



# Alameda County Student Transit Pass Program

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## PROGRAM NEED

The Student Transit Pass Pilot (STPP) Program expands transportation options and makes it easier for Alameda County's middle and high school students to travel to and from school and school-related programs, jobs and other activities. The initial three-year, \$15 million pilot program was identified in the voter-approved 2014 Transportation Expenditure Plan funded by Measure BB and designed to account for geographic differences within the County.

## THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM

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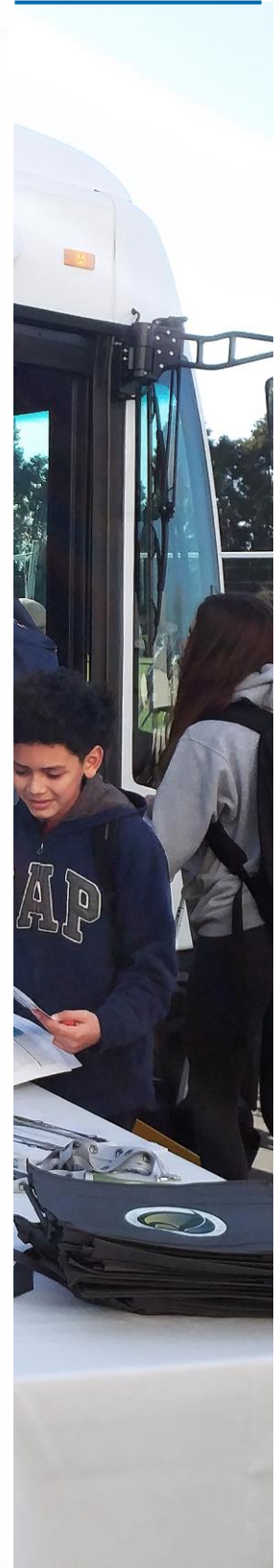
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**"... The program has helped my family save money."**

**"I was able to get a job, because I have a Clipper card ..."**

## 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
- Implement a cost-effective program



## ONGOING PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Phase 1 of the STPP was implemented in the summer of 2019 and tripled the number of schools from 21 schools in the last year of the pilot to 62 schools throughout the county.

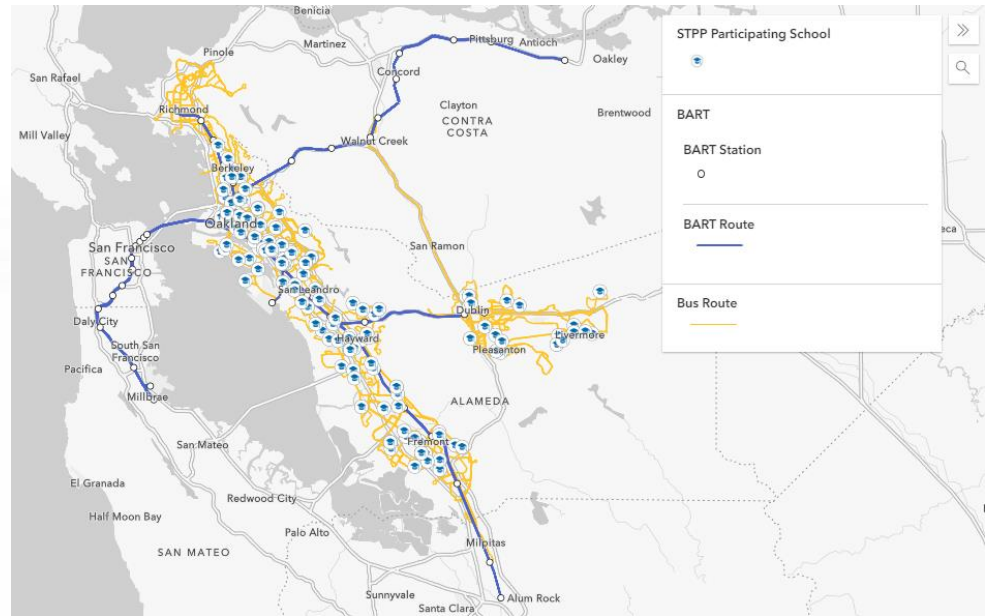


The 2022-2023 school year marked the fourth year of the ongoing program, and included an expansion to 131 schools in 15 districts across Alameda CTC.

The STPP provides free youth Clipper cards to eligible middle and high school students in Alameda County which can be used for unlimited free bus rides in their area (on AC Transit, Union City Transit or LAVTA Wheels), as well as a 50 percent discount on BART trips and youth discounts on other transit systems.

## PROGRAM EXPANSION NEXT STEPS

The STPP plans to incorporate all qualifying middle and high schools with transit service in Alameda County within the next five years . At the end of this phased expansion, approximately over 175 schools and 74,000 students will be eligible to access to the STPP.



### 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 services
- Perform district-based expansion
- Phase expansion over time

TRANSIT PARTNERS



“... I use UC Transit to get home and AC Transit to go to the mall.”  
“...It has given me a little more independence ...”