



SMART ECO-PASS FACT SHEET

THE SMART ECO-PASS

Employers, colleges, and veterans' groups can purchase Eco-Passes directly from SMART for their employees or members. Eco-Passes are discounted up to 50%, based on the number of passes purchased. Passes can be purchased in four, six, or twelve-month increments and are loaded onto Clipper® cards. All Clipper® products, including the Eco-Pass, are eligible for transfer credits with other local bus operators.

DISCOUNTS FOR ECO-PASSES	
Number of Passes Purchased	Eco-Pass Price (per month)
Up to 50	\$213.00
51-250	\$193.00
251-500	\$174.00
Over 500	\$155.00
College Students & Veterans' Groups	\$138.00

It doesn't matter how far your commute is or how many times you ride the train, SMART's Eco-Pass offers one discounted flat rate.

COMMUTER TAX BENEFITS

The Federal Tax Code allows employees to use up to \$270 per month of pre-tax dollars to pay for transit costs through employer sponsored programs.

EMPLOYEE SAVINGS

Employees can save hundreds of dollars each year by setting aside pre-tax income to pay for transit expenses. For example, an employee who spends \$200 per month on transit will save \$60 per month, or \$720 per year, in taxes (at 30% tax rate).

EMPLOYER SAVINGS

Providing employees with pre-tax commuter tax benefits can save payroll taxes for employers. The value of the benefit paid to employees is considered a tax-free transportation fringe benefit and not wage or salary compensation, therefore, payroll taxes do not apply. Employers can save roughly 7.5% in payroll taxes (including FICA, SUI, SDI and city taxes) on the amount employees set aside.

COMMUTE COST SAVINGS

Taking the train can save commuters time and money. On average, most SMART Eco-Pass users would save close to \$12 each day in fuel and vehicle wear-and-tear costs.

For example, using the 2021 IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 56-cents per mile, a 70-mile round-trip commute costs \$39.20 per day. An Eco-Pass costs between \$6.90 and \$10.65 per day, depending on the number of passes purchased, saving commuters roughly \$30 per day, or \$600 per month, in fuel and vehicle wear-and-tear costs.

For more information on Eco-Passes visit www.SonomaMarinTrain.org, email info@SonomaMarinTrain.org or call (707) 794-3330.



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