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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UNIVERSITY FACILITIES TO OVERSEE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING SERVICES REALIGNMENT COMPLIMENTS MASTER PLAN STRATEGY**

PISCATAWAY, NJ, JULY 1, 2015--Vice President of University Facilities & Capital Planning, Antonio Calcado, is pleased to announce that in line with the University's ongoing advancement of a strategic vision which includes enhancement of the student experience in the classroom and campus environment, including the improvement of transportation services, effective July 1st, the Department of Transportation Services (DOTs) will become part of University Facilities and Capital Planning. This realignment is the next logical step in achieving our strategic vision unveiled in our recently approved Physical Master Plan.

The unit is responsible for transportation and parking services at Rutgers University-Newark, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences-Newark as well as Rutgers University-New Brunswick and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences-New Brunswick.

"This is a strategic move," Calcado said. "So much of our Master Plan deals with connections to create a better student experience as well as efficiencies that do not exist today within and among our campuses". He continued, "We run one of the largest university transportation systems in the country, and the second largest in New Jersey. How we manage this system at our current rate of growth will require innovative strategies. With our key players, and their combined expertise under one department, we will reach our goals much faster."

Jack E. Molenaar, Director of DOTs added, “This is an exciting time, and our current programs, such as our bicycle access programs, are already moving in the right direction as we look to the future of transportation at Rutgers. As a part of Facilities, we will use our collective years of experience to create mindful, lasting changes to how we traverse the campuses.”

DOTs runs approximately 45 buses transporting some 70,000 passengers on a daily basis. The unit is responsible for approximately 30,000 parking stalls located in the university’s surface lots and its 11 parking structures. In addition to the bus service, the unit manages bike registrations, bike rentals, and bike lockers. A para-transit service provides specially equipped buses for those who are physically impaired. “While all of our buses are handicapped accessible, we have found that it is more efficient to have these additional buses devoted to transporting our physically challenged students wherever they need to go,” Molenaar explained. “We have a handful of dedicated drivers who really get to know the students and their schedules and move them quickly around campus.”

The unit also manages parking permits, special event parking, visitor parking, seasonal parking, and parking rules, regulations, and penalties.

“The Department of Transportation has been known by its obvious acronym, DOTs,” Calcado explained. “They connect the dots from campus to campus and move an extraordinary amount of people in the process. A large part of the Master Plan is improving on that process; allowing for more bike and pedestrian friendly alternatives, bus rapid transit, creating campus hubs, and parking alternatives. This is a timely and synergistic administrative change and it will clearly benefit the university,” Calcado concluded.

Transportation & Parking Services information can be found at <http://rudots.rutgers.edu/>. The website will remain in its current location and migrate to Facilities over the next few months.

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Rutgers University is comprised of four main campuses totaling 27 million square feet and 1,009 buildings throughout the state. The University Facilities & Capital Planning organization is the agency responsible

for transportation services, construction, renovation, maintenance and repair of all buildings and grounds found within the campus perimeters and outlying areas: <http://facilities.rutgers.edu>.