

From: [Kristina Pappas](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Subject: Please support integrated fares in Plan Bay Area 2050
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 4:32:12 PM

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Attn:
James P. Spering, MTC Chair
David Rabbitt, ABAG Chair
Committee members

Please support integrated fares in Plan Bay Area 2050! We want simple, fair, and affordable transit across the 27 different transit agencies in the Bay Area.

MTC expects that Integrated Transit Fares would cost-effective, bringing \$5 to \$10 of public benefits for every dollar of costs. MTC also expects that regionally integrated fares would be revenue neutral in the long term, due to the potential to attract hundreds of thousands of new daily transit rider.

Thanks for your consideration.
Kristina

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Kristina Pappas


December 12, 2020

James P. Spering, MTC Chair
David Rabbitt, ABAG Chair
Members of the Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG
Administrative Committee

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

ATTN: Martha Silverman and Fred Castro

Subject: Please support simplification and streamlining of fares across 27 transit agencies that operate in the Bay Area

Dear MTC and ABAG colleagues:

ARC Alternative and Renewable Construction LLC (ARC) salutes MTC's support of the integrated transit fare proposal recently submitted by Seamless Bay Area, SPUR, Lee and Ionsescu that outlines a comprehensive plan to simplify and streamline fares across the 27 transit agencies that operate in the Bay Area.

We salute MTC's forecast and findings that a system of regionally integrated fares would be revenue neutral over the long term and potentially attract hundreds of thousands of new daily transit riders.

We encourage MTC's adoption of the staff are recommendation to include integrated fares in Plan Bay Area 2050. We believe that this will be the first of many steps to follow that will yield smarter, better, faster, more affordable and environmentally responsible public transportation solutions for MORE California residents.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the traveling public.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Coplen

Lonnie Coplen
ARC Alternative and Renewable Construction LLC



From: [Mark Bauhaus - Voter and Patriot](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Subject: Jt MTC/ABAG Planning Comm - Integrated fares / Plan Bay Area 2050
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:05:28 PM

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To: James P. Spering, MTC Chair and David Rabbitt, ABAG Chair - and committee members

Please accelerate your plans for an integrated transit plan, revenue model, and coordination across the San Francisco Bay Area. Yes we want integrated fares (by 2022 not 2050!) but also urgent refactoring of our Bay Area transit assets from buses, trains, metro, trams, and shared vehicles into an integrated regional system. This is no pipe dream; its a necessity.

With substantial climate change at our doorsteps, we need you to more urgently act to make ridership easy, coordinated, and affordable for all Bay Area residents in a single regional system. I understand there are so many obstacles of too many agencies, conflicting priorities, and turf battles. Too bad for us; but its unacceptable to wait any longer to get to integrated fares and then the wider total regional transit system plan THIS DECADE.

I write as a 58 year Bay Area resident totally committed to doing what it takes to get to zero carbon emissions and an inclusive Bay Area transportation environment for all. We can do it... way before 2050!!!

Many thanks,
Mark Bauhaus
Patriot, business executive, lifelong Bay Area resident

From: [Brian Bills](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Subject: Letter for MTC / ABAG - in support of integrated fares
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 8:19:10 PM

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Dear James P. Spering, MTC Chair and David Rabbitt, ABAG Chair, and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of fare integration being included in Plan Bay Area 2050. Fare integration is a critical piece of making the 100+ cities in the Bay Area work together effectively. As someone who commutes between home in San Francisco, work in Oakland, and a fiancée at Stanford, having integrated fares (and schedules!) is critical to my ability to use the Bay Area's transit systems. The high cost of transferring from BART to Muni or AC Transit is a huge factor for me. The incredible expense of a round trip combo BART / Caltrain ticket is much higher than the toll for crossing the Bay Bridge and gas together.

I ask that you work to integrate fares (and schedules) across all 27 Bay Area transit providers. If this is not the role of ABAG and the MTC, I'm truly not sure what your role is, and perhaps you should all go home.

Sincerely,
Brian Bills

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Brian Bills



From: diane@dianesdreamdestinations.biz
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Subject: Integrated fares --- Seamless Transit system
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 1:32:35 AM

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Dear Mr. Spering & Mr. Rabbitt,

Please support integrated fares in Plan Bay Area 2050. My husband and I are transit users, mostly BART & VTA.

Sincerely,

Diane Harrison



diane@dianesdreamdestinations.biz

From: [Simon Tan](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Subject: Integrated fare system proposal in Plan Bay Area 2050
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 3:05:18 AM

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To:
James P. Spering, MTC Chair
David Rabbitt, ABAG Chair
Committee members

As a resident of the Bay Area for over 20 years, I could hardly contain my excitement to hear that a proposal for a [regional integrated fare system](#) was poised to become part of Plan Bay Area 2050.

