

# *Las Positas College For Immediate Release*

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## **Las Positas College Renews its Partnership with Wheels to Offer Students Unbeatable Transportation Options and Savings**

(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College (LPC) has renewed its partnership with the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the popular Wheels bus system, to provide quick and easy access to the college. The partnership includes a free Easy Pass for students valid on all Wheels bus routes - including the new Rapid route serving the college every 15 minutes throughout the day and linking students to BART and ACE rail. The renewed contract, which started out as a trial project last year, will now run from August 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

"The partnership is a game changer for the college and our students," said LPC Interim President Roanna Bennie. "Nearly 9,000 students will have additional travel options and the college community will benefit from less traffic congestion and parking problems."

Once students are on board the Rapid, they simply show the bus operator their LPC student ID, which functions as the Easy Pass and they can enjoy direct and easy bus service to the college free of charge. Wheels has improved service to the college with a Rapid bus arriving every 15 minutes throughout the day and has extended their evening service to accommodate a variety of class schedules. Students using the Rapid will enjoy hybrid-electric buses with bike racks, upgraded seating, and near future Wi-Fi. The LPC bus stops will feature a modern, glass design with solar lighting and real-time next bus arrival notifications. Finally, Wheels will be introducing a convenient phone app early in the fall.

For more information on the partnership, including the Las Positas College Easy Pass visit [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com).

Other helpful links:  
[www.laspositascollege.edu](http://www.laspositascollege.edu)

### **About Las Positas College**

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.

Las Positas College is a learning-centered institution focused on excellence and student success. It is fully committed to supporting Tri-Valley residents in their quest for education and advancement. Las Positas College faculty and staff are distinguished by their energy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the students they serve and the future of the Tri-Valley region.

### **About the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority**

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is the provider of the Wheels fixed bus routes and paratransit service in the Tri-Valley area. Wheels was founded in 1985 by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton and Alameda County to serve the community's transit needs and interests. Wheels' mission is to provide equal access to a variety of safe, customer-oriented, reliable, and affordable public transportation choices, increasing the mobility and improving the quality of life of those who live, work in or visit the Tri-Valley.

Wheels supports environmental sustainability by eliminating thousands of car trips off local roads, easing traffic congestion and helping to keep the air clean in Tri-Valley. We are able to continually provide services through the support of federal, state and local funding, including Alameda County's Measures B and BB. Wheels serves nearly 2 million customers a year with our Wheels fixed bus routes and our paratransit services.

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