

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Consolidated Existing Fares, Policies and Programs

FROM: David Mark, Director of Customer Experience

DATE: August 25, 2026

Action Requested

Refer Resolution 40-2026 to the Board of Directors for approval, consolidating and updating LAVTA's existing fixed route and paratransit fares, policies, and programs into one resolution.

Background

LAVTA last memorialized its fares and fare programs in one resolution in February 2025 (Attachment 1). Since that time, LAVTA has modified some of its fares, and has begun participating in new Clipper 2.0 pilots. Staff now desire to update memorialize all updated fares and fare programs in an updated resolution.

While fares and fare media should be periodically assessed, the proposed action does not make any changes to fares; rather, it consolidates the Board's prior actions codifying all existing fares and fare media including transfers, agency and Clipper® policies, and pass programs into one Resolution (Attachment 2). This resolution will simplify future discussions and changes related to fare and fare media by consolidating all applicable products, passes, and fare rules into one comprehensive document.

Discussion

Since January 2025, several changes have been made to LAVTA's fares and fare programs, as follows:

- With the rollout of Clipper 2 underway, staff seek to memorialize LAVTA's participation in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's No-Cost and Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Pilot Program, which was approved by the LAVTA Board of Directors in July 2024. This pilot program provides free and reduced-price transfers beginning with the launch of the Clipper® 2 system across 22 bay area transit operators. The pilot, officially launched on December 10, 2025, may extend for up to 24 months pending funding. Actual duration remains uncertain due to Clipper® 2 launch delays.
- In July 2025, the LAVTA Board approved participation in the permanent Clipper START Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Program.

- In December 2025, the LAVTA Board approved a fare increase to fixed route and paratransit fares, which was implemented in April 2026.

Future updates to the fare resolution will be brought to the Board as new fare programs and/or after changes to existing fares have been adopted, or as programs move from pilot to permanent status.

Budget Considerations

None – This action item has no budget impact.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the Finance and Administration Committee forward Resolution 40-2026 to the Board of Directors for approval, consolidating LAVTA's existing fixed route and paratransit fares, policies, and programs into one resolution.

Attachment:

1. Resolution 05-2025
2. Resolution 40-2026

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY CONSOLIDATING EXISTING FIXED ROUTE AND PARATRANSIT FARES AND TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA Board) adopted Resolution No. 5-2009 to implement a revised fare schedule on the Fixed Route and Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Service effective March 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the LAVTA Board adopted Resolution No. 02-2015 to add Clipper card fares and Clipper fare media to LAVTA's fare policy; and

WHEREAS, the LAVTA Board adopted Resolution No. 27-2015 to consolidate a revised fare schedule on Fixed Route and Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Services; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 with the implementation of Clipper, administrators created an "east bay small operators group" to facilitate uniform business rules for LAVTA, County Connection, WestCat, and Tri-Delta Transit, resulting in free transfers and a day pass accumulator extending between the operator group agencies; and

WHEREAS, the LAVTA Board adopted Resolution No. 28-2018 to implement recommendations from the 2018 Fare Study in three phases beginning in January 2019; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the fare changes were implemented in January 2019, including a Senior and Disabled Monthly Pass increase from \$18 to \$22, and a Dial-A-Ride Paratransit fare increase from \$3.50 to \$3.75; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LAVTA Board took action to delay the implementation date for the second phase of the fare increase from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2021, the LAVTA Board took action to further delay the implementation date for the second phase of the fare increase to January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, the LAVTA Board took action to officially cancel the additional phases of fare increases scheduled; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023 the LAVTA Board adopted Resolution No. 18-2023 authorizing LAVTA to continue participating in Clipper START through June 2025; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2023 the LAVTA Board authorized LAVTA to enter into the Clipper BayPass Phase 2 Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2024, the LAVTA Board adopted Resolution No. 35-2024 to transition the One Seat Ride Paratransit Program transitioned from a pilot program to a permanent program; and

