

## UPASS – Smart Card

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### Strategic Context

Beginning in 2006, the University's UPASS program will be required to implement new "smart card" technology for use with seven major Puget Sound transportation agencies: King County Metro, Community Transit, Pierce County Transit, Kitsap Transit, Everett Transit, Sound Transit, and the Washington State Ferries. This new transit medium will replace the UPASS sticker currently placed on the UW Identification Card. An initiative is currently underway to merge existing UW Identification Card functions with the new "smart card" requirement.

The UPASS program is a critical element of the transportation plan of the University of Washington and a component of the Campus Master Plan approved by the City of Seattle. The UPASS program serves over 33,000 students and 14,000 Faculty/Staff. **This project is considered mandatory if we are to continue to participate in the UPASS program.**

In order to utilize the "smart card" technology, existing databases for the UW Identification Card, the UPASS program will need to be modified. The ability to upload/download transit information will also be required.

No Central Funding is required. Funding will be provided by Transportation Services.

### Project Objectives

- Meet aggressive timeline required by the regional transit agencies.
- Modify existing databases to be able to coordinate issuance of Identification Cards with smart card serial numbers.
- Create a method in which to upload/download UPASS information to Regional Transit's Regional Fare Coordination System.

### Key Benefits

- Continue to participate in successful UPASS program by meeting regulatory requirements.

