

# School Bus Pass Program in Contra Costa County, CA

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# HISTORY

- **2001 -2002** Grassroots efforts begin – Working with Assemblymember Dion Aroner, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, and Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia, East Bay youth organized and talked about need for school bus pass program.
- **2002** – Coalition worked with Alameda and Contra Costa social service agencies to collect data and with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission staff to develop LifeLine Funding grant proposal and lobbied MTC Commissioners
- **2002 – 2003** MTC commits to funding a 2-year pilot program for free bus passes for all high school youth on free/reduced lunch in AC Transit service area. Only funded 1 year.
- **2004** Included \$14.5 million of funding for “Safe Transportation for Children: Low-Income Student Bus Pass Program” in West Contra Costa County as part of Contra Costa’s Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan (Measure J) Measure passed.
- **2006 – 2009** – MTC funds school bus passes for middle school students through LifeLine grants.
- **2009 – Present** – School bus pass program implemented in West Contra Costa Unified School District using Measure J funding.

# BUS PASS PROGRAM

- Worked with West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) and AC Transit to develop a bus pass program.
- \$450,000 for bus passes
- \$60,000 for Administration
- 2000 high school students on free/reduced lunch receive bus passes
- AC Transit Youth Bus Pass - \$20 for 31 days.
- WCCUSD – 50 schools; 5 cities; 30,000 total students; 8000 high school students

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