

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Temporarily Adding Folsom Only Fares to SacRT's Fare Structure

ISSUE

Whether or not to modify SacRT's fare structure to modify existing definitions, and add new service definitions, and temporarily add fares for Folsom service.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 19-01___, Amending the Fare Structure (Resolutions No. 09-10-0174 and 16-03-0024, as Amended by Resolutions 18-06-0061 and 18-08-0092) to Modify and Add Definitions and Temporarily Add Fares for Folsom Dial-A-Ride and Fixed-Route Service.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff estimates that operating Folsom service will bring in approximately \$70,723 in new fare revenue annually to SacRT. Approximately \$41,436 of that amount comes from Dial-A-Ride service and \$3,181 is attributable to fare revenue from Seniors. The remaining \$26,106 of fare revenue is generated by existing SacRT fare categories.

DISCUSSION

Recently the SacRT Board and Folsom City Council entered into an annexation agreement whereby the City of Folsom will become a part of SacRT's service area. When service transitions to SacRT on February 4, 2019, Folsom residents will become subject to SacRT fare policies. As part of the annexation agreement, SacRT agreed to keep Folsom's current fare structure in place for Folsom intracity service. The following is a brief narrative describing the similarities and proposed changes to SacRT's fare structure in order to accommodate this agreement. While SacRT is not proposing any increases to the fares currently in effect in the City of Folsom, these will be new fare categories for SacRT. As a consequence, SacRT cannot adopt any of these fares on a permanent basis until a Title VI analysis has been prepared and approved by the Board consistent with FTA requirements.

Folsom's fixed route services are well defined and can be easily incorporated into SacRT's current fare structure, as the fares for these services are generally consistent with SacRT's existing fare structure.

However, the City of Folsom also operates a demand-response Dial-A-Ride service within its city limits for citizens age 55 and over and persons with disabilities. This service is not defined within SacRT's current fare structure, which broadly defines "Fixed Route Service" as:

Approved:

Presented:

Final 01/23/19

General Manager/CEO

VP, Finance/Chief Financial Officer

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“Fixed Route Service means all passenger service provided on a Transit Vehicle in revenue service, whether or not on a continuous, seasonal, experimental, or emergency basis, exclusive of charter service as defined by applicable state and federal statutes.”

Given that SacRT’s traditional fixed route service and Folsom’s Dial-A-Ride service are operationally different, it is important to define each of these services in SacRT’s Fare Structure and specify the different fares. Additionally, upon review of the Fare Structure, Staff noted that there was no definition of SmarT Ride Service and that the definition of “Ride” did not encompass demand-response service. SacRT has treated the SmarT Ride service as Fixed Route Service and charged the same fares for that service. This action would not change that, but would explicitly clarify that SmarT Ride Service is a separate service category that has the same fares as Fixed Route Service.

The proposed modified and new definitions are included in the Resolution. Given the modified and changed definitions, SacRT next needs to identify the applicable fares for each. SacRT and the City of Folsom have been transfer partners for many years and therefore passenger fares for fixed route services (passes and single rides) are similar with only a few exceptions.

Single Ride and Monthly Pass prices are equivalent on the two systems with the exception of the Student Monthly Pass. SacRT charges students only \$20 per month, while the City of Folsom Student Monthly Pass is \$50. Given that the transfer agreement allowed students who purchase SacRT monthly passes to ride on Folsom service for free, the Folsom Student Monthly Pass (\$50) was rarely purchased. Staff is proposing that the SacRT \$20 Student Monthly Pass entirely replace the Folsom Student Monthly Pass. Another benefit that those using Folsom service will enjoy is that the age at which children can ride for free will be raised. Prior to the Annexation Agreement, only children ages 3 or younger could ride for free. Staff is proposing to raise the free ride age to 5 or younger to match the rest of SacRT’s system.

While the Senior Monthly Pass, Senior Single Ride and Senior Daily Pass are the same price as the equivalent fares on SacRT, the age at which Seniors are eligible for discounted fares in Folsom is 55 and older, whereas the Senior age on all other SacRT services is 62 and older. SacRT is proposing to at least temporarily keep the Senior fare eligibility in place for those ages 55 to 61 riding SacRT on Folsom’s intracity services. However, the Folsom Senior Monthly Pass would be available only on Connect Card and would be valid only on Folsom intracity service.

In addition, there are currently no Dial-a-Ride fares, so those need to be added to the Fare Structure, initially on a temporary basis. The proposed new temporary fares can be found in table 1 below.

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Table 1

Proposed Temporary New Fares (valid on Folsom services only)	Ticket/Pass Price
Dial-A-Ride Fares	
Single One-way, Senior (age 55+)	\$4.00
One-way, Persons with Disabilities	\$4.00
¹ Monthly Pass, Senior and Persons with Disabilities	\$95.00
² Companions	\$4.00
Personal Care Attendant (one per passenger)	Free
Fixed Route Fares	
³ Folsom Senior Monthly Pass - Age 55+, Connect Card only	\$50.00
³ Folsom Senior Single Ride - Age 55+	\$1.25
³ Folsom Senior Daily Pass - Age 55+	\$3.50

¹ Valid for unlimited rides during the calendar month purchased, within the City of Folsom

² Permitted on a space available basis

³ Senior age is 62+ on all other SacRT services.

