

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

DEPT: Public Works

BOARD AGENDA #: 9:05 AM (D)

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2016

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing to Introduce and Waive the First Reading of an Ordinance to Establish New Fares, Amend and Eliminate Existing Transit Fares for Stanislaus Regional Transit

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-243

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

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

File No. ORD-55-X-4

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

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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 establish new fares, amend and eliminate existing transit fares for Stanislaus Regional Transit.

DISCUSSION:

The Stanislaus County Public Works Transit Division oversees transit operations in the County, including fixed route, deviated fixed route, Dial-A-Ride, Shuttle and non-emergency medical transportation services. As part of its responsibilities, the Transit Division evaluates existing transit service 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 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 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 cost.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017, StaRT is proposing to establish new transit fares for planned Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit service to meet the FTA mandate to provide the ADA Complementary Paratransit Service, as well as fares for the new commuter express bus service in the County's service area. In addition, staff is proposing to establish a new One-Day Pass and Employer Pass for businesses located within the service area.

Modifications to existing fares include increases to the: Dial-A-Ride cash fares for the general public, 31-Day monthly pass, 20-Ride Ticket for the general public, and fares for Medivan passengers and their attendants using the non-emergency medical transportation service for medical appointments. Additionally, it is recommended that the \$5.00 Fast Fare card and the 20-Ride ticket bundle fares be eliminated. The proposed fare structure is included as Attachment 1. Details on recommended changes entail the following:

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Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Half-Fare Policy:

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013, the County's transit service was reclassified from a rural to a small transit system which resulted in StaRT's eligibility to receive FTA Section 5307 transit funds. Section 5307 is a Federal transit grant fund apportioned to the Modesto Urbanized Area (UZA) on an annual basis. For the combined FYs of 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015, StaRT was eligible to receive approximately \$1,695,470 of the total funds apportioned to the Modesto UZA. For FY 2015-2016, the FTA has apportioned an estimated amount of \$680,463 of the annual FTA Section 5307 apportionment to StaRT.

Federal law mandates transit agencies that offer fixed route service in their service area charge seniors, persons with disabilities or persons with a Medicare card half the fare charged on fixed route system. As a condition of receiving FTA Section 5307 funds, StaRT must implement the FTA Half-Fare Policy. The proposed fare changes include recommendations to reduce current fares paid by seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons with a Medicare card to comply with the FTA Half-Fare Policy. Reduced fares for seniors, persons with disabilities, or persons with a Medicare card include one-way cash fare, the 20-Ride ticket, 31-Day Pass, and the new One-Day Pass when used on the fixed route system.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Complementary Paratransit Service Fares:

As a result of the changes to the service area, StaRT is required to implement the ADA Complementary Paratransit Service in its service area. The FTA ADA regulations mandates transit agencies that offer fixed route service in their service provide ADA Complementary Paratransit Service. The ADA Complementary Paratransit Service is required to mirror operating hours for the existing fixed route service and must be provided within $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of an existing corridor on which fixed route service is operated.

StaRT currently operates seven fixed routes including Routes 10, 15, 40, 45-East, 45-West, and 60 as well as the Waterford/Modesto Runabout. Given this, StaRT must provide ADA Complementary Paratransit Service for these fixed routes. A key component of providing ADA paratransit service is FTA's requirement to set paratransit service fares not to exceed twice the non-discounted fare for a trip of similar length at a similar time of day on the fixed route system. The recommended cash fare for the ADA Complementary Paratransit Service is \$3.00 for a one-way trip and \$30.00 for a 10-Ride ticket.

Commuter Bus Express Service Fares:

As part of the proposed fare changes, staff recommends new fares for the proposed commuter bus express service to be implemented between Stanislaus County and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station in Dublin. The recommended cash fare for one-way trips is \$13.00, \$16.00 for round-trips, and \$170.00 a monthly bus pass for commuters commuting to and from the Dublin BART Station.

Employer Pass:

StaRT is proposing to implement a new pass program for employers located within the County's transit service area. This program is intended as part of the incentive program

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approved by the Board of Supervisors in April 2014 to increase ridership on all routes. StaRT is currently working with businesses such as Blue Diamond and Amazon to encourage seasonal employees to utilize existing transit service. Additional benefits of this program will enable employers to subsidize or offer free passes to their employees interested in using public transit for their commutes to and from work. The proposed monthly pass is \$46.00.

