

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works BOARD AGENDA #: 9:05 AM (B)
AGENDA DATE: May 9, 2017

SUBJECT:
Public Hearing to Introduce and Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance to Modify the Existing Intersystem Bus Transfer Fee for Stanislaus Regional Transit

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-243

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION: INTRODUCED AND WAIVED THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE C.S. 1189

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE:



4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Conduct a public hearing to introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance to modify the existing intersystem bus transfer fee for Stanislaus Regional Transit.

DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Public Works Transit division oversees transit operations in the County. As part of its responsibilities, the Transit division evaluates existing transit services and recommends changes to the fare structure as needed.

Annually, in preparation for the proposed Transit Division budget, staff evaluates transit operational costs and associated transit fares and fees to ensure compliance with Federal and State mandated requirements. This process includes reviewing new Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations as well as ensuring compliance with State mandated farebox recovery ratio requirement. To meet Federal and State requirements, the process includes consideration of new or additional fees, where appropriate, as well as modification to existing fees in order to cover increased operational costs.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018, Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) is proposing to charge an intersystem bus transfer fee of \$0.25 from StaRT to other transit agency fixed-route services. Currently, transfers are free to passengers from StaRT to another transit agency's fixed-route services. The proposed transfer fees, if adopted, will be equal to transfer fees currently charged by other transit operators in Stanislaus County, including Modesto Area Express (MAX), Ceres Area Transit (CAT), and Turlock Transit. This fee modification would assist with generating additional revenue and allow consistency among transit agency transfer fee processes.

State Mandated Farebox Recovery Ratio

StaRT recommends charging an intersystem bus transfer fee to assist with meeting the State required farebox efficiency requirements. The farebox recovery ratio is mandated under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) which, under State legislation, provides funding for the County's public transit system. The TDA is comprised of two funding sources; Local

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Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance funds. The TDA legislation requires that transit agencies meet mandated farebox ratio set by the State for each transit operator that receives TDA funds. The farebox ratio is the ratio of fare revenues collected to operating expenses. Currently, the County's required farebox recovery ratio is 15%, which increased from 10% in FY 2016-2017 due to becoming a blended urban and rural transit farebox. Failure to maintain the 15% farebox ratio can result in the loss of LTF funding, the primary operating funds for StaRT.

Operating costs have increased at a greater rate than fare revenues. Under the current fare structure, StaRT will not meet the 15% farebox ratio in FY 2016-2017 due to increased operational costs, including fuel, insurance and labor. In addition to the increased fee revenue proposed in FY 2017-2018, StaRT is considering other strategies to assist in meeting the farebox ratio, such as service modifications that would decrease operational costs.

Public Participation

As part of the public participation process implemented to solicit input from the public, information about the fee changes have been posted on StaRT's website (www.srt.org) and also placed on all transit buses and in local newspapers.

The proposed ordinance, if adopted, will become effective on August 21, 2017, to coincide with the StaRT annual service change. The last fare increase occurred in August 2016 but did not include the bus transfer fee. The existing and recommended fare structure is summarized in Attachment 1.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors' approval of the proposed fare structure is required under Section 99400 of the Public Utility Code and complies with the FTA Half-Fare Policy under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; 49 CFR 609.23 and FTA C. 9030.1E.

Prior to establishing new fares, amending or eliminating existing fares, the County is required by Government Code Section 66018 et seq., to hold a public hearing as part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Adopting the proposed ordinance will enable StaRT to increase estimated revenue by \$9,321 in FY 2017-2018, and will be included in the Public Works Transit Division Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. This will support StaRT's strategy to achieve the required 15% farebox ratio implemented by the Stanislaus Council of Governments in FY 2016-2017.

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Cost of recommended action:		\$ 9,321
Source(s) of Funding:		
Intersystem Transfer Fees	\$ 9,321	
Funding Total:		<u>9,321</u>
Net Cost to County General Fund		<u>\$ -</u>

Fiscal Year:	2017-2018
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	No

Fund Balance as of

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended action is consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A Well Planned Infrastructure System and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by ensuring the County's public transit system utilize public funds for equipment needed to sustain transit services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing Public Works staff will implement the proposed fare structure if approved.

