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In Spring of 2018, Santiago Canyon College ASG followed Santa Ana College's action to address student transportation needs. Subsequently, a partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) was developed with the goal of providing all students with bus passes for each semester they are enrolled. The fee required for the pass was proposed as \$5 for full-time students and \$4.30 for part-time students.

As a student body initiative, ASG approached the proposal in two stages:

- 1) A survey was conducted during the ASG General election to gauge student interest regarding the Mandatory Transportation Fee. Survey results yielded 65.15% students voted in favor of the fee.
- 2) To ensure maximum input from students, the second stage was to allow all enrolled students to officially cast their vote in support of, or opposed to the fee. A ballot was drafted detailing the fee and its benefits and all students were given an opportunity to cast their vote. The results yielded 83.5% in favor of the proposal and 16.5% opposed.

RSCCD's goal is to ensure students are of paramount concern. Therefore, the Board of Trustees endorsed and approved the ASG's election result, and the new Mandatory Transportation Fee was adopted. After the adoption of the Transportation Fee, negotiations with OCTA began on behalf of our students. The contract was finalized and signed by the district in July 2018.

Beginning Fall 2018, students are charged the mandatory fee based upon their enrollment status, and gain access to bus passes to be used the entire school term (fall or spring) for any purpose, and on any bus route.

Per Ed. Code 76361, **there is no exception allowed for the District to provide exemptions to the fee.** All students are assessed this new fee regardless of whether or not they use the service. This includes students who commute from outside of OCTA's service area and online-only students.

Lastly, in the partnership agreement between OCTA and RSCCD it reads that 100% of the fee proceeds are remitted to OCTA. No dollars are kept for RSCCD usage or profit for administering this program for our students.

**ASG 2018/2019**

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