WHEREAS, the LAVTA Board finds it desirable and necessary to consolidate existing fixed route and paratransit fares and transfer agreements approved by Resolution Nos. 02-2015, 28-2018, 18-2023, and 35-2024, and by LAVTA Board actions taken on February 6, 2023 and October 2, 2023 into one Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA Board) that existing fare schedules and transfer agreements approved by Resolution Nos. 02-2015, 27-2015, 28-2018, 18-2023 and 35-2024, and by LAVTA Board actions taken on February 6, 2023 and October 2, 2023 are consolidated and codified as shown below:

I. FARE SCHEDULE FOR FIXED ROUTE SERVICE - Effective January 2019

1) Fares: Regular one-way fare:

a. Adult Cash and Clipper®	\$2.00
b. Youth Cash between ages 6 and 18	\$2.00
c. Clipper® Youth between ages 6 and 18	\$1.60
d. Senior Citizen aged 65 and over	\$1.00
e. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) certified persons	\$1.00
f. Regional Transit Connection (RTC)	\$1.00
g. Children under age 6 when accompanied by a fare paying passenger	FREE
h. Eligible employees, Board members / dependents with applicable ID*	FREE

2) Passes: The following passes offer monthly unlimited rides for passengers:

a. Clipper® East Bay Regional Pass -Adults and Youths ages 6 - 18	\$60.00
b. Adult and Youth ages 6-18	\$60.00
c. Senior Citizens ages 65 and over	\$22.00
d. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) certified persons	\$22.00

3) Transfers: the following transfer credits are available to riders boarding Wheels buses.

- a. Clipper® transfers from rides initiated on a Wheels, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT are valid for unlimited rides on Wheels buses during a 2-hour (120 minute) period, valid from the time of the first boarding.
- b. Transfers to Wheels buses when displaying an ACE ticket are valid for same day transfers.
- c. Passengers transferring from BART to Wheels within a two-hour window receive a partial transfer credit:
 - i. \$1.00 on Adult Clipper®
 - ii. \$0.80 on Youth Clipper®
 - iii. \$0.50 on Senior Clipper® and RTC/Clipper®

4) Fare Capping: The following fare caps are available on Clipper® to riders utilizing any combination of boardings between Wheels, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT or multiple boardings of Wheels outside of credited transfer windows. Once a rider hits the fare cap during the day, they are credited with a Day Pass that is valid for unlimited travel for the rest of the day (through end of day service) on Wheels, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT.

- a. Adults and Youths ages 6 through 18 \$3.75
- b. Senior and ADA Certified Persons/Clipper® Access \$1.75

II. FARE SCHEDULE FOR DIAL-A-RIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICE - Effective January 2019

- 1) **Fares:** Regular one-way fare:
 - a. Fare per Ride \$3.75
 - b. Eligible employees with applicable ID** FREE
- 2) **Transfers:** the following transfer credits are available between participating agencies
 - a. Free interagency paratransit transfers from East Bay Paratransit
 - b. The One Seat Ride Paratransit Program simplifies travel for paratransit customers traveling between the LAVTA, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT services areas. The program allows passengers to book point-to-point paratransit service across the participating operators service areas with one fare and no transfers, simplifying booking and reducing dwell times.

Fare per Ride \$3.75

III. FARE PROGRAMS

- 1) **Class Pass**
A class pass is a free bus ride for up to 25 passengers (children, teachers and adult supervisors) from a school to any Tri-Valley destination that Wheels fixed routes currently serve. Teachers may request up to two (2) class passes per school year.
- 2) **Clipper® START**
Clipper® START is a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) pilot program that provides single-ride discounts to eligible riders. Eligible riders receive a 50% discount off Adult Clipper single-ride fares on Wheels. To qualify you must be a resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, 19-64 years old, and have a household income of 200% of the federal poverty level or less.
- 3) **Clipper® BayPass**
The MTC Clipper® BayPass pilot program is an all-agency transit pass that provides unlimited rides on all bus, rail and ferry services in the nine-county region. Wheels participates in the BayPass pilot. The pilot is designed to measure how an all-system pass could impact travel in the Bay Area. More than 30,000 Bay Area residents were provided unlimited access for a two-year pilot program to study the impact of a single transit pass. MTC has begun to sell BayPass to large Bay Area employers and institutions.

