

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN FOR UPCOMING TRANSIT FARE INCREASE

PROPOSED TRANSIT FARE AMENDMENTS

If approved, the changes will take place when the Campus Card is replaced by the new regional PRONTO fare system in mid 2021. The changes include:

Creation of PRONTO

- Automatically provide best-possible fare
- Rider will never be charged more than the value of Day Pass or Monthly Pass
- May still purchase calendar month pass



Fare changes

- Reduce one-way cash fares for Youth to align with discounted SDM (Seniors, Disabled, Medicare) cash fares
- Increase Adult one-way cash fares from \$2.50 to \$2.75
- Increase MTS Access and NCTD LIFT fares from \$5.00 to \$5.50

Scenario A

- Adult Monthly Best Fare stays at \$72
- Youth/SDM Monthly Best Fare stays at \$23

Scenario B

- Increase Adult Monthly Best Fare from \$72 to \$75
- Increase Youth/SDM Monthly Best Fare from \$23 to \$24

ICEJ'S POSITION:

Supports:

- creation of PRONTO, but system must be accessible vulnerable communities
 - Outreach to communities accessible in multiple languages
 - Smooth transition, especially for reduced fare riders
 - Establish option to register e-card by phone
- Reduction of one-way fares for Youth
- Increasing Adult Monthly Best Fare (Scenario B) to allow increased funding for MTS



Against:

 Increase of Youth/SDM Monthly Best Fare (Scenario B) as this increase would burden the most vulnerable communities

NEXT STEPS: How to send in Public Comment

Feedback from the public is due on March 1, 2021.

- Mail comments to: SANDAG PIO, 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101
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For more detailed information on the fare increase, click here.

For more information on ICEJ's Transportation Initiative, and Why People of Faith should support Equitable Transportation Infrastructure, <u>click here</u>.