

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

October 13, 2023

Agenda Item 4a

Overview of Transit Fare Coordination/Integration Efforts

Subject:

Overview of the work transit operators and MTC have undertaken since 2021 to coordinate better and integrate transit fare policy in the Bay Area, including a discussion of the upcoming pilot initiatives.

Background:

The Fare Coordination/Integration Study and Business Case (FCIS), which began in the spring of 2020, was tasked with developing recommendations for how changes to fare policy may be an effective strategy to increase public transit ridership in the nine-county Bay Area. The FCIS was a collaboration between the Bay Area's transit agencies and MTC. Along with the launch of the FCIS in 2020, MTC and transit agencies also established a Fare Integration Task Force, consisting of the MTC Executive Director, the members of the Clipper Executive Board, and additional small operator and county transportation agency representatives. The Task Force has served as the oversight body for staff from MTC and BART, who have jointly managed the FCIS and subsequent fare policy initiatives over the last three years.

In November 2021 the Fare Integration Task Force adopted a Transit Fare Policy Vision Statement which set forth a vision for how to make transit fares easier for users to understand and navigate the Bay Area on transit. Since the adoption of the Policy Vision Statement, staff from MTC, BART, and all transit operators have been focused on delivering on the actions. These include the launch of the Clipper BayPass Pilot in 2022 at educational institutions and affordable housing communities, the forthcoming launch of Clipper BayPass later in 2023 at private employers, and the 2024 launch of a No-Cost & Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Policy Pilot.

At the Committee meeting, staff from MTC and BART will provide an overview of and seek input on the transit fare policy work, which forms a key component of the Transit Transformation Action Plan.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: PowerPoint



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