

CAMPUS EXPANSION INITIATIVE (CEI FEE)

2024-25

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

Department Name: **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 | 2023-24 Actuals | 2024-25 Estimated Allocation |
|---|------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Student Salaries (including benefits) | \$0 | \$ |
| b. Career Staff Salaries (including benefits) | \$0 | \$ |
| c. Programs, Information Technology, Administration | \$9,180 | \$ |
| d. Facility/Maintenance Expenses | \$236,209 | \$50,000 |
| e. Fixed Expenses (debt service) | \$ | \$ |
| f. Contribution to Reserves | \$164,197 | \$361,000 |
| g. Other (please list) | \$ | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$409,586 | \$411,000 |

SECTION 2: DEPARTMENT CARRY FORWARD

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| h. Prior Year Carry Forward (2023-24) (Taken from line 74 on CEI Sources & Uses Report) | \$1,905,775 |
| i. 2024-25 Estimated Contribution to Reserves (Line F above) | \$361,000 |
| j. TOTAL Estimated Carry Forward | \$ 2,266,775 |

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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 FY2023-24, CEI funds were used to match grant funding to replace a support vehicle with a new battery-electric support vehicle, to provide local matching funds for repainting buses that underwent a near-zero emission engine replacement last year, for facility improvements like expanding the Tilia Roundabout bus stop in West Village, and for miscellaneous repairs, equipment, and travel to inspect new buses that arrived in 2023.

2. Please provide information on any substantial variance between 2023-24 and 2024-25:

\$9,180 was utilized for replacement computer equipment & travel expenses for inspecting new buses. Both expenses are expected to continue in the current year as computers are replaced on the University's scheduled replacement cycle and travel expenses will be incurred to inspect the four new buses Unitrans is purchasing this fiscal year. Facility and Maintenance Expenses of \$236,209 include:

- \$150,000 for design and construction of an expanded Tilia Roundabout bus stop in West Village. This expense is a one-time expense.
- \$25,000 for conceptual design phase for the Unitrans facility expansion project. This is for initial planning for a larger, on-going capital project.
- Approximately \$35,000 in matching grant funds to repaint 13 buses that were rehabilitated with near-zero emission engines. This expense is a one-time expense.
- Approximately \$20,000 was used to purchase a replacement support vehicle for bus operations. This expense is a one-time expense.
- Approximately \$4,000 in replacement tools for our maintenance department. This is an on-going expense as tools need replacement.
- Approximately \$2,000 in miscellaneous facility related repairs and maintenance expenses. This is an on-going expense.

3. Please provide planned uses for **total estimated carry forward**. Information provided here must match total on **line J** in chart on previous page.

Over the next four years, Unitrans bus purchases and facility improvements are planned and rely on existing CEI carryforward funds to provide local matching funds although the CEI funds are insufficient for all planned projects at this time.

This fiscal year, four new battery electric buses are expected to arrive that will cost an estimated \$4 million. Federal grants cover 80% of the cost and 20% of the cost or \$800,000 will be covered by CEI funds.

The Tilia Roundabout bus stop is being expanded with CEI funds and are projected to be larger than the \$150,000 allocated to the project in FY2023-24.

Planned projects after FY2024-25:

- Two battery electric double-decker buses costing \$4 million are 80% funded by a Sacramento Area Council of Governments regional grant and 20% funded by CEI funds or \$800,000. The buses are

expected to arrive in 2027.

- Infrastructure improvements and charging equipment to support up to 16 additional battery electric buses are planned for construction in summer 2026. The \$8.5 million project is 80% funded through federal grants and 20% matching funds, or \$1.7 million, will rely partially on CEI funds based on current carryforward projections and future revenues.
- Unitrans is planning to expand our Operations & Maintenance Facility to accommodate current and future staffing and business needs. The \$8.5 million project is 80% funded through federal grants and Unitrans is working to identify the 20% matching funds.
- Between 2027-2029, Unitrans needs to replace 14 single deck buses, costing an estimated \$18 million. Approximately 15% of the program is funded and Unitrans is pursuing grants for full funding.

- 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 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?

Unitrans is one of the largest student-operated bus systems in America and transports the 3rd highest number of riders per service hour of any bus system in California on par with major cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles. Ninety percent of our daily riders are undergraduate students. Unitrans transported approximately 3.4 million people in FY2023-24 and projects to carry 3.7-3.8 million this academic year. Unitrans is the success it is today because of our student, University, and City support.