



City Participation in RTD EcoPass Program

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Background

- The Regional Transportation District (RTD) EcoPass is an annual transit pass that allows unlimited rides on all local and regional buses and light rail service, including to and from the Denver airport
 - For the first time, Commerce City will be providing an EcoPass for each of the city's 1,100+ employees
 - This new benefit will save each city employee \$1,056 per year while costing the city only \$20 per year per employee
 - The total annual cost to the city is \$22,000 and the total cost savings for all employees is \$1,161,600
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Direct Benefits of EcoPass Program

Employer Benefits

- Reduce payroll taxes
- Recruitment and retention tool
- Enhance morale and productivity
- Flexible enrollment options: employer paid, employee paid, or shared cost

Employee Benefits

- Unlimited rides on buses and trains at any time
- Reduce commuting and parking costs
- Safe and reliable commuting options for work or leisure

Community Benefits of EcoPass Program



- Encourages 1,100 City employees to utilize public transit instead of single-occupancy vehicles
- Reduced air pollution
- Reduced traffic congestion
- Reduced parking demand
- Potential to increase ridership on RTD city routes. This may translate to more frequent service and/or increased routes provided by RTD

Commerce City N-Line Connectivity



FlexRide Options

- FlexRide provides extended bus service in specific Denver metro areas, delivering connections to other RTD Park-N-Rides and stations, medical centers, and business parks.



72nd Station FlexRide Connectivity

- FlexRide service could potentially provide direct connectivity from RTD 72nd Station to Commerce City facilities:
- Eagle Pointe Rec Center
- Civic Center
- MSC Building
- Bison Ridge Rec Center
- Buffalo Run Golf Course



Neighborhood EcoPass Options

- Neighborhood EcoPass is a pass program purchased by neighborhoods, apartment buildings, or HOAs that allow residents unlimited rides on RTD buses and trains.



Discussion

