

AS Transportation Advisory Committee

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Information for February 15, 2023, ATF Fee Increase Vote

Transportation Services proposes charging a \$3 fee per quarter to students taking less than 6 credits. Students in this group currently have access to the Starlight Shuttle and trip planning services at no cost.

Students in this group who wish to use the bus are currently eligible to opt-in manually to the Active Transportation fee at the cost of \$30 for students 19 and older and \$3 for students 18 and younger. Students 18 and younger have free access to all buses in Washington state. After opting in, it takes 1-3 days for the bus pass to become active on the student's Western card.

We propose that this \$3 fee would include a bus pass automatically in order to decrease the barriers to riding the bus and save staff time used to activate bus passes on students' Western cards who opt-in. The low fee is based on the premise that students taking less than 6 credits will use the bus less often than other students.

In Fall 2022, 39 students opted into the ATF. This quarter, 58 students have opted in. The vast majority of students at Western are full-time students and the number of students taking 1 to 5 credits is minimal.

By charging this small fee, we will be able to lower barriers to using the bus and better allocate staff time towards improving and expanding the services Transportation Services provides.