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Cal Poly Students, Faculty, Staff Urged to Speak Up on City Bus Service

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly students, faculty and staff are encouraged to speak up as part of the city of San Luis Obispo's evaluation of its bus system.

The university's Commuter Services Program is hosting feedback sessions May 1 to allow the campus community to voice any concerns or ideas for improvement in the city transit system. Sessions will run 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. in UU 221. Refreshments will be served.

Cal Poly pays the city of San Luis Obispo some \$250,000 a year to subsidize the bus system. That amount is expected to increase by 3 percent each year for the next three years. The transit subsidy money comes from parking fees collected by the university.

"The subsidy allows Cal Poly to maintain the zero-fare program for its riders," said Deby Anderson, the university's commuter and access services coordinator. "It's important that Cal Poly riders have a strong voice in the system."

The city has just hired a consultant to determine how to manage and improve its transit system and update its short-term transit needs document, last updated in 1997, said Anderson. "Now is the time to speak up on how the transit system can best serve the Cal Poly rider," she stressed.

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