CONTACT PERSON:

Matt Machado, Public Works Director	Telephone: (209) 525-4153
Kathy Johnson, Assistant Director	Telephone: (209) 525-4100

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Ordinance and Proposed Fare Structure
2. Cash Fare Comparisons

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDINANCE AND PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FARES FOR TRANSIT SERVICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Fares for transit services provided by Stanislaus Regional Transit ("StaRT") are amended and adopted as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage it shall be published once, with the names of the members voting for and against the same, in the Modesto Bee, a newspaper published in the County of Stanislaus, State of California.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2017, by the following called vote:

AYES: Supervisors:

NOES: Supervisors:

ABSENT: Supervisors:

Vito Chiesa
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Stanislaus, State of
California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN P. DOERING
County Counsel

ATTEST:
Elizabeth King
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Of the County of Stanislaus, State of
California

By: 

Amanda DeHart
Deputy County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy Clerk



Proposed Fare Structure

Fixed Route Service	Existing	Proposed	Increase
Cash Fare (one ride)			
General Fare	\$1.60	\$1.60	unchanged
Youth	\$1.50	\$1.50	unchanged
Student	\$1.60	\$1.60	unchanged
Senior/Disabled	\$0.80	\$0.80	unchanged
Bus Card (20 ride)			
General Fare	\$28.00	\$28.00	unchanged
Youth	\$25.50	\$25.50	unchanged
Students	\$26.00	\$26.00	unchanged
Senior/Disabled	\$14.00	\$14.00	unchanged
31-Day Pass			
General Fare	\$48.00	\$48.00	unchanged
Youth	\$42.00	\$42.00	unchanged
Students	\$46.00	\$46.00	unchanged
Senior/Disabled	\$24.00	\$24.00	unchanged
Employer's Pass Program			
General Fare	\$46.00	\$46.00	unchanged
1-Day Pass			
General Fare	\$3.25	\$3.25	unchanged
Youth	\$3.00	\$3.00	unchanged
Students	\$3.25	\$3.25	unchanged
Senior/Disabled	\$1.60	\$1.60	unchanged
Route 70 (Modesto to Merced)			
General Fare	\$2.75	\$2.75	unchanged
Senior/Disabled	\$2.25	\$2.25	unchanged
Shuttle Service			
(Intercity Dial-A-Ride Service)			
Existing Proposed Increase			
Cash Fare (one ride)			
General Fare	\$2.75	\$2.75	unchanged
Youth	\$2.75	\$2.75	unchanged
Students	\$2.75	\$2.75	unchanged
Senior/Disabled	\$2.25	\$2.25	unchanged
Zone Fare for Service	\$1.50	\$1.50	unchanged

**Outside Service Area
Intracity Dial-A-Ride**

Cash Fare (one ride)			
General Fare	\$1.75	\$1.75	unchanged
Youth	\$1.50	\$1.50	unchanged
Students	\$1.75	\$1.75	unchanged
Senior/Disabled	\$1.25	\$1.25	unchanged
Zone Fare for Trips Outside Service Area	\$1.50	\$1.50	unchanged

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit Service

ADA Passenger			
One-Way Ride	\$3.00	\$3.00	unchanged
Round Trip	\$6.00	\$6.00	unchanged
Ten Trip Ticket	\$30.00	\$30.00	unchanged
ADA Passenger Companion			
One-Way Ride	\$3.00	\$3.00	unchanged
Round Trip	\$6.00	\$6.00	unchanged
Ten Trip Ticket	\$30.00	\$30.00	unchanged
Personal Care Attendant	Free	Free	unchanged

Commuter Express Bus Service

One-Way Pass	\$13.00	\$13.00	unchanged
Round-Trip Pass	\$16.00	\$16.00	unchanged
Monthly Pass	\$170.00	\$170.00	unchanged

Medivan

One-Way Ride	\$11.00	\$11.00	unchanged
Round Trip	\$22.00	\$22.00	unchanged
Attendant (one-way)	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	unchanged
Attendant (round-trip)	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	unchanged

