



Clifford Contreras, UC Davis Transportation Services By Judy Moores

On Earth Day 2015, Cool Davis will honor UC Davis Transportation Services and its Director Clifford Contreras with a Climate Solution Award in the transportation category.

Transportation Services (<http://taps.ucdavis.edu/about>) not only promotes modes of transportation that have less carbon impact on our air, it has found ways to get people out of their cars. While in 2007 the first campus travel survey reported 38% of commuters biked to campus, the most recent survey of from 2014 indicated that percentage had climbed to 47%. Currently, the green transportation program at UC Davis, called the “goClub,” has more than 4,000 members and is growing. The goClub provides a variety of incentives and support to students and employees who choose to commute by bike, walk, bus, train carpool or vanpool rather than use a single occupant vehicle.

While much of its work focuses on UC Davis, Transportation Services’ online Bicycle Safety Course (<http://bikesafety.ucdavis.edu>) is freely available to anyone, any time, and is free of charge. This course is a great resource for organizations and businesses that want to reduce their carbon footprint by encouraging biking as well as for individuals who are new to biking or need an up-to-date refresher course.

As Transportation Services’ Director Clifford Contreras, says, “Through its goClub efforts and promotion of preferred modes, Transportation Services has become a leader in the state and the country for its efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality for the benefit of all people and the environment.”

It is no wonder that the League of American Bicyclists has awarded UC Davis with Double Platinum national recognition – both as a business with 20,041 employees and as a university with an enrollment of 33,300. Cool Davis thanks Director Contreras and all those who work with him to reduce the environmental impact of UC Davis.

Photo Caption (**Sterling + Kornbluth E-Lab at ITS .jpg**) : In the D-Lab at the Institute for Transportation Studies, Dan Sperling takes time from his travels to work with Kurt Kornbluth, Director of the Program for International Energy at the ITT.