

# Memorandum of Understanding

## Subsidized Fare Program for College Students on Sonoma County Transit

Agreed to by the following parties:

*Sonoma State University (SSU) and*

*The County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors and Sonoma County Transit (SCT)*

Sonoma State University recognizes the value and importance of Sonoma County Transit's College Student Subsidized Fare Program and is willing to financially support the program which began in 2015.

In addition to the environmental benefits, this program directly impacts the College's ability to provide access to educational services for some of the County's most economically challenged students. During the past four years, the program has been very successful by both anecdotal accounts provided by students and empirical data provided by Sonoma County Transit.

To that end, SSU and Sonoma County/Sonoma County Transit agree to the following:

- SSU agrees to contribute \$1.60 per each eligible trip taken by an enrolled SSU student on Sonoma County Transit for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Contribution maximums = \$23,110 in FY 2022-23 and \$24,266 in FY 2023-24. SSU agrees to a maximum contribution of \$47,376 during the term of this agreement.
- SSU funds shall be used to pay for the first 14,444 rides provided in FY 2022-23 and 15,166 rides in FY 2023-24. Should ridership exceed these projections, the County of Sonoma shall contribute up to \$4,622 in fiscal year 2022-23 and up to \$4,853 in fiscal year 2023-24 to provide an additional 2,889 SSU student trips in FY 2022-23 and 3,033 in FY 2023-24.
- Should ridership exceed the amounts shown, Sonoma County Transit will cover those fare revenues during the term of this agreement.
- Should SSU find it necessary to cancel this agreement, it agrees to give a 60-day notice to Sonoma County Transit.
  - Method and place of giving notice between parties:
    - For Sonoma State University: Sonoma State University  
Attn:  
1801 E. Cotati Avenue  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
    - For Sonoma County Transit: Sonoma County Transit  
Attn: Transit Systems Manager  
355 West Robles Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
- Billings will occur quarterly, in arrears, each October, January, April and July during the term of this agreement.
- Sonoma County Transit agrees to provide free rides to Sonoma State University students who display valid ID cards upon boarding a Sonoma County Transit bus during the term of this agreement.

Signatures:



6/14/2022

Sonoma State University

Date

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Chair, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Date  
County of Sonoma

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