**Class Pass Renewal Referendum**

To allow students to take unlimited rides on AC Transit buses (including Transbay lines to San Francisco and the Peninsula) and Bear Transit campus shuttles (excluding the Richmond Field Station lines), **do you approve the continuation of a mandatory fee to support the Class Pass program?**

If approved, the fee will continue the current Class Pass program of unlimited rides all year long (including the summer) on:

- Any AC Transit bus
- Transbay service to San Francisco
- The connector from the Fremont BART Station to Stanford University
- Bear Transit campus shuttles (excluding the Richmond Field Station line)
- LBNL shuttle buses

Among the enhancements students will see during the term of the program are:

- Direct AC Transit service from San Francisco to downtown Berkeley between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- New AC Transit Rapid Bus service from downtown Oakland along Telegraph Avenue, terminating at the campus West Crescent on Oxford Street.
- UC funding to install technology at campus bus shelters to let riders know when the next bus will arrive (may also be available online and via cell phone).

This fee is subject to the following costs and conditions:

- Collection of the fee will begin in the Fall 2006 semester. It will be a $58.50 charge per semester and will replace the current Class Pass Fee of $37.20 per semester. The increase in the Class Pass Fee over this current amount pays for inflationary and other cost increases (including fuel costs), and reflects parity with the increased fares paid by regular patrons of AC Transit. The Class Pass Fee will remain in effect for seven (7) years, through Summer 2013, at the following rates:
    - **2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09** (Years 1-3): $58.50 per semester
    - **2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12** (Years 4-6): $69.50 per semester
    - **2012-13** (Year 7): $80.00 per semester
- Students not enrolled at U.C. Berkeley in the Spring semester during the period covered by the referendum, who attend the Summer Session and want a Class Pass, are required to pay a fee equal to 50% of the fee for the following fall semester.
- The Class Pass Program Advisory Committee, an independent committee consisting of representatives from both the undergraduate and graduate student bodies, the administration, and AC Transit, will periodically evaluate the program and ensure that fee monies are allocated appropriately.
- In accordance with campus policy, one-third of the Fee will be returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of this Fee for students who are eligible for financial aid.
- The Fee is nonrefundable due to contractual obligations with AC Transit, and applies to all registered graduate and undergraduate students.

**Do you approve this mandatory fee to continue the Class Pass program?**

**_____Yes**
**_____No**
**_____Abstain**

## About the Referendum

Beginning with the Fall Semester 1999, the Berkeley campus implemented a bus pass program for registered Berkeley students that allows them free use of the Alameda-Contra Costa County Transit District (AC Transit) system anywhere it provides service. The first referendum was approved by 89% of student voters. In November 2001, 88% of the UC Berkeley students who voted in the Class Pass referendum approved the continuation of the Class Pass for an additional period of four years. The free, unlimited ride program includes:

- Transbay service to San Francisco
- The connector from the Fremont BART Station to Stanford University
- Bear Transit campus shuttles (excluding Richmond Field Station line) all year
- Unlimited rides during the summer.

Each year, UC Berkeley students have taken over 3.5 million rides on AC Transit bus lines. As transportation costs continue to rise, this Fee will ensure that Berkeley students have access to affordable, reliable bus transit services for the next seven years.

If the Class Pass referendum is not approved, Bear Transit services will be severely reduced. Students will no longer have free, unlimited access to AC Transit services, and would instead be required to purchase single tickets or monthly rider passes. Single rides on AC Transit buses are currently $1.75, and a monthly pass is $70.00.