

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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My name is Carley Amigone, and I am a School Social Worker and a parent of twins. I am connecting today to advocate for our Tri-Valley families that are applying for a Wheels Bus Pass, and have to wait the processing time for the Wheels Bus Passes to arrive. It was incredibly helpful for the Wheels Busses to be free for students for the month of August. I have heard from several families that attendance has dropped, or students are arriving late to school since the students are now required to show bus passes. I am writing to advocate for this Board to help think of solutions for our families that are in the 2-3 week waiting time for the Wheels bus passes to arrive.

In San Francisco, the Muni system is free for students, without requiring them to show passes. The SFMTA expanded the Free Muni for Low- and Moderate-Income Youth to all youth 18 years and younger, regardless of household income level. No application or proof of payment/Clipper card is required to ride Muni vehicles, with the exception of Cable Cars. Students simply get on and ride. For Oakland, all OUSD middle and high school students at 18 school sites all get year round bus passes.

I am advocating today for our Wheels transportation system to think of a similar solution. AS a community in which many of our families are relying on the buses to get to and from school, I believe our students should be able to use the bus without penalty, and allow them to get to and from school. We have several families where the daily bus fee can create a financial impact that determines whether or not their children will attend school that day.

I'd be happy to connect and talk more about the impact of this on our students. Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns and think about solutions to support our TriValley families.

Carley Amigone
Pleasanton Resident