

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Staff Proposed Revision to Adopted Fare Increase Timeline
FROM: Michael Tree, Executive Director
DATE: December 6, 2021

Action Requested

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve a second revised implementation date for two fare increase categories previously approved for implementation on January 1, 2021 and recommends that the Board delay the implementation of these proposed changes to January 1, 2023.

Background

In October 2018, the LAVTA Board approved a set of fare policy changes. The majority of those changes were implemented on January 1, 2019. However, two of the changes were approved for a phased implementation based on input from the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC). Those changes were:

- 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.

Discussion

Given the impact of the pandemic, in November 2020 the Board approved a staff recommendation to delay implementation of these two fare changes by one year to January 1, 2022. Since little has changed since last November staff is proposing that these two changes be postponed again to January 1, 2023. The financial impact to LAVTA is anticipated to be less than \$400 per month.

Recommendation

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