

Board Meeting  
May 31, 2012

RENEW CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY U-PASS CONTRACT, CHICAGO

**Action:** Approve Renewal of CTA U-Pass Contract

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois, and Chancellor of the Chicago campus recommends a proposal to renew the U-Pass Contract with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) beginning fall semester 2012. Participation in the U-Pass program requires the assessment of a transportation fee for all eligible students, which is utilized to contract with the CTA to provide an unlimited pass for each eligible student to ride CTA buses and elevated trains, plus cover campus administrative costs.

Students at the Chicago campus began participation in the U-Pass program beginning fall semester 2001 when the University entered into a four-year contract with the CTA that ended after summer semester 2005. The contract was renewed in 2005 for a five-year term beginning fall 2005 through summer 2010, and again in 2010 for another five-year term beginning fall 2010 through summer 2015.

The CTA requires participating schools to enter into a five-year contract with an option for the University to cancel without penalty within 45 calendar days prior to commencement of the semester when the program is to be terminated.

Payment to the CTA is calculated on a per student, per day basis. The payment rate for academic year 2012-2013 will remain the same as the current \$.81 per student, per day, thus the transportation fee will remain at \$109 for fall and spring and \$84 for summer. The U-Pass contract does not disclose the payment rate for the subsequent four years but requires the CTA to notify the University by March 1 of any rate increase for the following academic year beginning in the fall semester.

Eighty-six percent of students at Chicago indicated overwhelming support of the U-Pass program in a referendum held in April 2005, and over ninety percent of eligible students pick up their U-Pass.

The Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Comptroller concurs in this recommendation.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University recommends approval.