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Subject:	March DKS Report comments and Other Compliance
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Dear Heather:

Thank you for sending the DKS March 2011 monitoring report. We were pleased to see that the observations were conducted over the the longer time period approved by the Planning Commission in February.

NSHH hopes to see that even though the observations do not include all traffic, the reports are closely compliant with the CUP requirement to provide **a count of Total Vehicle Trips accessing the campus.** Based on the March report, we suggest that additional attention be given to short term parking on Hiller and to vehicles accessing parking areas. This might require one additional monitor because of the physical distance between observation points.

1. Item 3.4: How does DKS determine which vehicles arriving at the school are not to be counted because they are vendors?
2. Bentley is reporting lower daily attendance. Is that due to fewer staff or have they substituted more vendors who are not counted?
3. Short term parking to pick up students is noted as 0 on the afternoon of 3/10 in Table 1. The field notes show that 7 Bentley cars were parked on Hiller and 20 cars were in the lot that afternoon. The Hiller cars were not included in Table 1. In addition, we have observed that a number of Bentley families park up the hill or on North Hill court and walk to the school from their vehicles. These students may be counted as walkers because their vehicles are out of sight of the monitors who are stationed at the driveway or loading zone. We have never observed a day with zero afternoon short term parking pick ups. This month, one would expect this number to be even higher than earlier reports because the observation period was longer. DKS should have an additional person stationed to observe all short term parkers.
4. During afternoon pickup DKS counted 13 bike riders or walkers departing but only 3 students arrived by bike or walking that morning. An increase of 10 additional bikers/walkers seems unlikely. Some short term parkers may have been identified as walkers because their vehicles up the hill or on North Hill Court could not be observed by DKS from the driveway.
5. Table 1 reports 223 vehicles in the morning using all three entrances. Table 5 counts 206 vehicles entering on just Hiller Drive. That means that just 17 vehicles used the Tunnel Road driveway and Headmaster's driveway. The parking capacity of these two lots is at last 28 vehicles and they are generally full everyday as part of the CUP parking plan. Increasingly, vehicles are parking along Tunnel Road in the afternoon which might indicate that Bentley's lot is already full. It appears that this access point was not monitored during the entire afternoon monitoring period.

Can you please provide a copy of Bentley's application to the City of Berkeley for the permit to increase parking spaces? Has Bentley provided information on increasing their transit subsidy program as decided in the February Planning Commission meeting?

Thank you for your help,

Neighbors for Safety