

WWU'S PROPOSAL RE PARKING AND TRANSIT

2/26/24

Article xx Parking and Transit

xx.1 General Conditions. The University and the Union agree reducing the University's carbon footprint is a mutual goal.

xx.2 Alternative Transportation Incentives.

- xx.2.1 Transit Passes:** The Employer will cover the costs for employees to ride Whatcom Transportation Authority and Skagit Transit buses using their Western card.
- xx.2.2 Discounts on Rental, Repair, and Maintenance:** WWU will provide ESEs with a 50% discount on repair, improvement, and rental of bicycles, e-bikes, and electric scooters from the WWU Outdoor Center.
- xx.2.3 E-bike or Electric Scooter Purchase Discount Program:** ESEs who do not purchase a parking permit will receive a quarterly alternative transportation stipend of \$100 to maintain, repair or purchase a bicycle, electric bicycle, scooter, electric scooter or other green mode of transportation.

xx.3 Parking. All ESEs will have access to adequate and accessible parking to do their jobs and all ESEs will receive the following parking benefits:

- xx.3.1 Rates:** ESEs shall receive a 60% discount on all parking rates, including annual parking permits and hourly rated parking in parking lots.
- xx.3.2 Parking Pass Refunds:** Should an ESE no longer need their purchased parking permit, they will have access to a prorated refund for said permit. ESEs will be refunded for any days in their permit for which parking access is affected by any event.
- xx.3.3 Parking and Transit Change Notice:** The University shall provide thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice to the ESEs of any proposed change or increase in annual or quarterly permits and hourly rates for parking and transit access. The University shall convene a meeting with the University Transportation and Parking Task force and/or Transit Advisory Group to discuss any proposed change in parking and transit rates.
- xx.3.4 Overflow Parking and Notification:** When parking access is limited for any reason ESE permit holders will be notified at least one week in advance, when possible. This notice will include information regarding the following adjustments to their parking pass:
 - xx.3.4.1** ESE permit holders may receive temporary access to any unimpacted non-hourly parking zone.
 - xx.3.4.2** Should an ESE be mistakenly given a ticket on days affected, this ticket will be waived and no fee will be charged.

xx.4 Carpooling Benefits. The University shall offer the option for parking at a discounted rate of 25% per person up to four total travelers to ESEs who commute to campuses and other University-affiliated sites with at least one University employee in their vehicle. ESEs will have access to any carpooling lots at their campus location. Verification of eligibility for carpool rates can be determined by mutually agreed criteria. The criteria for eligibility may not be changed unless agreed to by both parties.

xx.5 Emergency Ride Home Program. The University will expand the existing emergency ride home program (i.e. the Starlight Shuttle program) that will run seven (7) days a week for ESEs who do not have access to a safe ride home.

xx.5.1 Notification: For ESEs assigned to work after 6:00 PM the university shall notify ESEs of the availability of the Starlight Shuttle and how to request a ride.

xx.6 University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee. The Union retains the right to appoint ESE representatives to serve on each location's University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee. Attendance at University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee meetings will be considered time worked. There will be a minimum of one monthly meeting for each - the University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee. At least 15 minutes of each meeting will be reserved to specifically address student concerns regarding parking and transit. Meetings must be rescheduled within the month if they are canceled. Agendas will be sent for review at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and meeting minutes will be sent to all representatives within a week of the meeting.