

Sustainable Transportation Initiative Pilot Project

Discounted Transit Pass Program – Information Package

Now that CUPE 116 members have all returned to work and campus is running as close normal as we have seen in the last few years, we are pleased to announce the start of the Sustainable Transportation Initiative Pilot Project. Flowing from the last round of bargaining, the Union and the University signed LOU #24 (attached), which established a joint committee to develop and implement a pilot project to support sustainable transportation initiatives. This initiative was a deliberate effort by the Union, agreed to and supported by the University, to mitigate transportation costs in a meaningful way for as many CUPE 116 members as possible, focusing on those who need it most.

Starting in June 2022, a Discounted Transit Pass Program will be offered to eligible members to support the use of transit to get to and from work. Eligible members include regular employees on Schedule A at or below pay grade 11a or on Schedule B at pay grades 1 and 2. The program will provide eligible members a **50% discount on a monthly transit pass** for zone 1, 2 or 3 passes.

We have heard for years about the impact of commuting costs and we see this as a successful development in creating more affordable, environmentally friendly ways to get to campus. In addition, with the current economic climate and rising fuel prices, we are happy to be able put this program into place now. We will be monitoring this pilot closely and will make refinements as they arise to increase its success.

LOU# 24 is not limited to public transit alone; we are looking into and considering ways to support those who take other sustainable transit modes. In the future, we will be looking for members to join the committee as we consider and expand into other avenues.

In order to participate in the Program you will need a compass card and provide consent for a payroll deduction for your portion of the monthly pass. Enrollment has to occur by the 10th of the month prior to the start date of the pass, in order for us to get the information to TransLink and process the discount. **To sign up** you will need to visit the **Access Desk** located inside the UBC Bookstore. You'll need your Compass Card and Photo ID and to know what zone pass you need to commute to campus from your home. **Registration opens on April 25, 2022!**

Additional information and more details on the sign up and terms of the program are provided in the attached FAQ.