

EcoPass Fact Sheet - Pros and Cons

What is it?

A pass that will allow all enrolled Foothill College students unlimited ride service for VTA bus and light rail within Santa Clara County (excludes Express Service)

Who does it affect?

All enrolled Foothill College students for both the fee and the provided service, regardless if the student uses the service or not.

Financial Impact

Every enrolled Foothill College student will be assessed the mandatory fees described above regardless if they use the service or not if so approved by the FHDA Board of Trustees.

Are students on BOG required to pay?

Yes, except as provided by the FHDA Board of Trustees.

Are students on financial assistance provided by the State or Federal government required to pay this fee?

Yes, except as provided the FHDA Board of Trustees

Can students get a refund of this fee?

No, not even if the student drops units, except as provided by the FHDA Board of Trustees.

Pro Arguments:

- Provides students the opportunity for affordable transportation within the VTA bus/light rail network
- Could relieve automobile traffic and parking congestion on campus
- Regular VTA annual bus pass costs \$770 (\$880 in 2018 and \$990 starting 2019) versus the VTA Eco Pass that costs up to \$31 per student annually
- Handicap and bicycle accessible
- Promotes alternative transportation which can reduce carbon footprint

Con Arguments:

- Students that do not use the VTA bus/light rail still have to pay
- Loss of revenue from parking permit sales will decrease college funding for parking lot and structure maintenance
- If students do not utilize Eco-Pass, VTA may be overpaid for services
- Inconsistent accessibility to VTA bus/light rail stations
- Could decrease carpool

Choices for this Measure:

Yes, the Board of Trustees of the College District should take action to charge a quarterly mandatory fee of up to \$7.75 to all full-time Foothill College students and a quarterly mandatory prorated amount to all Foothill College part-time students to continue to provide a VTA Eco Pass to all students.

No, the FHDA Board of Trustees should not take action to charge a quarterly mandatory fee of up to \$7.75 to all Foothill College full time students and a quarterly mandatory prorated amount to all Foothill College part-time students to continue to provide a VTA Eco Pass to all students.

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