One-Day Pass:

A new addition to StaRT's fare media is the introduction of a one-day pass. The one-day pass offers convenience for StaRT's passengers to ride the bus all day and also allows passengers to have unlimited rides throughout the service area. Passengers can use the one-day pass to travel all day to various segments of the County and can save by riding more. The recommended fare for the one-day pass is \$3.25 for the general public, college and university students. The one-day pass for seniors, persons with disabilities, or persons with a Medicare card is discounted to \$1.60, while the one-day pass for youth is discounted to \$3.00.

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (Medivan) Service Fares:

As part of the public transit service offered in the County's service area, StaRT provides a non-emergency medical transportation service from Stanislaus County to Bay Area medical facilities for medical appointments. The proposed fare structure includes a recommendation to increase the daily cash fare for one-way trips from \$10.00 to \$11.00 for passengers using the Medivan for medical appointments. In addition, fares for personal attendants traveling with Medivan passengers have been increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00.

Intracity Dial-A-Ride Fares:

In addition to the proposed amendment to existing fares, staff recommends amending fares for intracity Dial-A-Ride service. The recommended changes will impact the general public and college/university students. The current amount charged is \$1.50 and will increase to \$1.75. Additionally, the fares for college students will increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75 while a new category for youth, age 5 to 18 years, will continue to pay \$1.50. The fares for seniors, persons with disabilities or persons with a Medicare card will remain the same at \$1.25.

New Categories – Youth and College/University Fares:

The proposed fare structure also includes new categories for youth, ages 5 to 18 years, as well as College and University students attending Modesto Junior College and California State University Stanislaus. The intent is to offer discounted fares for these two categories to encourage them to use public transit for their transportation and mobility needs. Discounted fares include cash fare for one-way trips, 31-Day, One-Day, Twenty-Ride Ticket, inter and intra Dial-A-Ride for youth and college/university students.

Inter and Intra-System Transfers

Inter and intra-system transfers will remain the same, with no recommendations to charge for transfers. Staff is, however, recommending that passengers using Dial-A-Ride, Shuttle and ADA Complementary Paratransit Services transfer to the fixed route service without any

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charges. This is intended to encourage the use of the fixed route system as well as increase ridership on all StaRT's routes. Furthermore, staff recommends modifying the fare policy to allow passengers to use transfers to complete one-way trips within 3 hours when traveling in the same direction. This reduces the time in which passengers can complete one-way trips from 6 hours to 3 hours; thereby, ensuring passengers are able to connect to other StaRT buses traveling in the same direction. It also reduces the time within which StaRT passengers can connect with transit services provided by other transit operators in the County.

Elimination of the \$5 Fast Fare Card and 20-Ride Ticket Bundle:

With the introduction of the One-Day pass, staff recommends eliminating the existing \$5.00 Fast Fare card and the 20-Ride ticket bundle currently sold to social and human service agencies as well as the County's Health Services Agency and Community Services Agency. Further discussions with staff from these agencies indicate purchasing the one-day pass for their clients will be more beneficial and cost effective than purchasing the 20-Ride ticket bundle priced at \$27.00. The \$5.00 and \$10.00 Fast Fare cards are used by passengers as a change card if the exact fare is not paid. As a result of the comments received, the \$5.00 Fast Fare card as well as the 20-Ride ticket bundle will both be eliminated.

State-Mandated Farebox Recovery Ratio:

StaRT recommends amending the existing fare structure to meet the State required farebox efficiency requirements. This 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 Transportation Funds (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) 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. The County's required farebox recovery ratio is currently 10%. Failure to maintain the 10% farebox ratio can result in the loss of LTF funding, the primary operating funds for StaRT.

According to the 2010 Census, Stanislaus County's population increased from 446,997 to over 500,000; thereby, requiring the need to increase farebox recovery ratio for all four County transit operators, including StaRT. The TDA Legislation recommends increasing the farebox ratio if the population exceeds 500,000, and under the TDA, transit systems operating in urbanized areas with 500,000 or more people must increase the farebox recovery ratio to 20%. In addition, the TDA recommends blending the farebox ratio for transit systems operating in urbanized areas which is 20% with the 10% farebox ratio for services offered in rural areas. Since StaRT provides service in urbanized and non-urbanized communities of the County, the current farebox ratio will increase from 10% to 15%. The Stanislaus Council of Government Policy Board sets the required farebox changes for all County transit operators and plans to implement the new required farebox ratios effective July 1, 2016.

