staff parking area, August 19-21.

Are parking permits needed by HOP participants? HOP participants are not required to buy a parking permit or put money in an HSU parking meter* from Wednesday August 19 through Friday August 21.

How can I reach the big parking lots near Harpst and Rossow Streets? Take B St and turn on Harpst St, then turn north or south on Rossow Street. EXCEPTION: on Thursday and Friday, August 20-21, Harpst St and South Rossow St will be closed for repaving, and the only access in/out of the big General and Staff parking lots near the Student and Business Services Building will be through the Redwood Manor detour on LK Wood Blvd.

Traffic

When is the Redwood Manor detour closing? Friday night, August 21, when Harpst St reopens.

How can I try the Jack Pass and ride the bus? All HSU staff, faculty, & HOP participants may obtain a free golden-colored temporary Jack Pass card for unlimited bus transit to/from HSU, valid August 19-28. Available through HOP staff, University Police, and Parking Services. Staff and faculty were sent these passes through campus mail.

Construction

When is LK Wood Blvd going to be completed? Both sides of LK Wood Blvd should be open to traffic on the first day of classes, August 24. There will be striping and finishing work that will extend into September.

When are Harpst and South Rossow Streets going to be completed? These streets will be closed for paving on Thursday and Friday, August 20-21. They should be reopened late on Friday, August 21. Harpst Street will be one-way into the campus, eastbound from LK Wood Blvd, until it becomes two-way sometime in 2010.

How much parking has been lost? About 73 meters were removed from Harpst and Rossow Sts, and 26 of these meters have been recycled and placed in the same locations they occupied in years past along B Street between Harpst St and Laurel Dr (this was a General permit zone last year). About 45 stalls were lost due to the realignment of Harpst St (in order to accommodate the regulation all-season soccer field and the 434-bed, 99-unit College Creek Apartments). There are about 45 other stalls in the area that are inaccessible due to construction activity.

How will the University make up for the lost parking? In 2010-2011, the Redwood Manor Apartments will be removed, and will be replaced by new parking. A comprehensive redesign of the area between North Rossow St and LK Wood should be able to reestablish or exceed today's available parking.

Who is paying for all this construction? The College Creek Apartments and Harpst Street realignment are paid for by CSU Systemwide Revenue Bonds. The LK Wood repaying project is being funded by HSU Plant Operations' established campuswide maintenance account. Parking permit revenue will be used in 2010-2011 to help pay for new parking on the old site of the Redwood Manor Apartments.

*HOP free parking at meters may not be recognized by the City of Arcata at their parking meters on Granite Avenue, Mill Street, Plaza Avenue, Union Street, 14th Street, or at the City meters around the University Annex.