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## DOTS ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT TRANSPORTATION POLICIES, ANTICIPATES FUTURE CHALLENGES IN NEW OPEN FORUM SERIES

College Park, Md.—The University of Maryland Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) invites students, faculty and staff to DOTS Dialogues, a series of open forums designed to help the university community navigate the evolving campus transportation culture. DOTS Executive Director David Allen will outline how upcoming campus construction will affect employee parking on Monday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m. in Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Hall. A discussion about the expense of parking citation fees will kick off the second DOTS Dialogue, which is intended for students, on Thursday, March 29 at 5:00 p.m. in The Stamp. Both forums will be livestreamed on DOTS' [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts.

"The campus has entered into an unprecedented time of physical change that will further elevate our status as a premier Big Ten public institution," said Allen. "The landscape is changing and so are we."

Allen introduces DOTS Dialogues in response to the university community's growing concerns about the loss of parking that has resulted from campus construction projects. These concerns, along with the ongoing questions from students about DOTS operations, formed the basis for the discussion topics. Allen intends for the forums to clarify DOTS policies, build trust within the community and generate constructive discussions about the future of transportation at the university.

"We know we aren't the most popular department on campus, and maybe that's our lot in life," he said. "But could understanding who we are, and why we do what we do actually change hearts and minds? Stranger things have happened."

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[The University of Maryland Department of Transportation Services \(DOTS\)](#) is a self-supported agency under the staff supervision of the Vice President for Student Affairs, and is the primary agency responsible for administering parking and transit management programs on the College Park campus. DOTS is dedicated to providing service to the campus community through planning, education and enforcement. Honoring the mission and values of the University of Maryland, DOTS aims to provide safe, cost effective and innovative services that anticipate the transportation needs of the campus community and constituents. For more information, please visit [transportation.umd.edu](http://transportation.umd.edu).



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