It is important to note that these fares will be valid only on bus services that were previously operated by the City of Folsom. These fare items will not be extended to SacRT passengers riding other services.

Within the next 6 months Staff will perform a Title VI analysis of the proposed fare offerings and bring a recommendation for or against permanency of these fare items at that time. Given the importance of a successful transition of services from Folsom to SacRT and considering the terms of the annexation agreement, Staff is recommending that the Board modify and/or create new definitions in the Fare Structure as noted above and temporarily authorize the sale of Dial-A-Ride fares and lower the age limit for Seniors to 55 years or older for bus services that were previously operated by the city of Folsom.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-_____

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

January 28, 2019

AMENDING THE FARE STRUCTURE (RESOLUTIONS NO. 09-10-0174 AND 16-03-0024, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTIONS 18-06-0061 AND 18-08-0092) TO MODIFY DEFINITIONS AND TEMPORARILY ADD FARES FOR FOLSOM DIAL-A-RIDE AND FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE

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

THAT, the following definitions in Section II, "Fare Structure Definitions" set out in Resolution No. 09-10-0174, as previously amended are hereby modified to read in their entirety as follows:

"Applicable Fare means the Fare established in Article IV, which a person must Pay in order to take one Ride on the specified type of service."

"Fare means the price charged to give a passenger one Ride on the specified type of service."

"Fixed Route Service means Services provided on a repetitive, fixed schedule basis along a specific route with vehicles stopping to pick up and deliver passengers to specific locations; each fixed route trip serves the same origins and destinations. This definition includes service provided on a seasonal, experimental or emergency basis and deviated fixed route service."

"Ride means (1) a trip of any length that can be taken by one person on a Bus operating on Fixed Route Service without repeating a Bus stop or transferring to another Transit Vehicle; (2) a ride from a single origin to a single destination on SmaRT Ride Service or Folsom Dial-a-Ride Service; or (3) as many trips as can be taken by one person on a light rail train(s) with a single Validated Prepaid Fare Ticket during the time period it is valid; or (4) as many trips as can be taken on a Single Ride -- Electronic Fare Media ticket during the time period it is valid."

THAT, the following definitions are hereby added to Section II, "Fare Structure Definitions" set out in Resolution No. 09-10-0174, as previously amended :

"Folsom Dial-A-Ride Service means demand response service provided to registered individuals (ADA certified or 55 or above) and their companions and personal attendants on a Transit Vehicle in revenue service within the city limits of Folsom and without a fixed origin and destination point that is booked by a customer in advance over the phone or through a ride booking application."

"Folsom Senior Citizen means a person 55 or more years of age or older riding intracity service with an origin and destination entirely within the City of Folsom

"SmaRT Ride Service means demand response service provided on a Transit Vehicle in revenue service within a specified SmaRT Ride service zone and without

a fixed origin and destination point that is booked by a customer in advance over the phone or through a ride booking application.”

THAT, wherever the term “Fixed Route Service” is used in Sections III, IV, V of the Fare Structure, it is deemed to refer to both Fixed Route Service and SmaRT Ride Service.

THAT, effective as of February 4, 2019, in addition to the other Fares and Prepaid Fare types identified in Section IV and Section V of the Fare Structure, the following Fares and Prepaid Fares are temporarily added to the Fare Structure, continuing until August 3, 2019:

“Folsom Dial-a-Ride Basic Fare is the Applicable Fare for a single Ride on Folsom Dial-a-Ride Service taken by an eligible individual.”

“Folsom Dial-a-Ride Monthly Pass entitles the bearer to an unlimited number of Rides on Folsom Dial-a-Ride service, subject to the validity requirements set out in Article III.C.1.”

“Folsom Dial-a-Ride Companion Fare is the Applicable Fare for a companion accompanying an eligible individual on Folsom Dial-a-Ride service with the same origin and destination.”

“Folsom Dial-a-Ride Personal Attendant Fare is the Applicable Fare for a Personal Care Attendant travelling with an ADA certified individual on Folsom Dial-a-Ride service with the same origin and destination.”

“Folsom Senior Monthly Pass is a valid only when purchased on electronic prepaid media and entitles a Folsom Senior to an unlimited number of Rides on Fixed Route Service with an origin and destination entirely within the boundaries of the City of Folsom for the specified month.”

“Folsom Senior Discount Single Ride entitles a Folsom Senior to a Ride on Fixed Route Service with an origin and destination entirely within the boundaries of the City of Folsom.

“Folsom Senior Discount Daily Pass entitles a Folsom Senior to an unlimited number of Rides on Fixed Route Service in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in Article III.C.3 and Article IV.B.2 of the Fare Structure.

THAT, effective as of February 4, 2019, in addition to the fares set out in Exhibit B-3 as specified in Resolution 18-08-0092 and Exhibit B-2 of Resolution 16-03-0024, the fares set out in the attached Exhibit B-4 will be in effect for a six month period, ending August 3, 2019.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary

Exhibit B-4

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