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Provincial U-Pass A Great Step Forward

VANCOUVER - The Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver (AMS), UBC's student society, is very pleased with the provincial government's announcement of a universal U-Pass for all Metro Vancouver students. The program will give all post-secondary students access to a \$30 per month transit pass, saving students more than \$400 each school year.

"This represents a great step forward in ensuring affordable, accessible and high-quality transit for students from all institutions," said AMS VP External, Jeremy McElroy, "but the AMS is concerned with the serious lack of consultation by both the Province and Translink with student societies and school administrations before this announcement."

The AMS hopes that Translink will engage with stakeholders on service, accessibility, and quality issues with the implementation of the new program.

AMS President, Bijan Ahmadian, said: "The AMS is excited to work further with the Ministry of Transportation, Translink, and other student societies to continue developing a strong culture of public transit amongst post-secondary students."

About the AMS (Student Society of UBC Vancouver)

The AMS represents more than 46,000 students at the University of British Columbia – Vancouver and was first to establish the U-Pass Program in Metro Vancouver in 2003.

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