

The San Jose City College VTA Eco Pass Clipper Card is here!

Effective **Fall semester 2016**, a personalized VTA Eco Pass Clipper Card (Eco Pass) will be available to all registered San Jose City College students. This gives SJCC students the opportunity to utilize affordable public transportation on the VTA Bus and VTA Light Rail systems.

SJCC Student ID cards are separate from the Eco Pass. Both cards are available at the Welcome Center in the Student Center.

1. **Who is eligible for the Eco Pass?** Effective Fall semester 2016, the Eco Pass will be available to all SJCC students that have registered for classes for the current semester.
2. **Where can I use the Eco Pass?** The Eco Pass can only be used on the VTA Bus and VTA Light Rail systems within Santa Clara County.
 - a) The Eco Pass is NOT valid on ACE, Amtrak, BART, Caltrain, Highway 17 Express, Dumbarton Express, Monterey-Salinas Transit, and SamTrans.
3. **How long is the Eco Pass valid?** Students can receive the Eco Pass for each enrolled semester. If a student is enrolled for the Fall semester, the Eco Pass is valid for the Fall semester Intersession. Students enrolled in the Spring semester have Eco Pass use through the Spring semester and Summer session.
4. **What is the required fee for the Eco Pass?** The Eco Pass fee will be charged automatically upon student enrollment.
 - \$9.00 per semester for students enrolled half-time or more (6.0 units or more)
 - \$4.50 per semester for students enrolled less than half-time (less than 6.0 units).
 - Students who register for Summer and/or Intersession ONLY will NOT have the option to receive the Eco Pass and will not be charged this fee.
5. **Can I use the Eco Pass to travel to other destinations, or is it only to get to SJCC?** You can use the Eco Pass to travel anywhere that the VTA Bus and VTA Light Rail systems go. A list of common and popular destinations and the routes to get there are listed on VTA's web-site: <http://www.vta.org/getting-around/maps/popular-destinations>
6. **I receive the Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver and/or financial assistance provided by the State or Federal Government. Do I still need to pay the fee?** Yes, all registered students will be required to pay the transportation fee each semester. The BOG Fee Waiver does not cover this fee. Other financial aid funds may cover the fee, depending on how much and which types of aid you qualify for.
7. **I'm a non-California resident and/or International Student. Do I still have to pay the fee?** Yes, all registered students will be required to pay the transportation fee

each semester. In turn, all students who pay this fee will be eligible to receive an Eco Pass and use the services.

8. **Do I have the right to petition this fee?** Yes, students have the right to petition the fee before the semester census date to SJCC's Admissions & Records. The census date varies with each semester. Please check the SJCC website under Academic Calendar for census and other important dates.
9. **If my enrollment status changes from more than half-time to less than half-time, do I get a refund for the fee? (e.g. dropping classes)** Yes. However, enrollment status changes must be done before the semester census date. Accounts will be adjusted for the difference between the half-time or more and less than half-time fee. Please check the SJCC website under Academic Calendar for census and other important dates. Refunds for fees charged for the Eco Pass upon registration every semester will depend on the same refund schedule (per semester) as SJCC's refund policy.
10. **If my enrollment status changes from less than half-time to more than half-time, do I have to pay the difference of the fees? (e.g. adding classes)** Yes. However, enrollment status changes must be done before the semester census date. Accounts will be charged for the difference between the less than half-time and half-time or more fees. Please check the SJCC website under Academic Calendar for census and other important dates.
11. **What is the refund schedule if I'm only registered for a Late Start/Short-Term class?** For Short-Term classes that have less than 5 meetings, the last day to drop with a refund is the day before the first class meeting per semester.
12. **What is the process for obtaining my Eco Pass?** Please stay tuned for more information.

***Please note:** All fees and charges are subject to change without notice by action of the VTA Transportation Authority or the Board to Trustees of the San Jose Evergreen Community College District.