



Informational Report on Student Fares

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Student Fares Feasibility Study

- 1. Other free student fare programs such as LADOT's DASH to Class and Sacramento's RydeFreeRT have significantly increased student boardings, but have found other funding sources to cover lost revenue.**
- 2. The projected revenue loss of Metro offering free rides to students in LA County is a minimum of \$32 Million annually.**
- 3. In January 2020, the Metro Board passed a motion that set a K-12 pricing structure for the U-Pass Program to be used to provide homeless support services under the McKinney-Vento Act. Converting existing monthly pass programs or stored value to U-Pass would be still be a revenue loss to Metro, but would save schools up to 61% of costs in administering these programs and paying for full fare.**

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- 4. UCLA Graduate Student Association (GSA) recently voted to increase the GSA student fee by \$25.04 per quarter in order to provide unlimited free access for graduate students on all public transportation providers in Los Angeles County who are participating in Metro's U-Pass Program.**
- 5. Eight (8) Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) campuses recently approved a \$13 per semester fee to offset U-Pass costs. U-Pass Programs**
- 6. Launching U-Pass programs for these groups of K-12 and college students first will give us better data to determine how much funding will be needed to cover future costs of providing free student fares while providing a mechanism for testing cost-sharing and administrative processes that can be scaled up in the future.**

Student Pass Use Summary

Student and College Vocational (CV) Pass Use Summary

Pass Type	Aug 2018 - Feb 2019	Aug 2019 - Feb 2020	Change
Metro K-12 Boardings	5,212,329	4,347,613	-17%
Other Agency K-12 Boardings	611,419	705,446	15%
U-Pass K-12 Boardings	-	8,639	
Total K-12 Boardings	5,823,748	5,061,698	-13%
Metro CV Boardings	1,800,047	1,379,359	-23%
Other Agency CV Boardings	80,419	69,546	-14%
U-Pass CV Boardings	1,820,631	2,433,788	34%
Total CV Boardings	3,701,097	3,882,693	5%
Metro K-12 Unique Users	64,020	57,224	-11%
Metro CV Unique Users	12,797	10,289	-20%
U-Pass CV Unique Users	13,178	19,653	49%
Total Unique Student Passes	89,995	87,166	-3%



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