



Sent Via email

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Jenna Peace
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Dear Ms. Peace:

Re: Request for discounted post secondary student pass

Thank you for your July 31 letter. As you are likely aware the requests from Ontario Tech, Durham College and Trent University to pause the U-Pass agreement for the summer and fall 2020 semesters, were approved by the Transit Executive Committee (TEC) on July 8. It's unfortunate that the program has been impacted by the pandemic, but the U-Pass continues to be DRT's fare incentive for post secondary students. The highly reduced U-Pass fare is only possible because all students contribute to the program. Currently DRT is not considering a new fare incentive as a substitute for the U-Pass.

I'm pleased to hear that up to 40 per cent of Durham College students can take advantage of existing youth incentive programs. The adult pass (\$117 per month) also continues to provide a competitive travel option, at approximately \$2.90 or less per trip based on regular travel throughout the week. Further, DRT is investing in a new service plan to improve value for customers.

The new service plan is based on a three-phased approach to improve access and provide more frequent and reliable transit service to residents throughout the Region, regardless of where they live, work or go to school. Phase A of the plan will be implemented August 24 and specific details, including the new On Demand technology platform supporting low ridership areas of the Region, will be available on our web site (www.durhamregiontransit.com) starting August 17.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at your convenience.



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