Over the last four years, StaRT has been able to comply with the State-mandated 10% farebox ratio. In FY 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015, StaRT surpassed the required farebox ratio and achieved a system-wide farebox ratio of 14%, 15%, 12%, and 14% respectively. Despite increased ridership, operating costs have increased at a greater rate than fare revenues. Under the current fare structure, staff is projecting the farebox ratio could be in

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jeopardy in FY 2016-2017 when the new 15% farebox ratio requirement is adopted. The additional revenue generated will be used to cover increased operational costs, including fuel, insurance and labor.

If the recommended transit fares are amended, the FY 2016-2017 total fare revenue is estimated to be \$758,110; of which, \$150,275 will be generated by the proposed fare increases.

Adopting the ordinance will enable StaRT to achieve and attain the required 15% farebox ratio to be implemented by the Stanislaus Council of Governments in FY 2016-2017. The new required farebox ratio of 15% is blended and is a combination of the 20% for fixed route and 10% for demand response. To ensure continued compliance with State standards beyond FY 2016-2017, the Public Works Transit Division will continue to monitor the farebox recovery ratio to maintain the required system-wide farebox ratio.

Under this program, if projections show fixed route service farebox is:

1. Greater than 3% below the standard, fares may increase \$0.10
2. Greater than 2% below standard, fares may increase \$0.05
3. Less than 2% below standard would not change the fares and staff would monitor the farebox ratio for another year

Under this program, if projections show the demand responsive service farebox is:

1. Greater than 3% below the standard, fares may increase \$0.10 for shuttle service and \$0.05 for local Dial-A-Rides as well as \$0.50 for the Medivan service
2. Greater than 2% below standard, fares may increase \$0.05
3. Less than 2% below standard would not change the fares and staff would keep an eye on the farebox ratio for another year

Modifications to the fare structure in the future will be returned to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Public Meetings:

Eight open houses were held as part of the public participation process implemented to solicit input from the public in addition to displaying information about the fare structure changes on StaRT's website at www.srt.org and placed on all transit buses and in local newspapers. Additionally, staff met with the County's Community Services Agency and Health Services Agency to address any concerns or respond to questions from their staff about the proposed fare structure changes. StaRT staff met with groups in the County serving persons with disabilities including the Disability Resource Agency for the Independent Living (DRAIL) of Modesto, California; Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) of Modesto, California; as well as Disability Rights California.

Comments received from the public were in favor of increasing the transit fares as a way to offer Sunday service in the future as well as improve the demand response service. Further comments were provided in favor of the FTA Half-Fare Policy offering discounted fares for

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seniors, persons with disabilities or persons with a Medicare card. Additional input received included recommendations to implement the one-day pass as it offers more convenience than the ticket bundles currently used. Overall, public input received was positive and supportive of increasing the fares.

The proposed StaRT fares, if adopted, will be less than intercity fares charged by the San Joaquin and Merced transit systems and comparable to other local transit operators' intracity fares in Stanislaus County. As shown in Attachment 2, StaRT's fare structure will remain affordable when compared with other local intercity and intracity public transit service providers.

The proposed ordinance, if adopted, will become effective on August 15, 2016, and will update StaRT's current fare structure. The last fare increase occurred in August 2011. The existing and recommended fare structure is summarized in Attachment 1.

POLICY ISSUE:

Prior to establishing new fares, amending or eliminating existing fares, the County is required under Government Code Section 66018 et seq., to hold a public hearing as part of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors. An ordinance of the Board of Supervisors is required to establish, amend or eliminate transit fares for StaRT. 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fare revenues estimated for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 is \$607,835. The projected fares revenue estimated for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is \$758,110. The estimated fare revenue to be generated is \$150,275 and will be included in the Public Works Transit Division Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed Budget.

