

EMPLOYEE PASS PROGRAM - FINAL REPORT

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June 1, 2000 – December 30, 2005

Purpose

This report details how the Employee Pass Program for City, County, and University of Florida employees has performed since it began.

Overview

The Employee Pass Program was created to alleviate traffic and parking problems at the University of Florida and Downtown, and encourage employees to use transit as an alternative mode of transportation. The program has been in effect since January 24, 2000, with University of Florida employees being the first organization to initiate the pilot program. The City of Gainesville's participation began on April 3, 2000 and Alachua County on July 24, 2000.

Performance Analysis

Since University of Florida employees began using the Employee Pass Program there have been a total of 590,813 passengers. Since the program started in April 2000, a total of 83,726 passengers were City/County employees. There have been a total of 674,539 passengers participating in the Employee Pass Program from January 24, 2000 to November 30, 2005. Table 1 shows the monthly ridership figures. Ridership has increased since the beginning of the program in January 2000 from 2,151 to 9,699 (451%) for University passengers through November 2005. For City and County employees, ridership has increased from 854 to 2,558 (almost 300%) since July 24, 2000 when the County became part of the program.

Table 1. Passengers per Month

Month	University of Florida Passengers	City/County Passengers
January (24-31) 2000	2,151	N/A
February 2000	5,553	N/A
March 2000	6,123	N/A
April 2000	5,305	488
May 2000	5,060	432

<i>June 2000</i>	4,863	572
<i>July 2000</i>	4,954	712
<i>August 2000</i>	6,396	854
<i>September 2000</i>	6,999	800
<i>October 2000</i>	7,597	1,079
<i>November 2000</i>	7,229	1,077
<i>December 2000</i>	5,611	1,034
<i>Total 2000</i>	67,841	7,048
<i>January 2001</i>	7,258	1,158
<i>February 2001</i>	7,822	1,174
<i>March 2001</i>	7,939	1,361
<i>April 2001</i>	7,811	1,482
<i>May 2001</i>	6,339	1,440
<i>June 2001</i>	5,618	1,432
<i>July 2001</i>	6,122	1,570
<i>August 2001</i>	7,371	1,919
<i>September 2001</i>	7,616	1,582
<i>October 2001</i>	9,880	1,847
<i>November 2001</i>	8,641	2,318
<i>December 2001</i>	6,580	1,367

Total 2001	88,997	18,650
<i>January 2002</i>	7,514	1,268
<i>February 2002</i>	7,396	1,280
<i>March 2002</i>	8,361	1,460
<i>April 2002</i>	9,647	1,655
<i>May 2002</i>	6,918	1,288
<i>June 2002</i>	6,208	1,273
<i>July 2002</i>	7,398	1,108
<i>August 2002</i>	8,300	1,303
<i>September 2002</i>	8,557	1,076
<i>October 2002</i>	10,770	1,296
<i>November 2002</i>	8,588	992
<i>December 2002</i>	7,811	1,025
Total 2002	97,468	15,024

<i>January 2003</i>	8,526	1,056
<i>February 2003</i>	8,809	821
<i>March 2003</i>	8,852	893
<i>April 2003</i>	9,615	1,106
<i>May 2003</i>	7,955	969
<i>June 2003</i>	8,990	875
<i>July 2003</i>	10,145	1,094
<i>August 2003</i>	9,201	1,006
<i>September 2003</i>	12,233	1,230
<i>October 2003</i>	12,942	1,111
<i>November 2003</i>	8,984	973
<i>December 2003</i>	8,353	1,075
<i>Total 2003</i>	114,605	12,209
<i>January 2004</i>	8,864	935
<i>February 2004</i>	9,799	977
<i>March 2004</i>	10,910	1,125
<i>April 2004</i>	11,093	1,506
<i>May 2004</i>	7,902	828
<i>June 2004</i>	8,764	871
<i>July 2004</i>	8,547	921

<i>August 2004</i>	9,904	1,101
<i>September 2004</i>	11,455	1,128
<i>October 2004</i>	12,170	1,157
<i>November 2004</i>	10,927	1,118
<i>December 2004</i>	8,061	988
Total 2004	118,396	12,655
January-05	10,118	1,061
February-05	9,380	893
March-05	11,142	1,115
April-05	11,108	985
May-05	7,283	1,442
June-05	7,542	1,621
July-05	7,672	1,598
August-05	9,369	1,972
September-05	9,941	2,391
October-05	10,312	2,504
<i>November-05</i>	9,699	2,558
<i>December- 05</i> Estimated	7,283	1,098
Total 2005 YTD	110,849	19,238
Total	598,156	84,824

Cost Analysis

Table 2 shows the cost for the sixth year of the program (2005). The cost of this service is based on \$4.50 per employee for 14,900 employees totaling \$67,050 for year 2005.

Table 2. Total Cost – Sixth Year (2005)

Employee Group	Number of Employees	Cost/Employee	Total Cost
University of Florida	13,000	\$4.50	\$58,500
City of Gainesville	900	\$4.50	\$4,050
Alachua County	1,000	\$4.50	\$4,500
Total	14,900	\$4.50	\$67,050

The estimated cost per trip for all employees was \$0.51. For UF employees the cost per trip was \$0.52, and \$0.47 for City and County employees.

In summary, the goal of this program is to provide unlimited access to the transit system for UF, City and County Employees thereby diminishing the cost per trip compared to regular bus fare of \$1.00. This goal has continued to be met annually.