

Policies regarding long term bus passes

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The Question: Do you use any long-term bus passes? If so, are the passes quarterly, semi-annual, or annual passes? If you do, how does your program work? Please share policies (if you have them).

Lastly, if you have a long-term passes, please share a sample of what the pass looks like.

Ben Franklin Transit says... We have a 3 month Summer Youth pass at a very discounted price. We also have a college quarterly pass more for convenience then price discount. These passes look like the other passes only with different print and color.

Clallam Transit says... Yes, we offer two types of long-term passes. The first is for riders attending Peninsula College (they do not have to be full-time students) and the pass is good for one quarter. The pass has the name of the quarter on it and the dates of the quarter for which it is valid. This pass is only sold at the College and here at our administration building. The pass may be purchased in one zone or all zone flavors.

The second type of long-term pass is our summer youth pass. This pass is good for June, July, and August and also has the dates that it is valid printed on it. The pass is good for all zones, and also is honored by Jefferson and Grays Harbor Transits. To view passes [click here](#).

Columbia County Public Transportation says... We only have passes that are good for 10 rides. No long term passes.

Community Transit says... Community Transit uses a variety of long-term bus pass products. I'll briefly describe them below:

EdPass: The Edmonds Community College Transit Pass or "EdPass" is a sticker affixed to EdCC student ID cards granting students at the college an unlimited right-to-ride on Community Transit's local bus service. This is a quarterly pass with a different color sticker (with printed quarter designation "SPR 05" -Spring 2005) issued each academic quarter. Faculty and Staff are eligible to purchase either a quarterly or annual EdPass. Community Transit negotiates an annual contract with the College based on ridership survey results.

UPass: The University of Washington Transit Pass or "UPass" is a sticker affixed to University of Washington student ID cards granting students at the University an unlimited right-to-ride on all Community Transit's bus service. This is a quarterly pass with a sticker issued each academic quarter. Faculty and Staff are eligible to purchase either a quarterly or annual UPass. Community Transit negotiates an annual contract with the University based on ridership survey results. More info on UPass is available at <http://www.washington.edu/upass/index.php>

FlexPass: Community Transit participates in 17 different FlexPass contracts with King County employers. A FlexPass is issued by employers to employees and provides unlimited right-to-ride on participating transit agencies. The Community Transit logo appears on FlexPasses in which Community Transit participates. All FlexPasses are annual passes. Contract pricing is based on Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) survey results -typically administered once every two years.

PugetPass: Community Transit is a participant in the regional Puget Pass program. Customers may purchase a monthly or annual Puget Pass providing unlimited right-to-ride at the face value printed on the pass. Passes are priced at 36 trips/month with annual passes priced at 11 months. More info on Puget Pass is available at: www.pugetpass.org

CUBS says... [Click here](#) to see fare schedule.

Grant Transit says... We only sell monthly passes. The passes are different colors for each month and I am unaware of how the colors are chosen.

Grays Harbor Transit says... We do not offer anything longer than a monthly bus pass.

Island Transit says... We're Free.

Kitsap Transit says... We only have monthly passes.

Link Transit says... We've just got monthly passes.

Pierce Transit says... [Click here](#) to see fare structure and pass pictures.

Pullman Transit says... Yes, we have Monthly, Semi Annual, Annual, School year (for K-12 ages) and summer youth passes. For all of the passes except the annual passes we change the color each month, quarter, school year etc. [Click here](#) to see pictures of passes.

Skagit Transit says... Currently, the only long-term pass we have is our 30-day pass-good for 30 days from first use. [Click here](#) to see Skagit's Fare Policy as well as pictures of the four types of fare cards they have.

Spokane Transit says... The only long term pass we have is our Eagle Pass which is a pass program for Eastern Washington University. The University pays us a fixed cost based on their student/faculty population each quarter & we honor their EWU ID card as a bus pass. We will launch a similar program for our county employees in May.

Valley Transit says... We only have monthly bus passes that we sell for \$20.00 per month for our regular customers and \$10.00 per month for a special transportation needs pass. We do run a program called Job Access that allows persons with low-income to ride for free if it is a work related trip. That would be trips to work, seeking work, job training, or child care. This pass is valid for up to a year or when the grant program ends, which ever is shorter. The current grant period ends 6-30-2005. We do not know if it will receive continuing funding.

Other than these special Job Access passes we do not issue passes for longer than one month. Because we do not want to be pressured into selling discounted replacement passes. This use to be a real problem several years ago when we had annual student passes. Quite often a family



with four children replaced a lost pass three or four times during the first month of the school year, several years in a row. There was quite a black market for student passes and many were reported lost or stolen and then replaced for pennies on the dollar. When we had to raise fares after I-695, we eliminated long-term passes and quit replacing lost passes. We knew there would be too much pressure on our board to authorize the replacement of a \$200 pass that the student had purchased just a few weeks earlier. If we provided low cost replacements we would be inundated with fraudulent requests for replacement passes.

I would send you a copy of our pass, but I would not advise anyone to use this style. With the new technology scanner/printer combinations our high school kids are starting to produce some very good forgeries. We will be changing our pass style from paper to plastic or some other material that is harder to duplicate.

Whatcom Transit says... [Click here](#) to view policy.