

SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE PILOT PROGRAM FOR UNLIMITED ACCESS PASS ON CITYBUS SECOND EXTENSION THROUGH DECEMBER 2018

City Council Meeting June 19, 2018 Yuri Koslen Transit Planner

Transportation and Public Works - Transit



CURRENT

- The SRJC students in 2017 passed a Student Transportation Fee (STF) to pay for unlimited transit ridership programs with the Sonoma County transit providers
- Council authorized a pilot program for the fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters
- Student ridership currently averages
 3,500 riders per week

PROPOSED

- Continuation of the pilot program through December 31, 2018
- Continue financial arrangement where SCJCD obligates \$50,000/semester (\$30,000 for summer semester) to pay for SRJC students to ride CityBus at an increased rate of \$.83 per ride (CityBus average fare) for the summer and fall 2018 semesters. This is an increase from the \$.77 per ride rate during the fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters.

BENEFIT

- Environmental benefits
- College's ability to provide access to educational services for some of the county's most economically disadvantaged students
- Reduce parking demand at the SRJC, increase students' access to the campuses, help recruit and retain students, reduce the overall cost of attending the SRJC
- Increase ridership on CityBus

RECOMMENDATION

 It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by Resolution, approve Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sonoma County Junior College District (SCJCD) and the SCJCD Associated Students, extending the pilot CityBus unlimited pass program for Santa Rosa Junior College students through December 31, 2018.

Questions?