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Please see email below from BCSGA President Ashley Harp to the student body regarding the new proposed student transportation fee. Wanted to make sure you all were aware of this exciting new opportunity.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

From: BCSGA President
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 11:38 AM
Cc: Nicky Damania <nicky.damania@bakersfieldcollege.edu>
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Hello Renegades!

With the [2019 Spring BCSGA Elections](#) coming up on Monday, April 8 through Thursday, April 11, we are writing to share with you some exciting details of a new proposed Student Transportation Fee. The proposed fee of \$18 for fall and spring and \$7 for summer, would grant enrolled Bakersfield College students unlimited access to public transportation services for both the GET Bus and Kern Transit in the semester they are a student.

Make sure to get out your vote during the 2019 Spring BCSGA Elections!

The GET Bus offers 16 different routes (<https://www.getbus.org/maps-and-timetables>) all throughout Bakersfield, so for example, a BC student can finish up a class, hop on the bus and go shopping at the Tejon Ranch Outlets.

Kern Transit reaches all across Kern county (<http://kerntransit.org/routes-and-schedules>). BC students can ride for free out to the Delano Campus, or head out to go fishing at Lake Isabella, or river rafting in Kernville. Head out to Mojave to see the Red Rock Canyon State Park or take a tour of Edwards Air Force Base! The possibilities are endless with the 16 different routes that they offer.

That's a total of 32 different routes that students will be able to take anytime, every day, for FREE! By utilizing these routes, you also won't have to hunt for parking on the Bakersfield College campuses. Read a book, listen to music or even visit with other riders as you head to classes.

[BCSGA will be hosting two town hall meetings to discuss the new mandatory student fee and we invite everyone to attend. We will discuss this new fee over free coffee and donuts.](#)

- [Tuesday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m. in Levinson Hall, room 40](#)
- [Monday, April 8, at 10 a.m. in Levinson Hall, room 40](#)

While new mandatory fee might seem like a lot, we feel that this fee would benefit all students not only on the Panorama campus, but also the Southwest and rural areas. Here are some reasons that we think this Transportation Services fee is awesome:

- It will help students who do not have modes of transportation or those whose vehicle is out of commission.
- Students will be able ride the bus seven (7) days a week.
- Bus routes will be available inner-city as well as in the rural Kern areas (McFarland, Delano, Arvin, Shafter, Lost Hills).
- The monthly pass for GET Bus costs \$42 (\$504 annually); this is a \$461 savings to the student who uses the GET Bus.
- Kern Transit's monthly pass is \$65 (\$780 annually); this is a \$737 savings per student annually.
- All services are ADA and bicycle accessible.
- Promotes alternative transportation, which can reduce carbon footprint
- Will allow you to get some extra study time instead of spending time driving

Don't forget to **Vote Yes** on the new Transportation Fee via your [insideBC](#) on Monday, April 8, 2019! It's a great move for the Renegades!

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