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U-Pass BC Contract Negotiations Update to AMS Council
Overview & History of the Program

- Started in 2003 at UBC Vancouver and SFU.

- U-Pass BC program launched at 11 public post-secondary institutions in September 2011.

- Mandatory program relying on bulk purchase to afford relative low-cost.

- 96% of students who voted in 2013 AMS Referendum approved the current program cost.
Who is eligible?

- Full-time or Part-time students at UBC, and
- Be assessed AMS student fees, and

- Satisfy at least one:
  - Registered in a minimum of three physical credits
  - Paying at least $720 in tuition fees
Program Participation Conditions

- Only the student registered to the account can use the U-Pass BC

- You must carry valid student ID at all times

- U-Pass BC is valid for unlimited three zone travel on TransLink buses, SeaBus and SkyTrain (discount fares on WCE)

- Subject to the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Transit Tariff. Violation could lead to confiscation or legal prosecution.
The Compass Card

- Previous contract contained language surrounding the Compass distribution phases. (Will have to be removed this time around)

- Digital Fare Medium with built-in RFID chip.

- U-Pass BC is a virtual product loaded onto the card.

- Tap In/Out is essential to data analysis and future contract negotiations. (Identity & Privacy Protection maintained)
The Contract Negotiation Process

- Current contract expires in May 2016.
- Contract negotiations target price and other terms & conditions.
- Usually spans across a couple of months.
- Price has to be approved by referendum (fee directly collected from students).
To Date

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure received Treasury Board approval for additional two years.
- No price increase above inflationary costs of transit services.
- Allows time for designing what a sustainable U-Pass BC program will look like in the future.
- Extra time to examine properly collected data from the Compass Card.

2015/16 = $38/month

2016/17 = $39.50/month

2017/18 = $41/month

Contract will run from May 2016 to April 2018
Next Steps

- Referendum of the student membership needs to be called to approve the fee.

- Meetings with the U-Pass Advisory Committee (UAC) to have the final legal document ready.

- Final legal document will have to be signed after the previous two steps are completed.