



Referendum to Include the Bay Clipper Pass in the Student Transportation Fee
ASUSF Senate

Referendum
Resolution 26-27-XX

Whereas: a core Jesuit Value *People for others* - emphasizing the life of service and dismantling the “us vs. them” mentalities through equity between all, specifically in transportation resources in this context; and

Whereas: the University of San Francisco (USF) is in solidarity with students from all backgrounds: from low to high income, students with disabilities; and

Whereas: the University of San Francisco is ranked #1 in “On Campus Diversity Among National Universities”¹ with Students, Faculty, and Staff coming from 50 states and over 100 Countries; and

Whereas: USF currently ensures that each undergraduate student may “[make] the most out of studying in San Francisco with the USF Muni Class pass,” which is a semester-long pass allowing students to utilize all SFMTA buses and light rails by paying the transportation fee, which is a part of every undergraduate student’s tuition; and

Whereas: transitioning the transportation fee from \$155 per semester (\$310 per year) to an estimated \$360 a semester (\$720 per year), expanding our Muni Class Pass to the Bay Clipper Pass, with access to 24 Bay Area Transit Agencies, such as:

AC Transit

BART

Caltrain

City Coach

County Connection

Dumbarton Express

FAST

Golden Gate Ferry

SamTrans

San Francisco Bay Ferry

Santa Rosa CityBus

SMART

SolTrans

Sonoma County Transit

Tri Delta Transit

Union City Transit

¹ [Agents for Change: Stand For Diversity](#)



Golden Gate Transit

Marin Transit

Muni

Petaluma Transit

Vine

VTA

WestCAT

Wheels

San Francisco Bay Ferry

[Please refer to Figure 1]

Whereas: students who wish to remain in the city during summer breaks are left without a guaranteed transportation plan and left at an economic disadvantage; and

Whereas: exploring the City and the overall Bay Area is a core element of attending USF, with programs such as First Fridays hosted by the Intercultural Center, this Bay Clipper Pass would assist in allowing more students to travel with no additional cost; and

Whereas: off-Campus students have a greater economic disadvantage year-round, with an estimate of over 60% of students living on their own²; and

Whereas: as stated by Manuel Camacho, a current student, reflects on their experience with commute costs:

“The cost of living on campus was unaffordable to my family during my freshman year of college. The only way I was able to make an enrollment here at the University of San Francisco feasible was if I navigated commuting through BART and MUNI through the duration of my freshman year... My parents didn’t have the means to ensure my clipper was loaded with money at all times, so any and all transportation costs were almost entirely covered by me.

The round-trip cost of BART from San Leandro to Powell is \$11.90. This, paired with a potential round-trip MUNI expense of \$4.80, would make every school day I attended amount to \$16.70. This, across the 35 weeks of the academic year, can add up to upwards of nearly \$3,000 and can pose a great barrier for students who want to pursue an education at USF. I know classmates who came from Union City, Pleasanton, and Concord who paid vastly higher amounts than me as they were located further out geographically in the Bay Area, and they would cite their daily transportation cost as a barrier.

If USF continues to grow, their concerns with student retention, then it would be irresponsible not to assist their vulnerable commuter population as they make one of the largest efforts to pursue their education

² [University of San Francisco Student Life](#)



through hours and hours going across the bay or up the peninsula just to sit alongside us here at the University of San Francisco.”

- *Manuel Camacho, 2nd year, Former Commuter Student*

Whereas: the University of San Francisco is ranked top 3% in the Undergraduate Nursing category across the nation³; and Nursing students begin Clinical Practices in their second year at USF, with a practice placed at random every semester in Clinicals; and

Whereas: the geographic coverage of clinical sites span across the Bay Area and Northern California, including San Francisco, East Bay (Alameda, Contra Costa), Peninsula (San Mateo, Redwood City), Silicon Valley (Santa Clara, San Jose, Palo Alto), and Marin County⁴.
([University of San Francisco](#))

Clinical Practice Locations (Healthcare & Facility Sites):

- Benioff Children’s Hospital (San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- St. Mary’s Medical Center (San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Alameda Health System (Alameda) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Benioff Children’s Hospital – Walnut Creek (Walnut Creek) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Chaparral House (skilled nursing, likely Bay Area) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Children’s Healthcare Organization, Northern CA ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (Contra Costa County) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Chinese Hospital (San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Crestwood SF (mental health services, San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Eden Medical Center (San Leandro) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- El Camino Health (Mountain View / Los Gatos area) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Good Samaritan Hospital (San Jose / Silicon Valley) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Gordon Manor (assisted living, Redwood City) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Jewish Home (senior care, Northern California) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- John Muir Behavioral Health (Contra Costa) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- John Muir Medical Center – Concord & Walnut Creek ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Kentfield (Marin County critical care hospital) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Kentfield (San Francisco) — possibly another Kentfield site ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Kaiser Permanente Sites in Northern California:
 - Antioch

³ [USF Remains a Top University in Latest U.S. News Rankings](#)

⁴ [Clinical Practice: Explore Our Clinical Locations](#)



- Fremont
- Oakland
- Redwood City
- Richmond
- Santa Clara
- San Leandro
- San Francisco
- Vallejo/Vacaville
- Walnut Creek ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Laguna Honda (hospital, San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital (San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (Palo Alto) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Magnolia of Millbrae (senior care) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Mateo Lodge (rehabilitation, San Mateo County) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Mills Peninsula Hospital (Burlingame) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Palo Alto VA Medical Center (Palo Alto) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. (senior services, San Mateo County) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- San Jose Regional Medical Center (San Jose) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- San Mateo Medical Center (San Mateo) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- San Ramon Regional Medical Center (San Ramon) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center & Santa Clara Valley Medical Center – O'Connor (Santa Clara) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Saratoga Pediatric Sub-Acute Hospital (Saratoga) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Sequoia Hospital (Redwood City) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Seton Medical Center (Bay Area) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- San Francisco VA Medical Center (San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Sister of the Presentation (non-profit community organization) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- St. Anne's (senior care) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- St. Francis Memorial Hospital (San Francisco) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- St. Rose Hospital (Alameda County) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Stanford Health Care (including Stanford Children's Health) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Sutter Delta Medical Center (Antioch) ([University of San Francisco](#))
- Multiple Telecare Facilities (San Jose, San Leandro, Martinez) ([University of San Francisco](#))

Whereas: one of the reliable forms of transportation for USF undergraduate students is Muni and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), due to the limited amount of parking spots on the main



campus as well as the high financial cost of taking ride-sharing vehicles such as Uber, Lyft, and Waymo; and

Whereas: by providing all USF undergraduate students with a year-long Bay Clipper Pass, students who wish to stay in the city during breaks would have continued access to the transportation services provided by the Bay Clipper Pass; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate, representing all the undergraduate students of the University, that the following be enacted:

Resolved: the ASUSF Senate will propose this referendum to increase the cost of the Student Transportation Fee from \$155 to/or above \$360 per semester (\$310 to/or above \$720 per year) beginning the academic year of 2027-2028 if approved by the Board of Trustees; furthermore, be it

Resolved: this referendum proposed by the ASUSF Senate will be voted upon during Spring Dons Election in April of 2026, and, for this referendum to be valid, there must be a majority vote in approval of the increase; furthermore, be it

Resolved: each undergraduate student, upon passage of this referendum, may receive access to a Bay Clipper Pass at the beginning of each Fall and Spring semester and it shall be valid until the next following academic semester.

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