

Proposed Active Transportation Fee Wording for Spring 2022 Vote:

Shall all Western Washington University students taking six or more credits on the Bellingham Campus be assessed an Active Transportation Fee (ATF) of \$30.00 per quarter with the following minimum conditions?

- The fee will fund:
 - A Whatcom Transportation Authority bus pass for every Active Transportation Fee-paying student. Bus passes for additional transit systems such as Skagit Transit may also be provided to increase access to and use of active transportation.
 - A late-night student transportation service for students that begins running when WTA service ends or before. At a minimum this would serve the general campus area.
 - Programming that supports and encourages students to not drive alone to Western. This can include transportation modes like transit, carpooling, car share, walking, and rolling (bicycles, skateboards, scooters, etc.).
 - Staff positions to coordinate and promote active transportation for programming and services for students. At the very least, staff will include an Active Transportation Coordinator, which is a student position, and a full-time staff member.
- If late night service is not offered during summer quarter, students taking summer quarter classes will be charged a reduced fee of \$24.50 reflecting the costs of a WTA bus pass program, staff, and ongoing programs.
- Fee increases will be limited to a maximum of 5% per year. Increases of more than 5% must be approved by the student body through a vote. The fee may only be increased by recommendation of the ATF committee after an assessment of predicted income and expenses determines that a fee increase is necessary for sustaining or improving service. The fee increase must also be approved by the Associated Students Executive Board.
- On the recommendation of the ATF Committee, fee decreases of any amount may be approved by the Associated Students Executive Board to reflect decreased program costs or due to University, State, or Federal requirements preventing or reducing transit or late-night transportation services.
- The fee will be implemented for a maximum 5-year term, beginning fall quarter 2022, and ending at the beginning of fall quarter 2027, and is subject to a student vote in spring 2027 for renewal.