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To: Program Managers

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Since May 2020, Winnipeg Transit has offered a monthly transit fare option for low-income Winnipeg residents – WINNpass. Eligible Winnipeg residents can receive a monthly bus pass at a reduced rate of 50 per cent of the cost of an adult monthly pass.

Winnipeg residents between the ages of 18 and 64, may apply for a WINNpass if they meet one of the following criteria:

- They are receiving Employment Income Assistance (EIA) or Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities (MSPD).
- They are a new permanent resident or a refugee who has been in Canada for less than a year and have not yet filed a tax return.
- They are a part of a household with income less than Statistics Canada’s Low Income Cut Off.

Individuals are required to indicate if they are receiving EIA or MSPD benefits when submitting their WINNpass applications. **Previously, recipients of EIA or MSPD would have requested a budget letter to confirm their enrolment; this is no longer required.**

Under the current WINNpass eligibility criteria, Winnipeg Transit will not grant a WINNpass if EIA or MSPD is already providing the participant with monthly

transportation costs. Winnipeg Transit will continue to charge these income assistance participants the full, unsubsidized bus pass rate.

- Adult monthly bus pass rates can be confirmed at <https://winnipegtransit.com/en/fares/transit-fares/>.