

# UCITRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

### ZotWheels Automated Bikeshare Program

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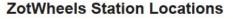
## University of California, Irvine (UCI)

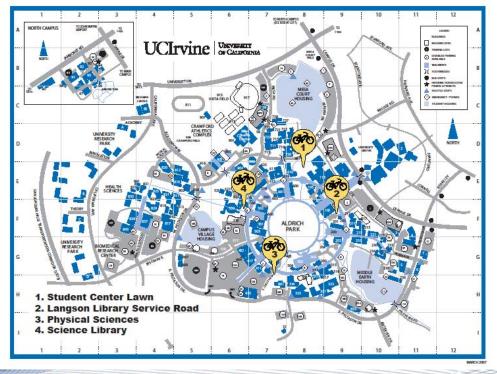
- Large 1500 acre urban campus with daytime population of 38,000
- TDM goal of housing 50% of its students; approximately 12,600 beds available
- 1800 faculty/staff housing units on campus
- Established bike infrastructure
- Received Silver Bike Friendly University 2011-2015
- Bike program in place to educate, encourage, enforce called BEEP



### **ZotWheels Locations**

 Placed on bikeways at entrances to the Inner Ring where cycling is permitted







### Policies, Plans and Commitments

- Transportation Services implements a variety of TDM measures to reduce traffic and emissions on and around campus
- Toolbox includes shared/zoned parking, bikeshare, carshare, incentivized bike/walk, car- and vanpool, subsidized bus and train passes, and support of campus shuttle system
- Work with local transit authority (OCTA) to link transportation center (Tustin Metrolink Station) with UCI campus
- UC Irvine 2007 Long Range Development Plan (plan for growth through 2025)
- Southern California Air Quality Management District Rule 2202 (UCI AVR 1.89)
- UC-wide Policy on Sustainable Practices
- American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment



# ZotWheels Imagined

- ZotWheels design imagined by Ron Fleming after renting a mall stroller
- Vendor contacted and agreed to modify product for use with bicycles
- Software and RFID technology incorporated
- Mascot-themed bikes purchased
- Program had support at all levels of campus administration



### ZotWheels at UCI

- Unique planning process at university
- Worked with campus planner and facilities
- Site approvals UCI Design Review Team
- CAD site drawings by T&DS Design Services
- Antennas positioned for best connectivity by UCI
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- Support through Bicycle Advisory Group and other campus organizations
- T&DS staff readied for deployment



# ZotWheels Operations

- P&TS-managed
- Staff include administrator, IT support, bike support team, marketing, private on-campus bike shop, maintenance/tune-up company
- Daily database check for wireless connectivity, available bicycles, members in violation, reporting functions
- Bike Support Team redistributes bikes, performs minor maintenance, checks for issues and takes to bike shop



# Program Details

- Liability waiver vetted by campus Risk Management
- Program is covered under campus standard insurance policy
- Online acceptance of waiver, bicycle and pedestrian safety course
- Helmets not mandatory (CA law)
- Program rules and locations coincide with campus policies (only 18 and older can ride, ride sunrise to sunset, ride on bike paths)



# Program Details

- Self-funded through permit sales and citation revenue
- Vehicle miles replaced is unknown as evidence is anecdotal, not GPS verified
- ZotWheels availability complements other modes
- Allows UCI to meet emissions reduction targets
- Promotes changes to commuters habits
- ZotWheels bikes are a visual reminder of UCI's commitment to reducing emissions



### **Emissions Reduction Calculations**

#### CLAIM 1:

- Riding a bike as compared to a drive-alone vehicle reduces approximately one pound of GHG emissions for every mile traveled.
- CALCULATIONS: (EPA)
- 1 mile traveled in vehicle = 1/20.64 gallon (.0485 gallon/mile)
- CO2/mile = .0485 gallon/mile X 19.4 lbs/gallon = .941 lbs CO2/mile
- Total GHG = 100/95 of CO2
- GHG savings/mile = 100/95 X .941 lbs/mile = .991 lbs/mile
- For every mile traveled by bike versus a car .991 lbs of GHG emissions is saved.

#### CLAIM 2:

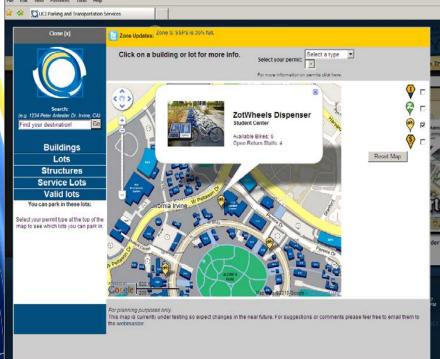
- The present UCI ZotWheels stations will save 16 metric tons of GHG emissions this year. In future years just the original 4-station ZotWheels system will save 32 metric tons annually
- CALCULATIONS: (EPA)
- 2 miles X 50/day X 365 days/year = 36,500 miles/year
- AT 2 miles/use =
- 36,500 miles saved
- 36,500 miles X .991 lbs GHG = 36,172 lbs GHG saved
- 36,172 lbs GHG = 16.4 metric tons saved
- If 100 users/day (as expected for ZotWheels in 2011 after more promotion of the system), will see double the savings in emission reduction
- 2 miles/use at 100 users/day = 32.8 metric tons saved per year (8.2 metric tons/station)
- CALCULATIONS: ESTIMATED SAVINGS –
- Annual ZotWheels savings at 2 miles/use = 8.2 metric tons/year/station



### How ZotWheels Works

 Interactive mapping shows bike availability at each station

Slide card at kiosk to rent bike







# Swipe Your Card and Go!











### ZotWheels Website

- Easy to navigate website
- Online registration
- Online safety course
- \$40/year, unlimited use



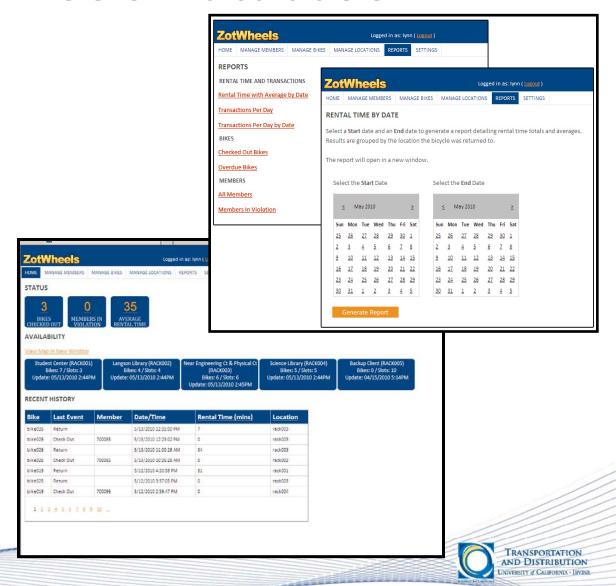






### ZotWheels Database

- Wireless connectivity status
- Number of bikes at each station
- Member activity
- Reports generated by date range or topic



# Staffing



Student employees are members of Bike Team, specially trained for ZotWheels duties



Purchased a surplus van from campus fleet services to take bikes needing repair to campus bike shop



# Marketing and Branding



#### Article from OC Register





Article from UCI Communications







Material given to every SPOP attendee





### Results

- We helped move the bikeshare conversation in a positive direction
- We learned from our experience and added to the body of knowledge
- Bikeshare is an integral component of a complete sustainable transportation system and replicable
- Over 1400 trips by bicycle
- Over 100 members
- Over 350 pounds in GHG not emitted
- Growth in regional programs (OC)

