



Unitrans Fact Sheet

History

Unitrans was formed by the Associated Students of UC Davis and began operation on February 28, 1968 with two RTL-type doubledecker buses that had been retired from service in London. It is one of the largest student-run transit systems in the world.

Opened to the general public as the transit service for the City of Davis in 1972.

Undergraduate students passed an initiative in 1990 to increase registration fees and provide unlimited access to Unitrans service. Subsequent increases in this fee were passed overwhelmingly in 1999 and 2007.

Statistics

Unitrans has 3.4 million annual boardings; 19,600 on a typical day with UCD in session. 91% are UCD undergrads, 5% are grad students/staff/faculty, and 4% are general public.

14 lines run in all-day service. The highest ridership is in the Anderson-North Sycamore and Cowell corridors, served by the J/G and W/M lines. Together these lines carry about half of all Unitrans riders.

During regular service, buses make about 600 trips per day, covering 4000 miles.

Buses

49 buses in Unitrans active fleet – 4 are vintage doubledeckers (with newer engines), 42 are full-size transit buses, and 3 are small shuttle buses.

The fleet features 40 CNG buses, including the only CNG vintage doubledecker bus in the world. 93% of the miles operated by Unitrans are provided by natural gas buses.

Staff

All 175 drivers are UCD students working part-time.

There are a total of 225 student employees, who work in all areas of the operation, maintenance, administration, and support functions, along with 15 career staff.

Funding

Annual operating budget of \$3.8 million. Approx \$2M from student fee, \$1.6M from City of Davis TDA and FTA funds, \$0.2M from fares.