

# Memorandum of Understanding

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

Agreed to by the following parties:

*The Administration and the Students of the Sonoma County Junior College District (SCJCD)  
The County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors and Sonoma County Transit (SCT)*

The Administration of the Santa Rosa Junior College recognizes the importance of Sonoma County Transit's College Student Subsidized Fare Program and are 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. Since its inception, the program has been very successful by both anecdotal accounts provided by students and empirical data provided by Sonoma County Transit.

Aside from student enrollment and transit ridership declines resulting from the impact of COVID-19, which began in March 2020, implementation of this agreement seeks to rebuild Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) student ridership to its pre-COVID levels experienced in FY 2018-19.

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

- SCJCD agrees to contribute \$1.60 for each eligible trip taken by an enrolled SRJC student on Sonoma County Transit for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Contribution maximums = \$115,935 in FY 2022-23 and \$121,731 in FY 2023-24. The SCJCD agrees to a maximum contribution of \$237,666 during the term of this agreement.
- SCJCD funds shall be used to pay for the first 72,459 rides provided in FY 2022-23 and 76,082 rides in FY 2023-24. Should ridership exceed these projections, the County of Sonoma shall contribute up to \$23,187 in fiscal year 2022-23 and up to \$24,346 in fiscal year 2023-24 to provide up to an additional 14,492 SRJC student trips in FY 2022-23 and 15,216 in FY 2023-24.
- Should ridership exceed the amounts shown, Sonoma County Transit will cover those fare revenues during the term of this agreement.
- Billings will occur quarterly, in arrears, each October, January, April and July for the period this agreement is in effect.
- Sonoma County Transit agrees to provide free rides for SCJCD college students who display valid ID cards to bus operators during the term this agreement is in effect.

Signatures:

  
Kathryn Jolley (Apr 25, 2022 21:38 PDT)

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Senior Vice President  
Finance & Administrative Services, SCJCD

Date

Chair, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
County of Sonoma

Date



05/02/2022

President  
SCJCD Associated Students

Date

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