

STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM

Phase 1 Implementation Update



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Overview

- Phase 1 Expansion Parameters
- Key Program Changes
- Expansion Status and Current Participation
- Next Steps





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Program Goals

- Reduce transportation access barriers to and from schools
- Improve transportation options for Alameda County's middle and high school students
- Build support for transit in Alameda County
- Developed effective three-year pilot programs
- Created a framework for a countywide student transit pass program



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Student Transit Pass Program Background

- In December 2018, Commission approved a phased expansion over five years
- Key program changes between three year pilot and Phase 1
 - New application, protocols and processes, contracts and Youth Clipper card
 - Three year pilot
 - Year 1 (nine schools), Year 2 (15 schools) Year 3 (21 schools)
 - > Phase 1
 - Tripled the number of schools: 62 schools, 11 districts



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Approved Program Expansion Principles

- Maintain financial need as a key criteria for expansion
- Continue the program in all currently participating schools
- Focus on students at schools with transit service
- Perform district-based expansion
- Phase expansion over time





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Phase 1 Expansion Milestones

- December 2018
 - Commission approval for Student Transit Pass Program (STPP) continuation and expansion
- January through March 2019
 - > Initiated Phase 1 expansion based on STPP expansion principles
- April through June 2019
 - > Transit agency and school district meetings
 - > Contract development
 - > Finalized STPP processes and protocols
- June 2019 to present
 - Onboarded 62 schools
 - > Generated STPP Youth Clipper Cards





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Phase 1 Implementation

- New protocols and processes for Alameda CTC and Transit Agency Partners
- Identification and significant coordination with school site administrators
- Training and support at schools to orient staff on new protocols and processes



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Implementation Partnerships Alameda CTC & Consultant Staff School Districts Schools Schools

Program Implementation

- Transitioned to Youth Clipper Card
- New Student Transit Pass Program application
- Student Transit Pass Program Protocols
 - Verification of Date of Birth





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Student Transit Pass Program Youth Clipper Card Benefits

- > Unlimited AC Transit, Union City or LAVTA Wheels pass
- > 50 percent discount on BART
- > Good for five years (provided student meets program requirements)
- Students do not need to reapply for program as long as student is enrolled in a participating STPP school within the county











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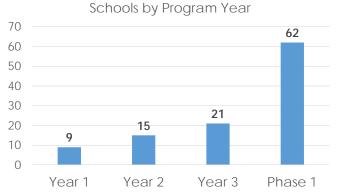
Phase 1 Schools: 62 Schools, 11 Districts

Planning Area	School District	Model	No. of Qualifying Schools	All vs. Subset	Eligible Students
North/ Central	Alameda Co. Office of Education	Free/Universal	5	All	204
North	Alameda USD	Means-based/Free	1	Subset	26
North	Emery USD	Free/Universal	2	All	743
North	Oakland USD	Free/Universal	15	Subset	7,537
Central	Hayward USD	Means-based/Free	9	All Non-charter	5,216
Central	San Leandro USD	Means-based/Free	4	All	2,978
South	Fremont USD	Means-based/Free	2	Subset	806
South	New Haven USD	Means-based/Free	5	All	3,379
South	Newark USD	Means-based/Free	4	All	1,435
East	Livermore USD	Free/Universal	9	All	8,026
East	Pleasanton USD	Means-based/Free	6	All	775
Grand Total	11 District		62		31,134

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Phase 1 Participation

- Expansion tripled the number of participating schools
- Expanded to 41 new schools and four new school districts
 - Total: 62 schools in 11 school districts
- 10,931 applications received





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Phase 1 Ongoing Monitoring Framework

- Continue to conduct evaluation of the program through the expansion period
- Utilize a more streamlined and focused set of board adopted evaluation criteria based on lessons learned in the pilot program



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Phase 1 Ongoing Monitoring Framework

	Evaluation Criteria	Purpose		Related STPP Goal
1	Participation Rate	To determine the level of uptake of the passes by students	•	Remove barriers Increase options
2	Pass Usage	To determine how often students use their passes	•	Increase options Build support for transit
3	Transit Ridership and Capacity	To determine the pass program impact on transit agency ridership and capacity	•	Build support for transit
4	Program Costs Including Administrative/ Overhead costs	To understand the overall cost-benefit ratio of the pass program and the efficiency of program administration	•	Implement Cost Effective Program



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Schedule - Upcoming Activities

- February 2020
 - > Commission Update
 - Final three year pilot evaluation report
 - Proposed 2020-2021 expansion plan
- February-June 2020
 - > Expansion development of 2020-2021 school year program
- August 2020
 - > Launch 2020-2021 program



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