

## **Article 39. Parking and Transit**

### **39. 1. General Conditions**

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

### **39.2 Public Transit Incentives**

#### **39.2.1 Transit Passes.**

The following transit passes will continue to be provided to ASEs at their respective location at which they are employed:

| <b>Campus</b>  | <b>Transit Agency</b>     | <b>Pass</b> |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| WSU Pullman    | Pullman Transit           | Cougar Card |
| WSU Tri-Cities | Ben Franklin Transit      | Cougar Card |
| WSU Spokane    | Spokane Transit Authority | Cougar Card |
| WSU Wenatchee* | Link Transit              | N/A         |

\* zero-fare transit covered by Link Transit Board

The following transit passes will be provided at no cost to ASEs at their respective location at which they are employed:

| <b>Campus</b>  | <b>Transit Agency</b> | <b>Pass</b>   |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| WSU Vancouver  | C-TRAN                | Hop Card      |
| WSU Prosser    | Ben Franklin Transit  | FREEDOM Pass  |
| WSU Mt. Vernon | Skagit Transit        | TouchPass/Umo |
| WSU Puyallup   | Pierce Transit        | PugetPass     |

#### **39.2.2 Transit Allowance.**

For any ASE at locations which are not listed in Section 39.2.1, WSU will provide ASEs with a transit allowance of \$50/month.

### **39.3 E-bike or Electric Scooter Purchase Discount Program**

WSU will reimburse ASEs for the purchase, repair, improvement, and storage of bicycles, e-bikes, and electric scooters up to a maximum reimbursement of \$365 each calendar year.

### **39.4 Carpooling Benefits**

ASEs will have access to any carpooling or vanpooling assistance program provided by their physical campus location. In the case where carpooling or vanpooling assistance programs are not provided by the ASE's campus location, and in line with the University's stated commitment towards reducing traffic congestion and making a positive impact on the environment, the University shall offer the option for parking at a discounted rate (25% discount) to ASEs who commute to campuses and other University-affiliated sites with one or more additional University employees in their vehicle. 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.

### **39.5 Parking**

ASEs will receive the following parking benefits:

#### **39.5.1 Rates**

ASEs shall receive a 60% discount on all parking rates, including annual parking permits and hourly rated parking in parking lots and parking garages.

#### **39.5.2. Parking Pass Refunds**

Should an ASE no longer need their purchased parking permit, they will have access to a prorated refund for said permit through July 31st. This includes refunds for annual permits purchased via a pre-tax payroll deduction. ASEs will be refunded for any days in their permit for which parking access is affected by events such as game day parking.

#### **39.5.3 Parking and Transit Change Notice**

The University shall provide thirty (30) calendar days' advance written notice to the ASEs of any proposed change or increase in annual 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.

#### **39.5.4 Event Parking and Notification**

For parking access affected by events such as game days, ASE permit holders will be notified at least one week prior to the event. This notice will include information regarding the following adjustments to their parking pass:

**39.5.4.1** ASE permit holders may receive temporary access to any unimpacted non-hourly parking zone.

**39.5.4.2** Should an ASE be mistakenly given a ticket on days affected by events, this ticket will be waived and no fee will be charged.

**39.6 Emergency Ride Home Program**

The University will establish or expand an existing emergency ride home program that will run 7 days per week to help ASEs who do not have access to a safe ride home.

**39.7 University Transportation and Parking Task Force and Transit Advisory Group**

The Union retains the right to appoint ASE representatives to serve on each location's University Transportation and Parking Task Force and Transit Advisory Group. Attendance at University Transportation Task Force and Transit Advisory Group meetings will be considered time worked. There will be a minimum of one monthly meeting for each - the University Transportation Task Force and Transit Advisory Group. 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. The University will establish a University Transportation and Parking Task Force and Transit Advisory Group at any location which does not already have them.