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| Cost of recommended action: | \$ 150,275 |
| Source(s) of Funding: | |
| Transit Fare Fees | <u>\$ 150,275</u> |
| Funding Total: | |
| Net Cost to County General Fund | <u><u>\$ 150,275</u></u> |

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| Fiscal Year: | 2016-2017 |
| Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed: | No |

Fund Balance as of

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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:

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Eunice Lovi, Transit Manager

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ATTACHMENT(S):

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

ATTACHMENT 1

ORDINANCE AND PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE

ORDINANCE NO. C.S. _____

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.

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 _____, 2016, by the following called vote:

AYES: Supervisors:

NOES: Supervisors:

ABSENT: Supervisors:

Dick Monteith
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Stanislaus, State of
California

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN DOERING
County Counsel

By:  _____
Amanda DeHart
Deputy County Counsel



Proposed Fare Structure

| Fixed Route Service | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash Fare (one ride) | | | |
| General Fare | \$1.50 | \$1.60 | \$0.10 |
| Youth | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | unchanged |
| Student | \$1.50 | \$1.60 | \$0.10 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$1.00 | \$0.80 | decreased |
| Bus Card (20 ride) | | | |
| General Fare | \$27.00 | \$28.00 | \$1.00 |
| Youth | \$25.50 | \$25.50 | unchanged |
| Students | \$25.50 | \$26.00 | \$0.50 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$18.00 | \$14.00 | decreased |
| 31-Day Pass | | | |
| General Fare | \$45.00 | \$48.00 | \$3.00 |
| Youth | \$45.00 | \$42.00 | decreased |
| Students | \$45.00 | \$46.00 | \$1.00 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$45.00 | \$24.00 | decreased |
| Employer's Pass Program | | | |
| General Fare | N/A | \$46.00 | new |
| 1-Day Pass | | | |
| General Fare | N/A | \$3.25 | new |
| Youth | N/A | \$2.00 | new |
| Students | N/A | \$3.25 | new |
| Senior/Disabled | N/A | \$1.60 | new |
| 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 | \$2.50 | \$2.75 | \$0.25 |
| Youth | \$2.50 | \$2.50 | unchanged |
| Students | \$2.50 | \$2.75 | \$0.25 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$2.00 | \$2.25 | \$0.25 |
| Zone Fare for Service | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | unchanged |

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

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|---|--------|--------|-----------|
| Cash Fare (one ride) | | | |
| General Fare | \$1.50 | \$1.75 | \$0.25 |
| Youth | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | unchanged |
| Students | \$1.50 | \$1.75 | \$0.25 |
| 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

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|-----------------|-----|---------|-----|
| ADA Passenger | | | |
| One-Way Ride | N/A | \$3.00 | new |
| Round Trip | N/A | \$6.00 | new |
| Ten Trip Ticket | N/A | \$30.00 | new |

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|-------------------------|-----|---------|-----|
| ADA Passenger Companion | | | |
| One-Way Ride | N/A | \$3.00 | new |
| Round Trip | N/A | \$6.00 | new |
| Ten Trip Ticket | N/A | \$30.00 | new |

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|-------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Personal Care Attendant | Free | Free | new |
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Commuter Express Bus Service

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|-----------------|-----|----------|-----|
| One-Way Pass | N/A | \$13.00 | new |
| Round-Trip Pass | N/A | \$16.00 | new |
| Monthly Pass | N/A | \$170.00 | new |

Medivan

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|------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| One-Way Ride | \$10.00 | \$11.00 | \$1.00 |
| Round Trip | \$20.00 | \$22.00 | \$2.00 |
| Attendant (one-way) | \$ 3.00 | \$ 4.00 | \$1.00 |
| Attendant (round-trip) | \$ 6.00 | \$ 8.00 | \$2.00 |

Inter and Intra- System Transfer

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|--|------|------|-----------|
| | Free | Free | Unchanged |
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ATTACHMENT 2
CASH FARE COMPARISONS

CASH FARE COMPARISONS

| 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 \$22.00 Round Trip Attendants \$4.00 each way | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| COMMUTER SERVICE | | | | | | |
| All passengers | \$13.00 One-Way Trip \$16.00 Round-Trip | 14.00 One-Way Trip \$16.00 Round-Trip | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| TRANSFERS | | | | | | |
| All passengers | Free | \$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 PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will meet in the Basement Chambers, 1010 10th St., Modesto, CA, to consider the adoption and the waiving of the second reading of the following ordinances:

