

United for UPASS



In our growing community we continue to face rising costs for housing forcing us to live further from work and lengthening our commutes. The University of Washington has thousands of employees that need to get to work each day and a Free UPASS can help relieve congestion on our roads and reduce the financial burden of commuting to work.

That's why we took action to call for UW to provide a free UPASS to UW staff across University of Washington. We were joined by community partners including Sierra Club, Transit Riders Union, Puget Sound SAGE, American Association of University Professors, Coalition of Immigrants Refugees & Communities of Color, U District Alliance for Equity and Livability, and a majority of State Legislators signed a letter supporting our proposal because large employers like the University have a responsibility to ensure we can get to work affordably and in a way that doesn't increase traffic congestion and pollution.

Our proposal ensures we all can get to work for free if public transportation is a viable option. Our proposal also ensures administration won't increase the cost of parking to further subsidize the UPASS. We also proposed to reduce costs for parking during evening and night shifts when our parking lots are generally empty.



"I commute from Renton every day. A free UPASS would be awesome. \$600 per year would allow me more flexibility so I can put my money where it's needed the most. A free UPASS would encourage more people to use public transportation and would benefit the environment and employees."
Roland Clark, Pharmacy Technician



Raising standards in our community

On-call employees at Harborview have a call parking pass so we can park safely and close to the hospital to get to emergent situations as soon as possible. Our counterparts in the University don't all have this standard and are forced to pay for parking or try to find free parking, which isn't always safe or close to where we need to be quickly. Free parking for all UW on-call staff makes sense for the university and provides safety for employees.



"I work in the OR and I get called back to work often for patient emergencies. My parking in call situations is free and in a safe location. Whether you work in a hospital or are a plumber on campus you need parking close so you can be there timely and it needs to be safe."
Nike Jawando-Williams, IONM, OR, SEIU Healthcare 1199NW Executive Board Member



We are bargaining with the state for the cost of our health insurance. We proposed to restore our healthcare split to 88%/12% pre-recession levels. We need to let the governor know we are united for more affordable health insurance. Email the governor right now but using this link!



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