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Mobility, Safety Needs for Senior Women be Focus of May 11 Talk at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- University of Arizona Professor Sandra Rosenbloom, renowned expert on the special travel needs for senior citizens and other special populations, will talk on "The Changing Travel Patterns of Older Women: Safety and Mobility Implications" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in Room 205 in the Mott Physical Education Building,

"As our society grays, the fact that women tend to outlive men creates specific daily travel needs for senior citizens," Rosenbloom says. "A clear understanding of the everyday mobility and safety needs of special populations can help transportation planners, engineers and policy-makers -- as well as voters -- appreciate the importance of matching transportation systems to human needs."

Rosenbloom's research assists planners and others improve transportation systems to reflect emerging realities. She teaches planning, natural renewable resources, gerontology and women's studies at the University of Arizona. Rosenbloom received the Crum Distinguished Service Award from the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Science in 2004.

The Cal Poly City and Regional Planning Department and the Women's Studies Program are sponsoring the free, public presentation. For more information, contact Women's Studies at 756-1525, womst@polymail.calpoly.edu, or visit the Web at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~womst/>.

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