

### Proposed Durham Transit UPASS Fee Increase Presentation to Ontario Tech Ancillary Fee Committee

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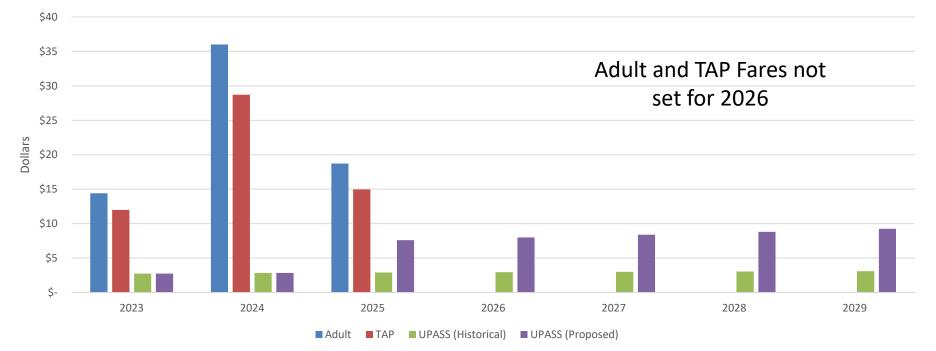
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# Proposed UPASS Fare Increase

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Year	2024 (current)	Sep 2025	Sep 2026	Sep 2027	Sep 2028	Sep 2029
UPASS	\$152.85	\$160.45	\$168.45	\$176.85	\$185.65	\$194.90
Increase	\$2.85	\$7.60	\$8.00	\$8.40	\$8.80	\$9.25

Per Semester Fare Increase





#### Durham Region Transit Transit Assistance Program (TAP)

- DRT's lowest fare product, apart from UPASS
- Eligible for customers receiving social assistance in Durham Region
- Chart is based on TAP fares remaining static at 2025 fare prices until 2029

Cost of UPASS compared to TAP Pass (per semester) \$240.00 \$220.00 \$200.00 \$180.00 ost of as \$160.00 N \$140.00 \$120.00 \$100.00 2019 2023 2024 2025 2029 2022 2026 2027 2028 AP (Projected Rate Change) — TAP (Historical) -Pass Fall Rate (Historical) — U-Pass Fall Rate (Proposed)





R/C Ratio: Total Operating Revenues divided by Total Direct Operating Expenses

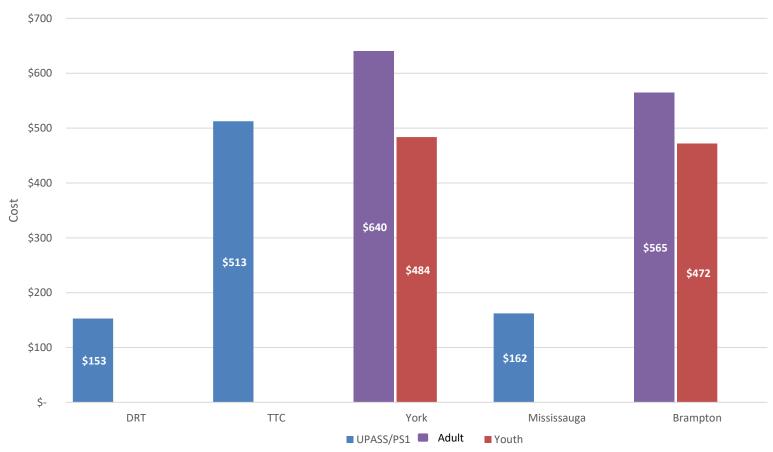
Transit Agency	2019	2023
Durham Transit	37%	33%
TTC	66%	47%
York	41%	36%
Mississauga	45%	45%
Brampton	50%	56%

A lower R/C Ratio can pose service delivery challenges. Operating expenses continue to increase, and revenue needs to keep pace, which is needed for network improvements. Underfunding places significant challenges on planned improvements in reliability, on-time performance and expected ridership.



## **UPASS/Student** Rates

Fall 2024 Per Semester Transit Fees



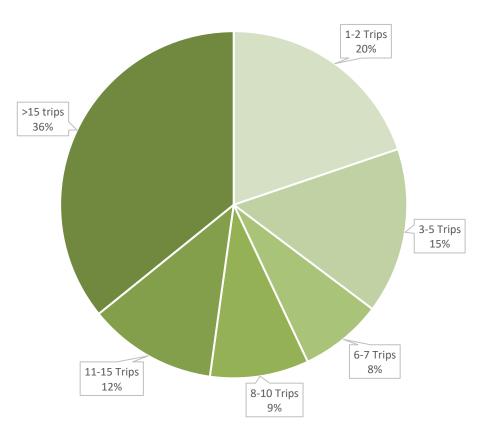
- TTC no UPASS. Discounted monthly pass for Post-Secondary students
- York/Brampton no UPASS. No discounted pass for Post-Secondary students
- Mississauga \$324.76 UPASS (8 months)



# **Ontario Tech UPASS Ridership Rates**

- For the 2023/2024 school year, approximately 62% of Ontario Tech students use their UPASS
- Ontario Tech Ridership for this time period was 576,635 trips

2023/2024 School Year E-Ticket Pass Use per Month





### **UPASS Benefits**



Unlimited travel on DRT for semester: to/from both campus locations, part-time jobs, social events/activities, etc.



Load pass once per semester



Reduced vehicular congestion on campus. Less need to support additional parking infrastructure, congestion management and other externalities



Fewer emissions if students commute to school by transit



Mobile Wallet (trial coming Jan 2025):

Tap on to buses like a PRESTO card (using compatible device) Ability to take advantage of Ontario's One Fare program Ability to take advantage of GO Transit's Co-Fare discount Access to PS1 concession on all participating transit agencies





## **Questions?**