

Agenda Item #8

Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) endorsement of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Fare Coordination and Integration Study (FCIS)

We, the Caltrain CAC, endorse the FCIS Fare Policy Vision [as presented](#)¹ to the Committee on November 17, 2021, and support the implementation of its Phase A and B recommendations (all-agency institutional pass pilot in 2022; free/reduced cost transfers and all-agency public pass in 2023).

We also strongly support the Phase C recommendation of standardizing regional fares, and propose that it be implemented as soon as feasible (before 2024), especially given the immense benefit to rider experience and modelled increases to ridership (nearly 70,000 added region-wide daily riders for the [high-investment unified fare-by-distance model](#)²).

We urge the Caltrain Joint Powers Board to approve the FCIS Policy Vision and recommendations, and to direct staff to proactively collaborate with MTC and other transit agencies in its implementation and pursuit of funding.

¹ FCIS Fare Policy Vision:

https://www.caltrain.com/Assets/_Agendas+and+Minutes/JPB/CAC/Presentations/2018/2021-11-17+JPB+CAC+presentation+!239.pdf

² Draft FCIS Business Case Report: https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021-10/Draft_FCIS_Report.pdf