

Clipper® Executive Board Fare Integration Task Force

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Agenda Item 4a

No-Cost & Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Policy Pilot

Subject:

The project management team will present for Task Force endorsement the proposed No-Cost & Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Policy Pilot.

Background:

At the January 2023 Task Force meeting the project management team presented an updated “no-cost/reduced cost” interagency transfer policy for review and feedback by the Task Force. This policy is proposed to be launched concurrently with the Next Generation Clipper® system in 2024 as an 18-24 month pilot program across all transit operators that accept the Clipper® Card. Details of the proposed No-Cost & Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Policy Pilot (Free Transfer Pilot) are included in Attachment A.

The Free Transfer Pilot proposal has been informed by extensive discussion and feedback with transit agency staff, leadership, and stakeholders. Since the last Task Force meeting the project management team has presented details on the proposal to the Fare Coordination/Integration Staff Working Group as well as the MTC Policy Advisory Council Transit Transformation Action Plan Subcommittee, the stakeholder advisory body for regional fare coordination topics.

The Free Transfer Pilot, as proposed, will mitigate/eliminate any financial impact on transit operators during the 18-24 month pilot period through the allocation by MTC of \$22.5 million that has been identified through the Transit Transformation Action Plan funding program. Details of the proposed reimbursement approach are included in Attachment A.

If the Task Force chooses to endorse the Free Transfer Pilot as proposed, the project management team will begin development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and return to the Task Force later this spring to share a draft for Task Force review. Transit operator

staff would then be asked to seek approval for their agency's participation in the Free Transfer Pilot later this year after appropriate Title VI analyses have been conducted.

Recommendations:

Task Force action to endorse the Free Transfer Pilot proposal and direct the project management team to develop a MOU to allow formal implementation of the Free Transfer Pilot, subject to approval of the MOU by MTC and each transit operator.

Attachments:

- Presentation slides
- Attachment A



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