



November 30, 2009

South Coast British Columbia Regional Transportation Commission  
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Dear Members of the Commission:

We, as representatives of the University of British Columbia's Alma Mater Society and the Simon Fraser Student Society, are writing to express our opposition to the proposed increase in fare for university students at UBC and SFU who hold a U-Pass.

Our U-Pass agreements with Translink and our respective universities are clear. Translink has agreed to provide all U-Pass holders unlimited travel on Translink-funded bus, Skytrain and SeaBus transportation services across the GVRD without any additional fares. As you are undoubtedly aware, student appreciation for the U-Pass program is incredibly high at both of our universities because of this universal acceptance of the semester pass.

Any "add fare" additional fare would violate the terms of our agreements with Translink and our respective universities. We are opposed to any such change to our agreements.

The council of the AMS, on November 18, opposed this additional fare, as did the Board of Directors of the SFSS on November 25."

Sincerely,

Blake Frederick  
President  
Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver

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President  
Simon Fraser Student Society