

2026-2027 SMARTPASS FARES



SmartPass Program

The SmartPass program is a calendar year pass available for Institutions within Santa Clara County to purchase for all eligible population group(s). The SmartPass grants access to unlimited trips on VTA-operated bus and light rail service, excluding VTA Express Bus Service. SmartPass users will receive a discount of \$2.50 on VTA Express Bus service (regular fare is \$5.00). Express Bus surcharge must be paid with E-Cash value loaded on the SmartPass Clipper card.

SmartPass Categories

Institutions qualify for the SmartPass program under one of the following pass categories:

1. Collegiate Pass

- **College & University Systems** – Colleges that belong to the Community College system, San Jose State University, Santa Clara University and Stanford University.

2. Corporate Pass

- **For-profit** – A business, school, residential housing, development or corporation organized for the purpose of earning profits and enhancing the financial position of the owners.

3. Not-For-Profit Pass

- **Nonprofit** – An organization granted nonprofit status under state and federal tax exemptions which may also include not-for profit schools.
- **Low-Income Housing** – Generally refers to properties required to provide units at below-market rents that are subsidized or discounted based on the tenant's income, unlike Market Rate Housing where rents are set by the landlord and based on how much the unit is worth on the market. Examples of low-income housing include Low-Income Housing, Subsidized Housing and Senior Housing.
- **Government Agency** – A local, state, or federal administrative unit of the United States government.

Annual SmartPass Rates

The per-person annual SmartPass rates shown below are based on an Institution's: (1) SmartPass category, (2) geographic proximity to VTA service areas, and (3) aggregate number of participants from eligible population group(s). Like most benefit programs, Institutions are required to provide 100% of their eligible participants regardless of whether participants use this benefit. A minimum annual charge of \$2,500 shall apply to all SmartPass contracts.

SmartPass Category	Proximity of each Facility to VTA Service Areas	Aggregate Participants	Annual Rate per Participant
Collegiate Pass	San Jose State University	n/a	\$40.00
	California Community Colleges	n/a	\$20.00
Not-For-Profit Pass	Downtown San Jose – Institutions located north of Highway 280, south of Julian Street, east of Highway 87, and west of 7 th Street.	1 - 2,999	\$165.50
		3,000+	\$82.75
	Area Served by Bus & LR – Institutions located within a ½ mile walking distance to a VTA light rail station.	1 - 2,999	\$124.25
		3,000+	\$41.50
	Areas Served by Bus Only – Institutions located greater a ½ mile walking distance to a VTA light rail station.	1 - 2,999	\$82.75
		3,000+	\$20.75
Corporate Pass	Downtown San Jose – Institutions located north of Highway 280, south of Julian Street, east of Highway 87, and west of 7 th Street.	1 - 2,999	\$180.00
		3,000+	\$90.00
	Area Served by Bus & LR – Institutions located within a ½ mile walking distance to a VTA light rail station.	1 - 2,999	\$135.00
		3,000+	\$45.00
	Areas Served by Bus Only – Institutions located greater a ½ mile walking distance to a VTA light rail station.	1 - 2,999	\$90.00
		3,000+	\$22.50

For more information, please refer to the *SmartPass Terms and Conditions* at <https://www.vta.org/go/fares/SmartPass> or contact our team at smartpass@arcadis.com.