- A. Ordinance C.S. 1176 to establish new fees, amend existing fees, and eliminate fees for the Department of Environmental Resources. The proposed fee adjustments would consist of:
- New fees for implementation and maintenance of the Hazardous Materials California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) database, Hazardous Materials change of ownership/transfer fee, Hazardous Materials monitoring wells and soil borings, Environmental Health water well permit transfer, extension, and amendment fees, and Milk and Dairy plan review, rescoring, compliance inspections, sampling, and applying for Grade A fees.
 - Fee changes for Hazardous Materials Aboveground Storage Tanks and the Farm Disclosure Program, Milk and Dairy Grade A and Grade B quarterly fees including Other Hooved Mammals, and changes of ownership, tipping fees for waste-to-energy ash disposal, Landfill Hard-to-Handle bulk materials and mattresses, and various Hazardous Materials Programs.
- 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. 1177 to establish new fees and amend existing fees for the Department of Parks and Recreation. The proposed fee adjustments would consist of:
- New fee for a deposit for large exclusive use events
 - New day use discount for Stanislaus County residents
 - Increased fees for day use vehicle/vessel, camping, 2nd vehicle at campsite, designated group campsite; annual passes; annual pass discounts; late exit fee; fireworks show, picnic shelter, and, dog field trial competition commercial and private.
- For further information, contact Jami Aggers, Director of Parks and Recreation, at (209) 525-6768, jaggers@envres.org, or at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA.
- C. Ordinance C.S. 1178 to decrease two existing fees for the County Clerk-Recorder-Elections Division (for further information, contact Marnie Ardis, Clerk Recorder-Elections Division at (209) 525-5211 ardism@stancounty.com or at 1021 I Street, Modesto, CA).
- D. Ordinance C.S. 1179 to establish new fares and amend or eliminate existing transit fares 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 Eunice Lovi, Transit Manager at (209) 525-7560 or visit the office at 1010 10th Street, Suite 4204, Modesto, CA).

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 10, 2016

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

BY:


Pam Villarreal, Assistant 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 17, 2016

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 17th, 2016

(By Electronic Facsimile Signature)

Cynthia A. Villanreal

**STANISLAUS COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 24, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will meet in the Basement Chambers, 1010 10th St., Modesto, CA, to consider the adoption and the waiving of the second reading of the following ordinances:

A. Ordinance C.S. 1176 to establish new fees, amend existing fees, and eliminate fees for the Department of Environmental Resources. The proposed fee adjustments would consist of:

- New fees for implementation and maintenance of the Hazardous Materials California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) database, Hazardous Materials change of ownership/transfer fee, Hazardous Materials monitoring wells and soil borings, Environmental Health water well permit transfer, extension, and amendment fees, and Milk and Dairy plan review, rescoring, compliance inspections, sampling, and applying for Grade A fees.

- Fee changes for Hazardous Materials Aboveground Storage Tanks and the Farm Disclosure Program, Milk and Dairy Grade A and Grade B quarterly fees including Other Hooved Mammals, and changes of ownership, tipping fees for waste-to-energy ash disposal, Landfill Hard-to-Handle bulk materials and mattresses, and various Hazardous Materials Programs.

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. 1177 to establish new fees and amend existing fees for the Department of Parks and Recreation. The proposed fee adjustments would consist of:

- New fee for a deposit for large exclusive use events
- New day use discount for Stanislaus County residents
- Increased fees for day use vehicle/vessel, camping, 2nd vehicle at campsite, designated group campsite; annual passes; annual pass discounts; late exit fee; fireworks show, picnic shelter, and dog field trial competition commercial and private.

For further information, contact Jami Aggers, Director of Parks and Recreation, at (209) 525-6768, jaggers@envres.org, or at 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA.


C. Ordinance C.S. 1178 to decrease two existing fees for the County Clerk-Recorder-Elections

Division. For further information, contact Marnie Ardis, Clerk Recorder-Elections Division at (209) 525-5211 ardism@stancounty.com or at 1021 I Street, Modesto, CA.

D. Ordinance C.S. 1179 to establish new fares and amend or eliminate existing transit fares

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 Eunice Lavi, Transit Manager at (209) 525-7560 or visit the office at 1010 10th Street, Suite 4204, Modesto, CA.

