

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Establishing Paid Fare Zones at All RT Light Rail Stations

ISSUE

Whether to authorize the establishment of Paid Fare Zones at all RT Light Rail Stations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 17-05-____, Establishing Paid Fare Zones at all Regional Transit Light Rail Stations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Budgeted:	Yes	This FY:	\$	14,000
Budget Source:	Operating	Next FY:	\$	0
Funding Source:	CC36 Police Services	Annualized:	\$	0
	690014 Misc - \$11,000			
	690031 Other Supplies - \$3,000			
Cost Cntr/GL Acct(s) or Capital Project #:		Total Amount:	\$	14,000
Total Budget:	\$ 14,000			

DISCUSSION

In its December 2014 final Observations and Recommendations Report, a Peer Review Committee enlisted to assist RT in evaluating security services and programs, recommended that RT “implement a clearly defined ‘paid fare’ zone at all light rail stations.” The recommendation arose out of concerns about loitering and other nuisance behavior by individuals who either have no intent to use the system or who intend to use the system without paying.

This recommendation was subsequently endorsed by the Business Advisory Panel convened by then-Chair Serna in its January 2015 report.

On May 11, 2015, the Board adopted a new RT Prohibited Acts Ordinance establishing RT’s authority to implement Paid Fare Zones.

The Paid Fare Zone program was initiated at 6 “pilot” stations: (1) Arden/Del Paso; (2) Alkali Flat/La Valentina; (3) St. Rose of Lima Park (9th & K); (4) 16th Street; (5) Broadway; and (6) Mather Field/Mills.

RT’s experience with the pilot program has been positive. Staff has observed that enforcement of the Paid Fare Zones has resulted in safer, cleaner, and more convenient waiting areas for RT

Approved:

Presented:

Final 05/03/17

General Manager/CEO

Chief Counsel

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passengers, has aided in fare inspection and enforcement, and has resulted in more efficient boarding and alighting from light rail vehicles by creating more space for passengers on the station platforms. Further, individuals have generally been cooperative in RT's efforts to enforce the Paid Fare Zone – no citations for violation of the Zone have been issued to date.

Additionally, RT intends to deploy additional Transit Agents at Light Rail Stations and the Agents' ability to make contact with individuals within the Paid Fare Zones will add efficiency to RT's fare enforcement efforts.

Staff has observed that most RT Light Rail Stations have a natural passenger loading "zone" that is comprised of the station platform, detectible warning tiles, and other physical characteristics of the station. Therefore, it does not appear that painted striping is necessary to delineate the zone. As a result, Staff will recommend, by separate resolution, that the definition of "Paid Fare Zone," contained in Title XV of the RT Administrative Code (Prohibited Acts), be amended to eliminate the reference to "pavement markings" as an element of the Zones. The Paid Fare Zones will continue to be marked with prominent signage. Procurement of the additional signage, along with hardware, will cost approximately \$14,000. This figure is exclusive of signage that is already present at a number of stations and use of signs already in RT's inventory.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-05-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

May 8, 2017

ESTABLISHING PAID FARE ZONES AT ALL REGIONAL TRANSIT LIGHT RAIL STATIONS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Board hereby establishes Paid Fare Zones at all Regional Transit light rail stations.

ANDREW J. MORIN, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary