Transportation

5.7 Introduce discounted bus pass for youth (13 to 18 years old)

A resolution was passed on October 17, 2017 to review / propose this discounted pass. A business case exploring options was presented to City Council during budget deliberations on November 27, 2017. A budget public participation meeting was held on November 22, 2017.

In December 2017, as part of the annual budget update process, City Council approved a 22-month pilot that will provide youth ages 13-17 with a transit pass for $52 per month. This new program rolled out September 1, 2018.

2020 Update:
City of London Multi-Year Budget - Transit Subsidies Endorsed
Discounted bus passes and other public transit subsidies were unanimously endorsed by city politicians, including reduced-cost passes for teens, low-income Londoners and free rides for kids 12 and younger. Ridership for 2019 = 593,728 rides.

The London Transit Commission approved a fare increase, effective January 1, 2020, that impacted the Youth Transit Pass increasing the fee to $61 per month.

Some things to know about the new program:
- Youth Transit Passes can be purchased at one of eight City locations OR one of two LTC locations
- Youth Transit Passes can be purchased beginning August 15 for use as of September 1
- After the initial Youth Transit Pass purchase, future monthly passes can be purchased online through London Transit
- ID is not required at the time of purchase, however valid secondary school ID cards or government-issued photo ID may be required while boarding the bus
- Student tickets will still be available for purchase at LTC locations and existing LTC vendor locations