

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

April 10, 2026

Agenda Item 2b

**Master Funding Agreement Supplement - Clipper Paratransit Integration: San Francisco
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 is doing similar work with Trapeze, the existing paratransit software vendor for 13 transit agencies, to support Clipper integration with paratransit on behalf of these agencies. The Regional Network Management Committee approved the Trapeze contract in April 2023. The integration for these agencies will be rolled out in a grouped and phased progression beginning with San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) as the pilot agency. The pilot agency will initially have a limited launch with select participants to test the system further and gather rider feedback prior to fully launching to all SFMTA paratransit riders in Fall 2026.

East Bay Paratransit, under contract with AC Transit and BART, 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 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 Next Generation Clipper System Integrator, Cubic Transportation Systems, 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 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 capital budget.

The Clipper Executive Board recommended approval for this request at its meeting on February 23, 2026.

Issues:

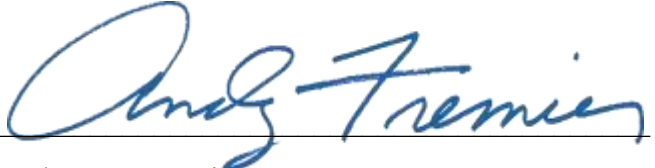
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Regional Network Management Committee 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.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Master Funding Agreement Supplement



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Master Funding Agreement Supplement

Work Item No.: 2780

Consultant: San Francisco 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 Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Master Funding Agreement Supplement with BART for the purposes described above and in the Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated April 10, 2026 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$900,000 for such Master Funding Agreement Supplement.

Regional Network
Management Committee:

Candace Andersen, Chair

Approved: April 10, 2026