

Resolution

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

In the Matter of Adopting an East Bay
Paratransit fare policy for One Seat Ride Pilot
Program services into Santa Clara County

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, in 1994, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (“District”) entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Consortium Agreement with Alameda-Contra Costa Transportation District (“AC Transit”) (collectively “the EBPC”) to provide Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) paratransit services in the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 29038, the Board of Directors of the District must set rates and charges for rapid transit service to be furnished by the District; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Board of Directors of the District adopted an EBPC fare table that specified fares for ADA paratransit trips within the East Bay, and for transbay trips to and from San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, that fare table did not include services which extend into Santa Clara beyond the Milpitas BART station, nor did it include “premium” fares which are permitted under the ADA for services which go beyond the agencies’ minimum obligation to provide service within a ¾ mile radius of the agencies’ bus routes and rail stations; and

WHEREAS, currently, paratransit riders needing to travel across the EBPC service area boundary into Santa Clara County must transfer between EBPC and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (“VTA”) services at fixed transfer points. These transfers can create challenges for paratransit riders, who must wait for their connecting vehicle to arrive, and, as a result, face a lengthier trip than they would if they could travel directly to their destination; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (“MTC”) Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan seeks to address these challenges by developing one-seat paratransit ride pilots that would take passengers across agency service area boundaries in a single vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the MTC, VTA, and EBPC have agreed to participate in a One Seat Ride Pilot Program wherein EBPC may provide origin to destination paratransit service beyond its service area into Santa Clara County, and wherein VTA may provide reciprocal service beyond its service area into the East Bay, and wherein the participating agencies may set their own respective fares for these services; and

WHEREAS, the District is conducting outreach to the public, consistent with the District’s Public Participation Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby makes the following findings:

1. After careful study of staff recommendations, public comment, and due deliberations, the Board determines, as required by Public Utilities Code Section 29038, that the rates and charges defined within the EBPC fare table, as modified by this Resolution,

are reasonable; and that insofar as practicable, these rates and charges are calculated to result in revenue which will:

- a. Pay for certain operating expenses of the District; and
 - b. Provide for repairs, maintenance, and depreciation of works owned and operated by the District;
2. After making any current allocation of funds for the foregoing purposes and by the terms of any indebtedness incurred under Public Utilities Code Articles 6 (commencing with Section 29240) and 7 (commencing with section 29250) of Chapter 8, the District shall provide funds for any purpose the Board deems necessary and desirable to carry out the purposes of Part 2 of Division 10 of the Public Utilities Code.
 3. After careful study of staff recommendations, public comment, and due deliberations, the Board also determines that the updated EBPC fare table is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 21080 (b)(8) of the Public Resources Code, and that the rates and charges for EBPC fares, as modified by this Resolution and set forth in Attachment A, are for the purposes of:
 - a. Meeting operating expenses such as employee wage rates and fringe benefits,
 - b. Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials;
 - c. Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements; and
 - d. Obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.
 - e. Obtaining funds necessary to maintain intra-city transfers as are authorized by city charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that:

1. The modified East Bay Paratransit Fare Table, as set forth in Attachment A, is hereby adopted.
2. The EBPC fare table implemented as set forth in Attachment A is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to public resources code §21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code Regs §15273 and that Notices of Exemption shall be filed in the affected counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take immediate effect after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, this 13th day of August, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Attachment A: Modification to the East Bay Paratransit Fare Table

Modifications are presented in red, underlined, and italic font

Fares for one-way trips within the East Bay:

Fare	Distance
\$4.00	0 to 12 miles
\$6.00	More than 12 to 20 miles
\$7.00	More than 20 miles

Fares for one-way trips to or from San Francisco:

If your trip starts or ends in San Francisco, fares are based on zones and distance from Civic Center BART.

Zone	Cities Served	Up to Civic Center BART	Beyond Civic Center BART	Any Daly City address
Zone 1	Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, Oakland	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$8.00
Zone 2	Albany, Castro Valley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Kensington, Orinda BART, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Richmond, San Pablo	\$7.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Zone 3	Fremont, Hayward, Hercules, Milpitas, Newark, Pleasanton BART, Pinole, Union City	\$8.00	\$9.00	\$10.00

*Trips to or from San Francisco that go beyond the BART service territory and are carried by East Bay Paratransit also require an additional MUNI paratransit fare of \$2.85.

One Seat Ride Pilot Fares for one-way trips to Santa Clara County:

<u>Fare</u>	<u>Area</u>
<u>See East Bay Fares*</u>	<u>To Milpitas BART; Berryessa/N. San Jose BART</u>
<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>All other pilot areas served</u>

***Trips to Santa Clara County that are within a ¾ mile radius of Milpitas BART station or Berryessa/North San Jose BART station, or an AC Transit bus route will be charged the East Bay distance-based fare.**