**LAVTA Employees and contracted employees, as well as "eligible family members/dependents" defined below shall be issued picture identification cards that will be good for a period not to exceed one year. LAVTA staff and dependents, and contractor staff may be issued a picture ID upon date of hire, but contractor dependents are not eligible for an ID until 90 days after the employee's hire date. At the beginning of each fiscal year, July 1, a new*

annual sticker will be issued to each employee and eligible dependent in order to ride Fixed Route transit. Board Members and their dependents are eligible for an ID; however retirees of the agency are not.

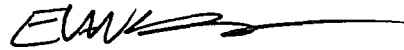
"Eligible Family Member/Dependent" is defined as a person who is claimed by the employee on their tax returns; or in the event no tax return is filed, then a person who is covered on the employee's health benefits. If no tax return is filed and the employee does not elect health benefits, then a notarized and signed statement documenting that the identified person would meet the requirements of "dependent" as defined by within the parameters of a tax return or health benefit election.

LAVTA's maintenance and operations contractor will be responsible for collecting employee and family member ID cards upon the termination of employment for one of their employees and returning these ID cards to LAVTA.

*** Free rides on Dial-A-Ride will be available only for Authority direct or contracted employees (no dependents), who are certified eligible for participation in the ADA paratransit program, and only for work related trips. Fraudulent use of the issued IDs, whether by a Wheels employee or their dependent, will result in rescinding the employee's free ride privileges as well as the privileges of the employee's dependents.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the LAVTA Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that the board codifies the fare structure and policy as described in this resolution and sanctions its continued application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the governing board of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority on this 3rd day of February 2025.



Evan Branning,
Chair Board of Directors

Attest:



Christy Wegener,
Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY CONSOLIDATING EXISTING FIXED ROUTE AND PARATRANSIT FARES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Board adopted Resolution No. 05-2025 to consolidate LAVTA's fare structure, policies, and programs on Fixed Route and Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Services; and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, the LAVTA Board approved Resolution 22-2025, approving LAVTA's participation in the permanent Clipper START program; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2025, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) began the rollout of Clipper 2, which includes the launch of MTC's No-Cost and Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Pilot Program, of which the LAVTA Board approved participation in October 2024; and

WHEREAS, the LAVTA Board approved Resolution 32-2025 in December 2025, implementing a fare increase to fixed route and paratransit fares effective April 2026; and

WHEREAS, the LAVTA Board finds it desirable and necessary to consolidate the existing fare structure, policies, and programs approved by Resolution 05-2025 with Resolutions 32-2025 and 22-2025, as well as the October 2024 Board action to participate in MTC's No Cost and Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Pilot Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that existing fare schedules, transfer agreements and fare programs approved by Resolution 05-2025 with Resolutions 32-2025 and 22-2025, as well as the Board action on July 1, 2024 are consolidated and codified as shown below:

I. FARE SCHEDULE FOR FIXED ROUTE SERVICE - Effective April 2026

1) Fares: Regular one-way fare:

a. Adult Cash and Clipper®	\$2.50
b. Youth Cash between ages 6 and 18	\$2.50
c. Clipper® Youth between ages 6 and 18	\$2.25
d. Senior Citizen aged 65 and over	\$1.25
e. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) certified persons	\$1.25
f. Clipper Access – formerly Regional Transit Connection (RTC)	\$1.25
g. Children under age 6 when accompanied by a fare paying passenger	FREE
h. Eligible employees, Board members / dependents with applicable ID*	FREE

