

Compulsory campus-based fees may be established, eliminated, or modified in an election in which a **two-thirds (66.6%) majority of a minimum voting pool of twenty percent (20%)** of the overall affected student body officially registered at the time of the election vote to approve or to modify the fee. The imposition of a compulsory fee is subject to concurrence of the Chancellor and approval of the UC Regents.

Abstentions will not count toward the establishment of minimum voting pool requirements. The establishment of the minimum voting pool will be determined on an individual basis for each measure on the ballot (i.e. the sum of "yes" and "no" votes on each individual measure must equal or exceed the minimum voting pool required).

MEASURE A

Student Transit Fee Increase

Shall the undergraduate and graduate students of the University of California, Santa Cruz agree to incrementally increase the current Student Transit Fee of \$177 per year by \$6.00 per year, each year, for the next three years beginning in Fall 2001 (a total increase of \$18.00 after three years)?

MEASURE A BALLOT STATEMENT

- Undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee increase totaling \$6 per year over three years beginning in fall 2001.
- The current Student Transit Fee is \$177 per year. If Measure A is approved, the Student Transit Fee will be \$183.00 for academic year 2001/02; \$189 for 2002/03; and \$195 for 2003/04. This is a total fee increase of \$18 beginning in 2003/04.
- This question was approved for placement on the ballot by resolution of the Student Union Assembly (SUA), and endorsement of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the Dean of Graduate Studies.
- If this increase is approved, the total Student Transit Fee would provide approximately \$2,260,050 in 01/02; \$2,438,100 in 02/03; and \$2,624,700 in 03/04

In the six years since the current Student Transit Fee was approved in Spring 1995, SCMTD student ridership has grown by more than 15%, while Campus Shuttle service hours have increased by more than 50%.

The proposed fee increase will fund a 20% increase in SCMTD ridership, acquisition of additional, larger Campus Transit vehicles to expand capacity of the Day and Night shuttle services, and construction of new or improved campus transit pullouts and shelters. Benefits resulting from these improvements include:

- Additional SCMTD service during peak commute times to reduce pass-bys;
- Operation of bi-directional SCMTD service on campus, thereby reducing travel time to destinations on the west side of campus and minimizing the stacking of SCMTD and Campus Shuttle buses;
- Later hours of service;
- Reduced travel time;
- More efficient and convenient Campus Shuttle routes and schedules.

PRO/CON Statements for Measure A

Pro:

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Vote Yes on Measure A to Expand Transit Service!!

For nearly thirty years, UCSC students have been advocates for transit services to the campus and throughout Santa Cruz County. Recently, UCSC secured a half-million dollar federal transportation grant to construct improvements supporting two-way Metro service through the campus by Fall 2001. With that project underway, UCSC and SCMTD are planning additional transit services to eliminate pass-bys, reduce travel times, and provide later service. Furthermore, by expanding two-way Metro

service on-campus, the campus Day and Night Shuttles can be reconfigured to provide more convenient and efficient services.

Without the funds Measure A provides, relief from pass-bys and overcrowded buses will be postponed indefinitely. Approval of Measure A will provide the funds necessary to pay for transit service expansion and increased student ridership.

Support Transit - the best transportation alternative available to every UCSC student - and Vote Yes on Measure A.

Con: None submitted.
