



DATE: December 17, 2019

TO: Sacramento Service Alert Recipients

FROM: Keith Martin, Transit Manager

RE: \$35/Month Increase in Transit Commute Benefit for SEIU Represented State Employees

SEIU represented state employees are getting an early Christmas present this year in the form of a \$35 increase in the maximum monthly Mass Transit and Vanpool Commuter Program subsidy. As of November 1, 2019, covered state employees are eligible for a subsidy of up to \$100 per month toward the cost of a transit pass which is up from the previous \$65 maximum that remains in effect for all other state employees. This results in an additional annual savings of \$420 for covered SEIU members who purchase a Sacramento Commuter pass every month.

If you think that you are covered by the following excerpt from the notice that is now posted on the CalHR website at <https://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/Pages/hr-announcements.aspx>, call your benefits office immediately.

Mass Transit and Vanpool Commute Program – Increased Subsidies for SEIU Employees

December 10, 2019. Effective November 1, 2019, the following mass transit and vanpool subsidy increases apply to eligible employees, including employees headquartered out of state, in SEIU bargaining units 1, 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 17, 20, and 21:

- **Public transit passes**
 - **75% discount on public transit passes sold by state agencies, up to a maximum of \$100 per month. This is an increase of up to \$35 per month.**
 - **75% reimbursement on public transit passes purchased by state employees, up to a maximum of \$100 per month. This is an increase of up to \$35 per month.**

If you think that you may have overpaid for transit passes since the effective date of this change, you should also contact your benefits office for reimbursement as it is the responsibility of each state agency to ensure that subsidies are configured correctly in the Connect Card system. Neither Connect Card nor Yuba-Sutter Transit will be able to process refunds for this purpose.

Please call our administrative office at (530) 634-6880 or send a note to info@yubasuttertransit.com if you have any questions.