- 2) **Monthly Passes:** The following passes offer monthly unlimited rides for passengers:
 - a. Clipper® East Bay Regional Pass -Adults and Youths ages 6 - 18 \$60.00
 - b. Adult and Youth ages 6-18 \$70.00
 - c. Senior Citizens ages 65 and over \$25.00
 - d. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) certified persons \$25.00
- 3) **Daily Passes:** The following passes offer daily unlimited rides for passengers:
 - a. Adult Onboard Cash and Youth ages 6-64 \$4.00
 - b. Senior Citizens Onboard Cash ages 65 and over \$2.00
 - c. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) certified persons Onboard Cash \$2.00
- 4) **Transfers:** the following transfer credits are available to riders boarding Wheels buses.
 - a. Clipper transfers from rides initiated on Wheels, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCAT are valid for unlimited rides between operators during a 2-hour (120 minute) period from first boarding regardless of initial fare paid.
 - b. Clipper transfers from rides initiated on Wheels to any of the other 22 transit operators participating in the MTC No-Cost and Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Pilot Program (Section III, 2) are credited with a discount equivalent to the Wheels adult single-ride Clipper fare, currently \$2.50.
 - c. Transfers from BART to Wheels within a two-hour window receive a free transfer due to the minimum fare on BART exceeding Wheels Adult fare.
 - d. Transfers to Wheels buses from ACE Rail when displaying an active ticket are valid for same day transfers.
- 5) **Fare Capping:** The following daily fare caps are available with Clipper to riders utilizing any combination of boardings between Wheels, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT or multiple boardings of Wheels outside of credited transfer windows. Once a rider reaches the daily fare cap, they are credited with a Day Pass that is valid for unlimited travel (through end of day service) on participating operators.
 - a. Adults and Youths ages 6 through 18 \$3.75
 - b. Senior and ADA Certified Persons/Clipper® Access \$1.75

II. FARE SCHEDULE FOR DIAL-A-RIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICE - Effective April 2026

- 1) **Fares:** Regular one-way fare:
 - a. Fare per Ride \$4.00
 - b. Eligible employees with applicable ID** FREE
- 2) **Transfers:** the following transfer credits are available between participating agencies
 - a. Interagency paratransit transfers from East Bay Paratransit FREE
 - b. One Seat Ride Regional Paratransit \$4.00

Fares are based on the local paratransit rates of the pickup location. Each one-way trip costs the same as the paratransit fare for the agency where the trip begins.

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2) **Clipper® START**

Clipper® START is an MTC program that provides single-ride discounts to eligible riders who receive a 50% discount off Adult Clipper single-ride fares. To qualify you must be a resident of the San Francisco Bay Area, 19-64 years old, and have a household income of 200% of the federal poverty level or less.

3) **Clipper® BayPass Pilot Program**

Clipper® BayPass is an MTC pilot program, instituted August 2022, providing an all-agency transit pass with unlimited rides on all bus, rail and ferry services in the nine-county region. The initial two-year pilot program was extended through December 31, 2030. MTC currently sells BayPass to large Bay Area employers and institutions.

4) **No-Cost and Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Pilot Program**

On March 27, 2023, the MTC Fare Integration Task Force endorsed a No-Cost and Reduced Cost Interagency Transfer Pilot Program, providing free and reduced-price transfers beginning with the launch of the Clipper® 2 system across 22 bay area transit operators. The program provides a discount equivalent to the adult single-ride Clipper® 2 fare for amounts up to the region's highest local bus/light rail transit fare, currently \$2.85. When making a trip that requires transferring, riders pay the full fare on the first operator used. Any transfer within two hours of the first boarding is free up to the per-transfer limit. Clipper® 2 customers using discount fare categories (Senior, Youth, Clipper START, Access) are subject to a discount limit proportional to the fare charged.

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"Eligible Family Member/Dependent" is defined as a person who is claimed by the employee on their tax returns; or in the event no tax return is filed, then a person who is covered on the employee's health benefits. If no tax return is filed and the employee does not elect health benefits, then a notarized and signed statement documenting that the identified person would meet the requirements of "dependent" as defined by within the parameters of a tax return or health benefit election.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the LAVTA Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that the board codifies the fare structure, policies, and programs as described in this resolution and sanctions its continued application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the governing board of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority on this 14th day of September 2026.

David Haubert,
Chair Board of Directors

Attest:

Christy Wegener,
Executive Director