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TO: The San José State University Community

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SUBJECT: **Presidential Directive 90-01: Pedestrian Safety from Bicycle, Skateboard, Rollerskates and Similar Devices: supersedes PD89-03**

History:

This Presidential Directive is a refinement of P089-03, which it supersedes. The major change is a modification of the hours during which bicycle riding is regulated on and through the campus. This directive regulating the use of bicycles and prohibiting the use of skateboards, rollerskates and similar devices was developed in response to the coded memorandum BA 88-06 from Vice-Chancellor of Business Affairs, D. Dale Hanner, reference Bicycle and Skateboard Safety on Campus. Several SJSU campus committees have reviewed this topic over the past two years and made recommendations. PD89-03 was developed from these recommendations.

After PD89-03 was issued but before it was implemented there were further discussions with the Associated Students in which the hours of regulation for bicycles was a focal point. With the caution that late at night it is always safer for the bicyclist to ride away from buildings, preferably along a well-lighted street, this revised directive regulates bicycle riding on campus only during the times when pedestrian traffic is likely to be present.

Purpose:

The purposes of this presidential directive are to reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians that bicycles and skateboards pose and to reduce the risk of injury to persons riding skateboards in areas not intended for that purpose. It is not intended to discourage the use of bicycles or other alternative means of transportation to travel to and from campus. However, once the rider has the bicycle or other alternative transportation vehicle on the campus, it must be regulated. The University does not permit automobile traffic to operate unregulated on the campus and it cannot allow bicycles and skateboards to be operated at will on campus.

I. Definitions:

The vehicles being restricted are bicycles, unicycles, skateboards, roller skates, and similar devices.

II. Speed:

Speed of these vehicles shall be safe and prudent at all times.

III. Walking with vehicles:

Walking with any of the vehicles described above is permitted throughout the campus.

IV. Vehicle Restriction Areas:

- A. Skateboards, roller skates, and similar devices may not be ridden on the San Jose State University campus. This section is effective 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- B. During the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, bicycles and unicycles shall not be ridden on campus except for those areas indicated, below. **EXCEPTION:** This restriction is not to include any wheeled device specified for use by the disabled, nor is it to include vehicles necessary to campus operations.
- C. Bicycles and unicycles may not be parked in any but designated areas. Bicycles and unicycles are not permitted in buildings; a bicycle that might block an exit to a building or office could cause serious injury to a visually impaired person or create problems in an emergency situation. The University Police are empowered to impound any bicycles parked in other than designated bicycle parking racks.

IV. Vehicle Use Areas:

Bicycles and unicycles may be ridden on the following street. (within a prescribed bicycle lane when this is provided): 4th Street, 7th Street except between Clark Library and Engineering, 9th Street, 10th Street, San Carlos Street, San Salvador Street and San Fernando Street, 5th Street south of San Carlos Street, 8th Street between San Salvador Street and San Carlos Street. (See attached map.)

VI. Enabling Clause:

These restrictions will not take effect until appropriate signs are posted and sufficient bicycle racks are provided as determined by the University Police Department. These regulations will be enforced in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 21113(a).