Intersystem Transfer Free \$0.25 \$0.25

Intrasystem Transfer Free Free Unchanged

ATTACHMENT 2
CASH FARE COMPARISONS

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Fare Type	StaRT Proposed Fares (Intercity)	Modesto (Intracity)	Turlock (Intracity)	Ceres (Intracity)	San Joaquin Regional Transit (Intercity)	Merced County (Intercity)
FIXED ROUTE SERVICE						
General Fare	\$1.60 (Rt. 70 Merced - \$2.75)	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.50 - \$3.00
Senior/Disabled/Medicare	\$0.80 (Rt. 70 Merced - \$2.25)	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$1.50	\$0.75	\$.75 - \$1.50
Youth	\$1.50 (Rt. 70 Merced - \$2.75)	NA	NA	\$1.80	\$0.75	\$1.50 - \$3.00 *
Student	\$1.60 (Rt. 70 Merced - \$2.75)	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.50 - \$3.00 *
INTERCITY DIAL-A-RIDE (Curb-to-Curb) SERVICE						
General Fare	\$2.75				\$3.00	\$3.00 - \$6.00
Senior/Disabled/Medicare	\$2.25				\$3.00	\$2.00 - \$10.00 *
Youth	\$2.75	NA	\$3.50	NA	\$3.00	\$3.00 - \$6.00
Student	\$2.75				\$3.00	\$3.00 - \$6.00
Zone Fare *	\$1.50 plus regular fare					
INTRACITY DIAL-A-RIDE (Curb-to-Curb) SERVICE						
General Fare	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.15	\$3.00	\$0.00
Senior/Disabled/Medicare	\$1.25	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$2.00
Youth	\$1.50	\$3.00	NA	NA	\$3.00	\$0.00
Student	\$1.75	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.15	\$3.00	\$0.00
Zone Fare *	\$1.50 plus regular fare					
MEDIVAN						
All Passengers	\$11.00 One-Way Trip	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	\$22.00 Round Trip					
	Attendants \$4.00 each way					
COMMUTER SERVICE						
All passengers	\$13.00 One-Way Trip	14.00 One-Way Trip	NA	NA	NA	NA
	\$16.00 Round-Trip	\$16.00 Round-Trip				
TRANSFERS						
All passengers	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	NA	Free - \$1.50

NOTE: * Zone fare is charged for service outside the regular service area.

A variety of discounted fares are available from all operators through the use of passes, bus cards or ticket books

STANISLAUS COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- A. Ordinance C.S. 1188 to establish new fees, amend existing fees, and eliminate fees for the Department of Environmental Resources. The proposed fee adjustments would consist of:
- Increased Weighted Labor Rate of the Department
 - Fee changes for Hazardous Materials Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks and Underground Storage Tank Programs, Milk and Dairy Grade A and Grade B quarterly fees including Other Hooved Mammals, and tipping fees for Waste-to-Energy ash disposal
- For further information, contact Jami Aggers, Director of Environmental Services, at (209) 525-6770, jaggers@envres.org or at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA.
- B. Ordinance C.S. 1189 to modify the existing intersystem bus transfer fee for the Department of Public Works Transit Division related to transit operations provided in the County's service area. For further information, contact Matt Machado, Director of Public Works, at (209) 525-4153 or visit the office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 1010 10th Street, Suite 4204, Modesto, CA.
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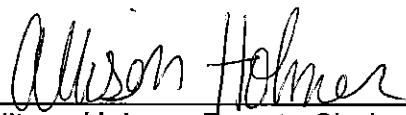
ADDITIONAL NOTICE IS GIVEN that the proposed Ordinances and Fee Schedules will be available for review in the Clerk of the Board Office, 1010 10th Street, Suite 6700, Modesto, CA.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATED: May 9, 2017

ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Stanislaus, State of California.

BY:


Allison Holmer, Deputy Clerk

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(C.C.P. S2015.5)**

**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident Of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of Eighteen years, and not a party to or interested In the above entitle matter. I am a printer and Principal clerk of the publisher of THE MODESTO BEE, printed in the City of MODESTO, County of STANISLAUS, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of STANISLAUS, State of California, Under the date of February 25, 1951, Action No. 46453; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue there of on the following dates, to wit:

May 16, 2017

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ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California. BY: Allison Holmer, Deputy Clerk.
Pub Dates May 16, 2017

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury That the foregoing is true and correct and that This declaration was executed at

MODESTO, California on

May 16th, 2017

(By Electronic Facsimile Signature)

Cynthia A. Williams