For those who are familiar with the well-integrated transit systems of other metropolitan regions, this idea is a no-brainer - but I can understand the initial concerns about potential loss of autonomy and revenue for operators. Fortunately, it seems the [Project Performance Assessment](#) has found the *overall* benefit-cost ratio satisfactory and notes that this project makes progress towards our region's *collective* goals of increasing transit ridership and advancing equity. Please use these results and MTC's considerable leverage to make integrated fares a reality as soon as possible!

I personally travel between San Francisco and Milpitas regularly and sorely regret having to pay three different operators with three different pay structures - and spending up to three hours on the trip because of poorly-timed transfers. As our region grows and people continue to live and commute further distances, this pain will only get worse without an integrated fare structure and ultimately integrated timetables. Alternatively, most people would just not put up with the hassle and switch to driving instead - an unsustainable outcome for our region.

Thank you for your due diligence in evaluating the integrated fare system proposal, and I hope to see it in Plan Bay Area 2050 - but ideally implemented far before then!

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Simon Tan
Bay Area citizen since 1997



From: [Rory Cox](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Subject: I support integrated fares
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 9:27:48 AM

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Dear. Ms. Silver and Mr. Castro,

I understand you are considering a system of integrated fares for the Plan 2050. I am writing to let you know that I am a regular user of multiple forms of public transportation, and I support your doing this. It's a small, first step you can take towards fixing a severely broken and wasteful public transit system in the Bay Area. Once you tackle this, I also hope you begin to look at consolidation of the Bay Area's 27 different transit agencies. These agencies may work for the bureaucrats running them, but they're not working for people who choose not to drive on our clogged freeways, or who don't even have that option.

Thank you,

Rory Cox
Oakland, CA

From: [Edgar Flores](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Subject: Plan Bay Area 2050 - Intergrated Fares
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 10:47:03 AM

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David Rabbitt, James P. Spering and committee members,

I write to you to show my support for including integrated fares in Plan Bay Area 2050. It would bring us closer having a unified public transit system where we can seamlessly use all the transit options available to us without having to deal with so many different payment options. I truly believe that public transit is one of the best ways to connect and improve a metropolitan area. If we integrate fares, it'll be a positive step in the right direction!

Sincerely,
Edgar Flores

From: [Lisa Roth](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Cc: [Veronica Vargas](#); [Veronica Vargas](#)
Subject: Support Adding Integrated Fares in Plan Bay Area 2050
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 12:22:42 PM

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To: James P. Spring, MTC Chair and David Rabbitt, ABAG Chair, & Committee Members:

As you meet on Friday you can vote to add an integrated fare system for Bay Area transit riders. This is both a straightforward and wise decision due to the fact the **Seamless Bay Area's integrated transit fare proposal has jointly won the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's first-ever Transformative Transportation Projects competition!**

This [Integrated Transit Fare System proposal](#) outlines a comprehensive plan to **simplify and streamline fares across the 27 transit agencies that operate in the Bay Area.**

MTC forecasts that Integrated Transit Fares would be:

- very cost-effective, bringing \$5 to \$10 of public benefits for every dollar of costs
- a system of regionally integrated fares that become **revenue neutral over the long term**, due to attracting hundreds of thousands of new daily transit riders
- **MTC staff recommend that integrated fares be included in Plan Bay Area 2050**

As a "super commuter" from Tracy CA, I strongly encourage The Joint MTC Planning Committee/ABAG Administrative Committee to support integrated fares in Plan Bay Area 2050. I also hope to see the new ValleyLink* incorporated into this system as soon as it is in service.

*Links to ValleyLink project:

<https://www.valleylinkrail.com/valleylink-project>

<https://dublin.ca.gov/2107/Valley-Link-Rail-Project>

[Valley Link Vignettes: Maral Behnam-Garcia \(4K, V2, 5.9.19\)](#)

I and literally tens of thousands of Central Valley super commuters support integrated, equitable transit fares, to add both quality and quantity of life back to our communities. Let's keep this momentum going!

Sincerely,

Lisa Roth



"To embark on the journey towards your goals and dreams requires bravery."

*To remain on that path requires courage.
The bridge that merges the two is commitment.”*

From: [Tamas Nagy](#)
To: [Martha Silver](#); [Fred Castro](#)
Cc: info@seamlessbayarea.org
Subject: Support integrated fares in Plan Bay Area 2050
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 1:24:49 PM

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Hi James Spering and David Rabbitt

Everytime I take Muni and don't get a discount on Caltrain (but do in the opposite direction?), I'm reminded how constant small failures lead to the feeling of jankiness when taking transit in the Bay Area. **People have to deal with too many things to remember how each of the several dozen transit agencies price their services.** Public transit needs simple, integrated fares to be world-class and to feel as polished as commercial transportation services. **Users should not need to know which exact agency is running a given service, they should be able to tap their Clipper cards or phones and get charged a consistent price.** I implore you to support this reality by focusing on integrating fares in the Bay Area master plan.

Best,
~Tamas

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University of California, San Francisco
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