



ASUCD SENATE BILL #X

Bill Information:

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An ASUCD Senate Bill to place the Student Equity Fee Referendum on the SPRING 2024 ASUCD Ballot.

Date	Action
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XX/XX/XXXX	[Action by President (signed, vetoed, passed without signature)]. Filled out by SGAO.

Section 1. The ASUCD Senate hereby places the Sustainable Transportation Fee Referendum on the SPRING 2024 ASUCD Ballot.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FEE

ISSUE

Do you approve a \$25 annual allocation (25 percent of which will be used for Return to Aid) for the Sustainable Transportation Fee followed starting in AY 2025 - 2026 automatic CPI adjustments annually thereafter (See Table 1 below).

YES

A "yes" vote provides funding for the following:

- Maintenance of Transportation Services sustainability programs (e.g. Bike registration, Lit Not Hit, Helmet Hair Don't Care, transportation education programs)
- Transportation Grant for commuter students and student parents
- Stabilization of daily parking rates

NO

A "no" vote might result in the possibility of increased daily parking rates for commuter students and less sustainability programs offered by the Department of Transportation Services.

OVERVIEW

The Department of Transportation Services is responsible for regulating parking policies and providing the transportation needs of our campus community. Additionally, they maintain transportation infrastructure, conduct bike registrations, provide motorist assistance, and undertake transportation-related construction projects, all while coordinating their operations with municipal agencies. As an auxiliary unit, Transportation Services is supposed to procure funding to carry out these duties independent from the University. This is stipulated in the California Higher Education Masterplan and University of California Office of the President policies. Consequently, Transportation Services supports itself financially by charging parking rates or applying for grants to fund new transportation projects. An example of a recent transportation project that was created through the latter is the Causeway Connection, a line between the Davis and Sacramento campuses that employs a fleet of electric buses. It is operated through a collaboration between Sacramento Regional Transit and YoloBus.

Although Transportation Services receives revenue primarily through its parking fees, its simultaneously tasked with reducing reliance on parking which will reasonably lead to fiscal challenges in the near future. They have been successful in reducing parking over the past several years by limiting their permit options to a daily parking fee for students, acting as a carbon tax, and requiring students to conscientiously make the decision to use cars as their mode of transportation everytime that they park on campus. However, the reduction in daily parking coupled with rising costs, incentivize Transportation Services to continue raising daily parking rates to support their financial needs. This adversely affects groups of students that have to drive to campus such as: commuter students, student parents, and student workers. To alleviate this burden, this fee is being proposed to cover Transportation Services expenses that serve the wider student population. The Sustainable Transportation Fee aims to provide a revenue stream for Transportation Services' sustainability programs (e.g. Bike registration, Lit Not Hit, Helmet Hair Don't Care), create an annual transportation grant for populations negatively impacted by daily parking rates, and ensure a stabilization of the daily parking rate. It will expire in AY 2029-2030 unless action is taken by students to renew it.

The Oversight for the fee will be the responsibility of a Board that will be created by ASUCD that will approve allocations from the revenue to each of these programs at the start of every academic year. It will consist of the COSAF co-chairs, the ASUCD President and Controller, two Student Affairs employees chosen by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, one ASUCD Senator, and one Transportation Services employee serving as ex-officios. The Fee Oversight Board will be responsible for organizing bi-annual public showcases to inform students about how the revenue is being spent and making quarterly presentations to COSAF.

The passage of this referendum will require voter turnout equal to at least twenty percent (20%) of the undergraduate student population and at least a sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote for approval.

Academic Year	Fee per Student per Quarter	Return to Aid (25%)	Program(s) Funds
2025-26	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00
2026-27	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00
2027-28	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00
2028-29	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00
2029-30	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00

Fee not collected during Summer Quarters

Return-to-Aid - Twenty-five percent (25%) of this fee will continue to support financial aid for those undergraduate students with the greatest financial need.

Voting - "Minimum voting pools" have been determined in accordance with University regulations. A minimum voter turnout of twenty percent (20%) of the undergraduate student population is required for a valid vote. The exact number of undergraduate students required will be provided by the University Registrar in advance of the election, and will be based on the SPRING 2024 census data. In addition, this referendum requires ratification by at least sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote for approval.

Advisory Vote - The outcome of the vote shall be advisory to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Chancellor, and the President of the University of California.

Oversight - The Oversight of the Fee shall be the responsibility of a Board consisting of the COSAF co-chairs, the ASUCD President and Controller, two Student Affairs employees chosen by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and one ASUCD Senator serving as an ex-officio. The Board will meet no later than Week 3 each academic year to approve budget allocations from this Fee for Transportation Services.

Life of Fee - This fee will expire after SPRING 2030. Until then, it will be assessed annually by COSAF unless altered through referendum or other permissible actions.

Adjustment of Fee - The increases to this fee are effective AY 2025-26 through AY 2029-30 as shown above in Table 1. Any additional increases not previously stated in this referendum would require a future referendum or other permissible action as specified by University of California and UC Davis policies and procedures.

Use of Funds - The proposed fund will generate \$480,000 in revenue, equivalent to the purchasing power of the dollar in 2024. This revenue will be used for bike safety programs, sustainable transportation education programs, and a transportation grant for commuter students that will be provided to students by ASUCD in collaboration with the Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center.

Legislative Information:

Finance:

No

Appropriation:

None

Vote:

Majority or $\frac{2}{3}$ ($\frac{2}{3}$ only if calling for a special election)