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Good day, Howard,

Please view the responses below in **red**.

Be kind to yourself and others.
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Hello Martha and Ky-Nam: A few questions for August 26 Agenda.

**Agenda Item 3: AGENDA:** Item 3: Correction---Approval of July 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes (not June 23).

**Will be addressed during the meeting.**

**Agenda Item 5: College Interns/ Mineta Summer Academy:** Would be helpful to compare ethnic responses/ applicants with respective demographic percentages of population. Reasons for low applicants from Black/ African American population?

**In this case, we don't always know the ethnicity of all applicants because applicants**

aren't mandated to indicate their ethnicity. We would have had two African American mentees and two Asian American mentees this summer but one student declined our offer and one left after the first week due to unanticipated circumstances.

**Agenda Item 6: Regional Connections/ Clipper card:** The recent test program (free regional transit) for college students did not include Caltrain---because their system requires names of person on board etc. Ultimately, can a Regional Clipper Card include Caltrain and ALL transit modes? Why would be missing and reasons?

**Regional Connections/ Clipper card:** The recent test program (free regional transit) for college students did not include Caltrain---because their system requires names of person on board etc. Ultimately, can a Regional Clipper Card include Caltrain and ALL transit modes? Why would be missing and reasons?

- The Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Clipper access card is a discount program for people with qualifying disabilities. It has existed since the 1990s and now is formally one of Clipper's discount programs. The RTC Clipper Access card provides an easy way to pay for fares and access the discount across all the Clipper agencies.
- The Clipper® BayPass is a two-year pilot that provides fare-free travel on all Clipper agencies, including Caltrain. The pilot program leverages the Clipper fare payment system to provide access to fare-free transit well as collect data about travel. This pilot is an opportunity to learn more about how pilot participants use transit across all agencies in the region when part of a fare-free program. The pilot will collect both quantitative and qualitative data about participants' travel. Based on pilot findings, there may be recommendations to revise the program to include other transit agencies.

Thanks, Howard Wong, AIA