



Dear Campus Community:

Welcome back to campus for the spring semester. As you have probably noticed, work has started on the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels as part of the Central Utility Plant Replacement (CUPR) project in parking lots [P5 and P6](#). This work will continue in phases throughout the 2023 calendar year. These PV panels will generate 4.5 MW of electricity during peak hours, which will help to reduce the campus' reliance on the electrical grid and also provide shaded parking stalls which we need, especially during the summer months.

Currently, a portion of P5 is fenced off to provide for a construction staging area. Students who usually park in lots P5 or P6 may park in the Save Mart Center North Lot this spring semester. As communicated yesterday, the Office of Parking and Transportation has procured two 7-passenger vans that will be used to operate a limited shuttle service to and from the Save Mart Center Parking (Lot 1) to Campus Drive Circle near the North Gym. These shuttles will operate Monday through Friday from 8 am - 4 pm, with service approximately every 20 minutes. ADA parking will be temporarily relocated to lot [P5](#). Requests for ADA (wheelchair) transportation should be made through the [SCOUT](#) program.

We also wanted to advise that seven rows of small trees will be removed in P5 and P6 to accommodate the installation of the solar canopies. The campus Arboretum Committee is working with the CUPR contractor to plant the same number of trees elsewhere on campus where shade is needed. (Lots P5 and P6 will be shaded by the new solar canopies.) A Tree Protection Plan is included in the CUPR Landscape Restoration plan, and any trees that must be removed due to construction will be replaced per the requirements of the Campus Arboretum Tree Care Plan.

Additional Resources:

- Contact Facilities Management at 559.278.2373 if you have any questions. Feedback can also be provided [here](#).
- For information on the campus Arboretum Committee, please contact Tim Breshears at tbreshears@mail.fresnostate.edu.
- For information on the shuttle service to and from the SMC North Lot, please contact Traffic Operations at 559.278.2950.

To learn more about the CUPR project and related benefits, including sustainability and energy conservation, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

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