

CAMPUS EXPANSION INITIATIVE (CEI FEE)

2023-24

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND FEES (COSAF)

Department Name: **ASUCD Unitrans**

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Referendum verbiage regarding allocations to this department: **New buses, new silo bus terminal, matching funds for federal grants.**

SECTION 1: DEPARTMENT CEI ALLOCATIONS

Expense	2022-23 Actuals	2023-24 Estimated Allocation
a. Student Salaries (including benefits)	\$	\$
b. Career Staff Salaries (including benefits)	\$	\$
c. Programs, Information Technology, Administration	\$	\$
d. Facility/Maintenance Expenses	\$	\$
e. Fixed Expenses (debt service)	\$	\$
f. Contribution to Reserves	\$402,910	\$-325,000
g. Other: Local matching funds for purchase and installation of near zero emission engines + credit from savings on electric buses	\$50,570	\$734,000
TOTAL	\$453,480	\$409,000

SECTION 2: DEPARTMENT RESPONSES

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1. Please describe the department's programs, services and/or facilities funded by CEI:

ASUCD Unitrans provides transit service to the UC Davis campus and City of Davis community. CEI funds are critical to Unitrans' push to go electric, reduce carbon emissions, and improve the customer experience. CEI funds are generally used to fund facility and equipment expenses, such as new buses, bus stop improvements, terminal, operations & maintenance facility improvements, and matching funds for other miscellaneous capital needs. These funds are not used for operating salaries or benefits and do not receive a CPI adjustment.

In FY2022-23, CEI funds were used to match grant funding to complete the bus rehabilitation project to replace old 2009 bus engines with new near-zero emission engines. CEI funds were also refunded to the account because of cost savings related to a tax credit for the purchase of the first six electric buses. This resulted in additional funding going into the CEI account.

- 2.** Please provide information on any substantial variance between 2022-23 and 2023-24:
While spending was low in FY2022-23, spending will increase substantially in FY2023-24. The next four electric buses arrived in August 2023 and entered service in fall quarter. The buses cost approximately \$3.7 million and CEI funds are being used to pay for the required 20% local matching funds for the buses or \$734,000 in FY23-24.
- 3.** If applicable, please provide plans for use of reserves listed in section #1f:
Unitrans is currently transitioning to zero emission technology which requires substantial investment. The current reserves are expected to be depleted in the next 2-3 years.
In FY23-24, Unitrans expects to use CEI funds to pay the required local matching funds for the four buses received in August 2023 or \$734,000.
In FY24-25, Unitrans expects to use CEI funds to pay the required local matching funds for the last 4 electric buses in the Phase 1 zero emission bus program (14 total buses) or \$850,000.
Unitrans is currently planning Phase 2 of the zero-emission bus program which is estimated to cost \$8 million (to support up to 16 more buses) and is looking to renovate and expand our operations and maintenance facility estimated to cost \$8-9 million. Unitrans will also be working with University partners to review the location of the Silo Bus Terminal and possible future relocation.
- 4.** Please describe the need for a consumer price index (CPI) adjustment and include the departmental plan if CPI is not applied next academic year.
The Unitrans CEI fee is not indexed to CPI however, as shown in Question 3, our capital funding needs are significant and would benefit from a CPI adjustment.
- 5.** Is there information this department would like to provide regarding the scope of student use of the programs/services/facilities funded by CEI?
(Please limit your response to those items funded by CEI.)