

Clipper® Next-Generation Program Transition Readiness Update

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Overview

Start of Customer Transition: 12/10/2025

- Credit/debit cards accepted on all Clipper operators
- Migration of Clipper cards and customer accounts begins

Focus of remaining weeks:

- Confirming full operation of all installed/delivered equipment (customer service terminals, fare inspection devices)
- Ticket vending machine readiness (BART, Caltrain, GG, Muni, SMART, VTA)
- Fixes/configuration changes/workarounds for remaining issues
- Preparing operators, institutional/transit benefits partners, and customers



Ongoing Workstreams

- Field verification testing
 (testing of C2 system components and software)
- Customer Service Terminals
 (installations at in-person customer service centers and other operator locations)
- Fare Inspection devices
 (delivery of handhelds for fare inspectors and other field staff)
- Muni ticket vending machines
 (software updates for account-based functionality)
- VenTek ticket vending machines
 (software updates for account-based functionality)
- BART vending machines
 (reader upgrades and software updates for account-based functionality)
- Apple mobile integration
 (account-based Clipper cards in Apple Wallet)
- Google mobile integration

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- Fare card fulfillment (verification and processing of orders of new Clipper cards)
- Institutional/Transit Benefit Portal
 (website for institutions and transit benefit providers to manage Clipper orders)
- Customer notifications
 (email/text alerts for account activity for registered Clipper customers)
- Account migration
 (upgrading Clipper cards and customer accounts to C2)
- Financial reporting/settlement
 (settlement of Clipper revenue and associated reconciliation reports)
- Customer education
 (marketing and communications for Next-Generation Clipper launch)



Critical Remaining Work/Open Issues (as of 11/12/2025)

BART vending machines

- Address upgraded Clipper reader stability
- Resolve Add-Fare Machine transaction issues
- Mitigate slow Clipper card read times

Muni ticket vending machines

- Resolve issues with ticket sales, accountbased transactions, and mobile Clipper cards
- Deploy/install at all stations

VenTek ticket vending machines

- Resolve issue blocking GGF Youth/Senior ticket sales
- Deploy at all Caltrain and VTA stations

Customer Service Terminals

- Enable Youth card issuance for eligible ages
- Resolve issue blocking card replacements

Field verification testing

- Confirm fixes to fare rules (e.g., transfer discounts)
- Deploy Clipper reader geolocation fix to GGT/Sonoma buses

Account migration

- Implement fixes to pass migration for Clipper START cards
- Enable adding value in Wallet for migrating mobile cards

Institutional/Transit Benefit Portal

 Implement fixes/process changes for program member management

Financial reporting/settlement

- Validate overall settlement process
- Initiate daily settlement



Customer Benefits at Start of Customer Transition

Migration of Clipper cards and customer accounts begins

- New account-based fare rules
 - Free and discounted transfers between operators
 - New operator-specific fare rules (e.g., fare caps, new passes)
- Value available immediately

New Clipper website/app features

- Transfer value between your registered cards
- Manage others' Clipper cards
- Apply for youth and senior cards online

Credit/debit cards accepted on all operators

- Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover (plastic cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay)
- Adult fare with new account-based fare rules



Post-Transition Features

Deferred features (presented to CEB in Dec. 2024):

- Mobile tickets in Clipper app (visual validation of ticket on phone)
- Sales mode for fare inspection devices (cash value and pass sales on handhelds)
- Auto-correction of missing taps based on travel history (automatic fill-in of missing tap-on or tap-off based on previous tap locations)
- Certain new operator-specific features, including:
 - Conductor mode for BART fare inspection devices (processing entry or exit taps on handhelds)
 - Control of certain Clipper reader settings via the bus driver's Operator Control Unit
 - Fare caps applying to multiple service types

Clipper staff will continue to reach out directly to individual operators on any issues needing their specific attention or escalation



Pre-Launch Timeline

Open issue resolution

- Test and finalize fixes to include in final releases
- Finalize workarounds for remaining issues

Final releases for launch (as of 11/12/2025)

- Retail device updates: 11/17–11/25
- Clipper reader geolocation fix for GGT/Sonoma buses: 11/19
- Account-based website update: 11/19
- Customer notification updates: 11/21
- Back-office and migration updates: 12/3
- Customer Service Terminal software updates: 12/4
- Credit/debit card enablement update: 12/9
 - Screen updates with credit/debit brand logos: 12/11–12/17

Ongoing

- Continue regular updates to all operator GMs and staff
- Prepare operators and institutional/transit benefits partners



Post-Launch Timeline

12/10/2025: Start of Customer Transition

- Credit/debit cards accepted on all Clipper operators
- Migration of Clipper cards and customer accounts begins

Post-Launch (Dec.–Jan.)

- Operations support and triage of critical issues
- Customer Service Terminal installation to match migration ramp-up

Post-Launch (Jan. on)

- Updates to address workarounds and open issues
- Preparation for end of Transition and sunsetting of card-based system