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 10, 2016. ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California. BY: Pam Villanreal, Assistant Clerk. Pub Dates May 17, 2016



Public Works Transit Division
Proposed New Fares and
Amended/Eliminated Fares
for Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT)

May 10, 2016

Background Information:

- Reviewed current fare structure to ensure compliance with federal and state mandates
- Evaluated changes as a result of 2010 Federal Census
- Consider new or additional fares as part of annual budget review
- Requirement to meet Federal Transit Administration Half-Fare Policy

- Recommended Changes:
 - Establish new fares
 - Approve new fare categories
 - Amend or eliminate existing fares
 - Comply with federal statute
 - Meet State mandated farebox ratio

| Fixed Route Service | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Cash Fare (one ride) | | | |
| General Fare | \$1.50 | \$1.60 | \$0.10 |
| Youth | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | unchanged |
| Student | \$1.50 | \$1.60 | \$0.10 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$1.00 | \$0.80 | decreased |
| Bus Card(20 ride) | | | |
| General Fare | \$27.00 | \$28.00 | \$1.00 |
| Youth | \$25.50 | \$25.50 | unchanged |
| Student | \$25.50 | \$26.00 | \$0.50 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$18.00 | \$14.00 | decreased |

| Fixed Route Service | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 31-Day Pass | | | |
| General Fare | \$45.00 | \$48.00 | \$3.00 |
| Youth | \$45.00 | \$42.00 | decreased |
| Student | \$45.00 | \$46.00 | \$1.00 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$45.00 | \$24.00 | decreased |
| Employer's Pass Program | | | |
| General Fare | N/A | \$46.00 | New |

| Fixed Route Service | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1-Day Pass | | | |
| General Fare | N/A | \$3.25 | New |
| Youth | N/A | \$2.00 | New |
| Student | N/A | \$3.25 | New |
| Senior/Disabled | N/A | \$1.60 | New |
| 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 |
| Student | \$2.75 | \$2.75 | unchanged |
| Senior/Disabled | \$2.25 | \$2.25 | unchanged |
| Zone Fare For Service (Outside Service Area) | | | |
| Senior/Disabled | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | unchanged |

Intracity Dial-A-Ride Service

| | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|
| Cash Fare (one ride) | | | |
| General Fare | \$1.50 | \$1.75 | \$0.25 |
| Youth | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | unchanged |
| Student | \$1.50 | \$1.75 | \$0.25 |
| Senior/Disabled | \$1.25 | \$1.25 | unchanged |
| Zone Fare For Service (Outside Service Area) | | | |
| | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | unchanged |

ADA Paratransit Service

| | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| ADA Passenger | | | |
| One-way Ride | N/A | \$3.00 | New |
| Round Trip | N/A | \$6.00 | New |
| Ten Trip Ticket | N/A | \$30.00 | New |

ADA Passenger Companion

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---------|-----|
| One-way Ride | N/A | \$3.00 | New |
| Round Trip | N/A | \$6.00 | New |
| Ten Trip Ticket | N/A | \$30.00 | New |

ADA Personal Care Attendant

| | | |
|------|------|------|
| Free | Free | Free |
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Commuter Bus Service

| | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| One-way Pass | N/A | \$ 13.00 | New |
| Round Trip Pass | N/A | \$ 16.00 | New |
| Monthly Pass | N/A | \$170.00 | New |

Medivan

| | Existing | Proposed | Increase |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| One-way Ride | \$10.00 | \$11.00 | \$1.00 |
| Round Trip Pass | \$20.00 | \$22.00 | \$2.00 |
| Attendant | \$ 3.00 | \$ 4.00 | \$1.00 |
| Attendant | \$ 6.00 | \$ 8.00 | \$2.00 |

Inter and Intra-System Transfers

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| Free | Free | Free |
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- Public Outreach
 - Met with groups servicing disabled
 - Held meetings with CSA and HSA
 - Held eight open houses in StaRT's service area
 - Received positive feedback
 - New half-fare policy well received by seniors and disabled
 - Public support for increasing fares

Staff Recommendation:

Approve recommendations to establish new fares, amend or eliminate existing transit fares for the Stanislaus Regional Transit.



THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?
