



April 7, 2022

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
375 Beale St #800, San Francisco, CA 94105

**Re: Agenda Item 3d – Expanding Eligible uses for Senate Bill 942 (Newman)**

Dear MTC Commissioners:

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to implement the Transformation Action Plan and for your support of SB917 - the Seamless Transit Transformation Act. Our organizations are committed to helping secure the resources to fund the actions in the Transformation Action Plan and SB917.

We encourage the Commission to adopt the staff recommendation of supporting and amending SB942 to expand the types of fare reducing programs to include “fare integration policies.” As the staff report notes:

“The Bay Area’s recent Transit Fare Coordination and Integration Study (FCIS) identified significant ridership benefits resulting from various fare integration efforts, including free and reduced transfers, an all-agency individual pass, and a common fare structure for regional service. While MTC has already committed funds to cover the initial cost of the free and reduced cost transfers, slated to take effect with the launch of Next Generation Clipper, the common fare structure for regional service is estimated to cost approximately \$70 million annually while the individual all-agency pass is estimated to cost approximately \$34 million annually.”

This amendment provides an opportunity to secure the critical resources needed to maximize transit ridership growth, reduce driving, and sustain the recovery of our economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

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