Parking Coordinators, please distribute this information:

Considering vanpooling or carpooling? Many commuters are beginning to give serious consideration with the price of fuel and the annoyance of traffic congestion. It is a great way to support high air quality standards. Instead of spending money and getting stressed by the morning and afternoon traffic congestion, your time can be spent reading, socializing, or napping! Vans are roomy and comfortable. The driver rides free and receives a certain number of personal miles per month. All the agencies involved provide an Emergency Ride Home service. Qualified vanpoolers who join CAP (UNC's Commuter Alternative Program), receive a \$20 monthly subsidy towards vanpool costs. To qualify for the subsidy, you must be a University or Hospital staff/faculty member holding permanent job status. With or without the subsidy, ridesharing is a great deal.

To see if there is a match for you, enter your commute info in the database at http://www.SharetheRideNC.com You can express in interest in vanpooling, carpooling, or even getting a biking partner. It takes a minute to do, and a list of people who share your commute comes up immediately. Some have existing vanpools that need riders, others are interested in starting a new vanpool or carpool. Entering your commute into the database does not obligate you to begin ridesharing.

If you would like Department of Public Safety can also publicize your existing or proposed rideshare. After signing up at http://www.SharetheRideNC.com, contact cap@unc.edu with your commute and contact information. DPS will send out this information once a month if requested. Here are two current rideshare opportunities:

- Mike Stone is interested in starting a vanpool from Sanford to UNC. Contact Mike Stone at <u>stonem@cs.unc.edu</u> or 919-962-1736 with questions.
- 2. The longest running TTA (Triangle Transit Authority) vanpool is looking for riders. This vanpool travels back and forth from Pittsboro to UNC each day and parks for free at the UNC Dental School lot. Those who live in zip codes 27312, 27228, 27559 Any destination on the way, that's fine too. It's best for folks who work 7:30 AM to 4_30 PM. The van departs Pittsboro at 6:50 AM and returns to Pittsboro/Pittsboro Baptist Church no later than 5:15 PM. Contact Kathleen Dulaney at Kathleen Dulaney@med.unc.edu or 919-843-7163 with questions.

Thank you,

Department of Public Safety