

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: FY26 Fare Increase Proposal

FROM: David Mark, Director of Customer Experience

DATE: November 5, 2025

Action Requested

It is requested that the Committee provide feedback on the FY26 Fare Increase Proposal.

Background and Discussion

At the August Committee meetings, and at the September Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee meeting, staff presented the justification for pursuing a FY26 fare increase. The presentation included the background of LAVTA's fare increases since 2000 and information about how LAVTA fares compare to those of other Bay Area transit agencies. Staff presented four different fare increase scenarios to the Committees during the meetings ranging from a base fare of \$2.25 to \$3.00, with corresponding increases to passes and discounts.

At the October Board meeting, the LAVTA Board directed staff to advertise a FY26 Fare Increase Proposal of up to (<) \$2.50, and directed staff to open the public comment period and set the public hearing for November 3. The full FY26 Fare Increase Proposal is shown below:

	Regular Single Ride	Regular Day Pass	Regular Monthly Pass	Senior/ADA Single Ride	Senior/ADA Day Pass	Senior/ADA Monthly Pass	Youth Fare (Clipper)
Current	\$2.00	\$3.75	\$60	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$22	\$1.60
Final Proposal	<\$2.50	<\$4.50	<\$75	<\$1.25	<\$2.25	<\$28	<\$2.25

	Paratransit
Current	\$3.75

Final Proposal	<\$4.50
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Staff estimates that between \$170,000-\$330,000 will be generated as a result of the fare increase.

Next Steps

Staff will receive the Committee's feedback on the FY26 Fare Increase Proposal. Any fare increases are required to follow LAVTA's Title VI and Public Hearing Policy.

After consideration of all public input received during the public comment period, a final staff recommendation will be brought to the Board of Directors in December with an anticipated implementation date of April 1, 2026 if approved.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the Committee review the FY26 Fare Increase Proposal and provide feedback to staff.