

# Free Youth Transit Pass & SDOT

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# Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

## Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

# Agenda

- Free Youth Transit Pass overview
- Monorail and youth fares
- Impact on TAP funding





# Free Youth Transit Pass Overview



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# Background

- Move Ahead WA passed State legislature in 2022
- \$33.6M available for 2021-2023 biennium
  - ~\$11M going to King County Metro
- Zero-fare policy for youth 18 and younger implemented by October 1, 2022
- King County Metro leading regional efforts to implement
- SDOT no longer involved in subsidizing any youth fare

<b>Community Transit</b>	<b>Everett Transit - started July 1, 2022</b>
<b>King County Metro</b>	<b>King County Water Taxi</b>
<b>Kitsap Ferries</b>	<b>Kitsap Transit</b>
<b>Pierce Transit</b>	<b>Seattle Streetcar</b>
<b>Sound Transit</b>	<b>Washington State Ferries - starts Oct. 1, 2022</b>

# Implementation

- Youth 13-18 encouraged to have ORCA card or student ID when riding
- Keep current ORCA card!
- New cards distributed at schools or through Metro
- Register card on MyORCA.com
- SDOT continue to fund SPS coordinator through 12/2022

**Pick up your free ORCA card here**



Blue ORCA cards can be used **today**

Black ORCA cards can be used starting **9/01/22**

If you have a card from last year, **keep your card**



Register your **NEW** or **EXISTING** ORCA card on **MyORCA.com** before **6/30/23**!

**Lost your card?**  
Request a **NEW** card on MyORCA.com

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A photograph of a city street scene with a blue overlay. In the foreground, a man wearing a helmet and a face mask is riding a bicycle towards the left. Behind him, another person is riding a bicycle towards the right. Further back, a person is riding a yellow kick scooter. The street has white and yellow painted markings, including a large white arrow pointing right and a yellow line. In the background, there are cars, buildings, and trees.

# Monorail and Youth Fares



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# Monorail & Youth Fares



- Monorail not an eligible transit agency to receive WSDOT reimbursement
- Currently only transit in Seattle not participating in zero youth fares
- SDOT working with Seattle Center to determine solution
- Interim solution for Center School students

# Impact on TAP Funding



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# TAP Funding

- \$10M cap on TAP spending
- Previously allocated \$3M for SPS youth fares
- Working on proposal to reinvest funds in TAP portfolio
- Priorities will include opportunities related to SDOT's Transportation Equity Framework (TEF)
- Working on proposal – interested in initial feedback from TAB



# Current Reinvestment Ideas

1. Expanding existing fare subsidy programs for under-resourced groups
2. Conduct an evaluation relating to perceptions of safety when accessing transportation
3. Supporting community-driven projects that address safety and transportation access



# Questions?

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From the entire SDOT Team:  
**Thank you!**