

S T A F F R E P O R T

SUBJECT: LAVTA Fare Policy Change

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DATE: November 7, 2018

Action Requested

None – Information only.

Background

Staff brought the proposed LAVTA fare policy changes for fixed route and paratransit to TAAC initially at their July, 2018 meeting, and later on for the committee’s recommendation at their September, 2018 meeting.

The TAAC discussed the proposed changes at their September 5 meeting. At the meeting, the committee reviewed the proposals and chose to take an action recommending adjustments to the staff proposal. The TAAC recommended adjustments are:

- Have the Senior and Disabled Monthly Pass increase from \$18 to \$22 in January, 2019, as originally proposed by staff, then increase from \$22 to \$25 in January, 2021 with no additional increase beyond that point
- Have the Dial-A-Ride fare increase from \$3.50 to \$3.75 in January 2019, as originally proposed by staff and delay the proposed increase to \$4.00 until January 2021, which leaves two years between the fare increases instead of one year that was proposed.

The TAAC Chair Herb Hastings met with staff in late September and provided a recommendation letter to the LAVTA board with the TAAC’s official recommendations (attached).

Discussion

LAVTA board voted at their October meeting to approve the proposed changes with the TAAC recommendations.

LAVTA board approved the following final fare policy changes:

- Eliminate transfers and replace with Day Pass
- Eliminate 10-ride tickets and replace with a Youth Clipper Card fare at the same rate
- Senior/Disabled Monthly Pass increase from \$18 to \$22 in January 2019 and then increase from \$22 to \$ 25 in January 2021 with no additional increase beyond this point
- Dial-A-Ride increase from \$3.50 to \$3.75 in January 2019 and delay the proposed increase to \$4.00 until January 2021

LAVTA's financial impact of the Senior/Disabled Monthly Pass fare change by capping it at \$25 versus \$30 would be zero impact in 2019, but by the time the pass would have gotten to \$30 versus \$25 the impact is \$8,000 a year.

LAVTA's financial impact of the Dial-A-Ride fare change by stretching that out to 2021 instead of 2020 is a onetime annual impact of \$13,550.

The proposed fare policy changes will go into effect on January 1, 2019. The patrons may purchase the Senior/Disabled Monthly Passes as well as the Dial-A-Ride tickets for the current lower fare until December 31, 2018.

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Attachment:

1. Letter from TAAC Chair Herb Hastings to LAVTA board