

Clipper® Executive Board

February 23, 2026

Agenda Item 3b

Clipper Funding Agreement Supplement: Clipper Paratransit Integration – Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) (\$900,000)

Subject:

Request for approval of a Master Funding Agreement Supplement between MTC and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) on behalf of East Bay Paratransit to customize software and implement integration using application programming interfaces (APIs) to allow fare payment with Clipper in the amount of \$900,000.

Background:

The Clipper program has made efforts to integrate paratransit fare payment across the Bay Area region, consistent with the Transit Transformation Action Plan set forth by the Blue-Ribbon Task Force to provide Clipper as a payment option for paratransit riders. These actions to expand access to Clipper-based fare payment are aimed at improving customer experience for paratransit riders by providing an additional payment method as well as a unified payment option across the region. MTC entered a contract in November 2023 with Trapeze, another paratransit software vendor for 13 transit agencies, to support Clipper integration with paratransit on behalf of these agencies.

East Bay Paratransit is provided by AC Transit and BART and offers riders one of the largest paratransit services in the region. Currently these paratransit riders can either pre-pay or pay upon boarding a vehicle for trips through the following methods: exact cash, paper tickets or credit/debit card via BART's Mobility-as-a-Service platform available through the East Bay Paratransit Contactless Payment app.

The purpose of this project is to design, develop, test and deploy an integrated software solution that enables BART's platform to interface with the Next Generation Clipper System via APIs. The integration will allow East Bay Paratransit riders to use Clipper as a payment method. Fare payment transactions will continue to be processed by Clipper. BART's platform vendor will be responsible for designing, developing, testing and deploying the software changes necessary to

integrate Clipper as a payment option within BART's platform. There will be close coordination with MTC and the Clipper system integrator, Cubic during the project.

The proposed BART platform integration with Clipper will be implemented through a Supplement to the existing Master Funding Agreement between MTC and BART. Under the Master Funding Agreement Supplement, MTC will authorize funding not-to-exceed \$900,000 to BART to support Clipper integration for East Bay Paratransit. Funding for this project will be provided through State Transit Assistance funds that have been budgeted and approved for Clipper paratransit integration as part of the Clipper FY25-26 capital budget.

Issues:

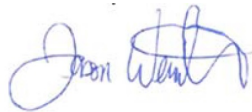
None identified.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Clipper Executive Board approve a Master Funding Agreement Supplement for BART in an amount not to exceed \$900,000, to provide software customization and integration on behalf of East Bay Paratransit, as described above.

Attachments:

None.



Jason Weinstein

Request for Board Approval

Summary of Proposed Master Funding Agreement Supplement

Contractor (or “Consultant”): Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: East Bay Paratransit Clipper Integration

Purpose of Project: To customize software and implement integration with BART’s platform and the Next Generation Clipper fare payment system to allow East Bay Paratransit riders to pay using Clipper.

Brief Scope of Work: To design, develop, test and deploy an integrated software solution including API testing, between BART’s platform and the Next Generation Clipper system.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$900,000

Funding Source: State Transit Assistance (STA)

Fiscal Impact: Funds approved as part of the MTC Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget.

Motion by Board: That a Master Funding Agreement Supplement with Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) for the purposes described above and in the Clipper Executive Director’s summary sheet dated February 23, 2026, is hereby approved by the Clipper Executive Board.

Clipper Executive Board:

Robert Powers, Chair

Approved: February 23, 2026