

Fares on Public Transit to Campus Rising

UCLA Transportation to Maintain 50% Subsidy Level on Passes

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Many of the public transit agencies serving UCLA and Westwood have either recently raised fares and pass prices, or will do so this fall. Decreased funding from the State of California, reduction in sales tax revenue and a number of other factors have forced these agencies to raise their fares in order to avoid major service cuts.

“Even though our costs are going up, UCLA Transportation is maintaining its commitment to provide at least a 50% subsidy for all of its current transit pass products,” said Renée Fortier, Director of UCLA Transportation. “This fall is the 10th consecutive year our department has been subsidizing public transit fares,” she said. Despite this continued subsidy level, however, many UCLA students and employees will soon see an increase in prices that they pay for their transit passes.

What’s happening here in Los Angeles County is also happening nationwide. According to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), “America’s transit systems are facing an unprecedented crisis, as diminishing state and local resources to support operating budgets are leading to scores of service reductions, fare increases and employee layoffs.” According to a survey of its members that APTA completed in March 2010 (below), “84 percent of transit systems have implemented service cuts or raised fares, or are considering these measures.”

http://www.apta.com/resources/reportsandpublications/Documents/Impacts_of_Recession_March_2010.pdf

The following UCLA-subsidized transit pass programs will be experiencing price increases:

BruinGo - Santa Monica Big Blue Bus and Culver CityBus
(<http://map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1000521>) – Effective Fall Quarter, 2010

- Flash Pass: \$30 per quarter
 - A 33% increase over the old price of \$22.50 per quarter
- Co-pay: \$0.35 per ride
 - A 40% increase over the old price of \$0.25 per ride

Go Metro - Metro Bus and Metro Rail (<http://map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1000604>) – Effective Fall Quarter, 2010

- Staff and Faculty: \$121
 - A 21% increase over the old price of \$100 per quarter
- Students: No increase in Go Metro passes (Fall 2010 passes remain \$54)

LADOT Commuter Express (<http://map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1003370>) – Effective August 1, 2010

- Zone 1 passes: \$105 per quarter (effective with Fall 2010 pass: Oct 1 – Dec 31)
 - A 25% increase over the old price of \$84
 - All other zone passes will also increase by 25%

The price of the City of Santa Clarita Transit (<http://map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1003338>) and Antelope Valley Transit Authority (<http://map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1004534>) monthly passes will not be increasing in the near future.

For those that are not eligible for or choose not to purchase a UCLA-subsidized pass, cash fares for individual trips will also be increasing as follows:

Santa Monica Big Blue Bus – Effective August 29, 2010

- One-way fares increase from \$0.75 to \$1.00
- Visit <http://www.bigbluebus.com> for more information on BBB fare and pass increases

Metro – Effective July 1, 2010

- One-way fares increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50
- Visit <http://www.metro.net/around/fares> for more information on Metro fare and pass increases

LADOT – Effective August 1, 2010

- Commuter Express One-way fare (Zone 1) increases \$1.75 to \$2.20
- All other Zone fares will also increase by 25%
- DASH increases \$0.25 to \$.35
- Visit <http://ladottransit.com> for more information on LADOT fare and pass increases



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City of Santa Clarita Transit – Effective August 1, 2010

- Regular one-way Commuter Express cash fare increases from \$4.00 to \$4.25
- The student one-way Commuter Express fare (\$2.00) will be eliminated (Students must now pay regular fare of \$4.25)
- Visit <http://www.santaclaritatransit.com> for more information on SCT fare and pass increases

Culver CityBus: No Change (One-way fares increased from \$0.75 to \$1.00 last year)

- Visit <http://www.culvercity.org/Government/Transportation/bus.aspx> for more information on this service

Antelope Valley Transit Authority: No Change

- Visit <http://www.avta.com> for more information on this service

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