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**Agenda
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ded Action: Consider receiving a report on the history of transfers at AC Transit and considerations for possible changes to the current day-pass based system. [Requested by Director Walsh - 10/13/21 and Director Beckles - 2/9/22]

i'm open to suggestions for a better title!

Sponsors:

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Board of Directors - Regular Meeting	03/09/2022	Received				Pass
Action Text: MOTION: PEEPLES/WALSH to receive a report on the history of transfers at AC Transit. The motion carried by the following vote:						
Notes: [Written comment received prior to meeting is incorporated into the file by reference.]						

Chief Financial Officer Chris Andrichak presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Public speakers commented on the Staff Report addressing bus transfers and the day pass system. Some public speakers noted that a free bus transfer would be one way to encourage riders to return following the COVID-19 pandemic. Public speakers offered suggestions to improve bus transfer use, including the use of two-hour transfers or the use of both free transfers and day passes. Public speakers noted that free transfers might also improve bus service efficiency because riders would no longer need to find change and hold up bus service. These public speakers were:

John Minot, East Bay Transit Riders Union (EBTRU)

Hayden, noted that many other transit agencies offer 2-hour free transfers.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, spoke about the challenges associated with transfers and conflicts faced by the working groups dealing with inter-agency transit.

George Spies, Seamless Bay Area

Derrick Sagehorn, EBTRU

Kiran Agarwal

Nick Pilch

Alfred Twu

Vallery Lancey

Board Discussion:

Director Peeples commented that the discussion of transfers and fares should be centered around the integration of AC Transit's fare system with the rest of the region, rather than solely offering free transfers. Director Peeples further commented that he would be interested in plans to fund a region-wide fare system and ways to integrate AC Transit.

Vice President Young commented that while he doesn't oppose free transfers, reevaluating the entire fare structure should be done and ,preferably, in parallel with the service redesign efforts because the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Transit Fare Coordination and Integration Study may be available at the time and serve as a blueprint for fare structure.

Director Beckles acknowledged the members of the public for providing comments and spoke in support of free transfers. Director Beckles further asked staff to consider both the current Day Pass and implement a free two-hour transfer, adding that the ease of transfer and travel on public transit should be regarded as a method to welcome riders to public transit.

Director Shaw commented that although the intention of the Day Pass was to resolve the transfer challenges, it turned out not to be the best solution, noting that many agencies now offer free transfers. Director Shaw further spoke in support of free transfers for Clipper and Mobile App users and commented that implementing free transfers at AC Transit in the near future will not have an adverse effect on the fare integration plan further down the line.

Director Walsh thanked the public speakers and organizations for participating and providing their input. Director Walsh commented that both Day Pass and free transfers are different fare products that would not cancel each other and could be implemented simultaneously. Director Walsh further agreed with previous mentions of redesigning the entire fare system considering the new strategic element of equity, regional fare integration, the price of Transbay fares, and Tempo fares.

Director Shaw commented that redesigning the entire fare structure would be a

major undertaking and thought implementing free transfers on Clipper and mobile apps could be done fairly quickly.

During the Agenda Planning portion of the meeting, Director Shaw requested a report on implementing free two-hour transfers for Clipper and mobile app users by the end of the year.

Ayes: 6 President Ortiz, Vice President Young, Director Walsh, Director Beckles,
Director Shaw, Director Peebles
