Line 720 All Door Boarding Pilot Project Evaluation

Project Summary Report

Objective

On April 15, 2015, the Board of Directors adopted a Motion amending Item #24 of the Planning and Programming Committee (see Attachment 1). The motion directed staff to study the feasibility of All-Door Boarding (ADB) and Off Board Fare Payment (OBFP) on the Wilshire Boulevard BRT, as well as other applicable corridors, as part of Metro's continuing efforts to improve and enhance the transit experience and support Metro's Countywide BRT expansion. It further directed staff to assess the practical challenges and opportunities of All-Door Boarding and/or Off-Board Fare Payment.

Optimization of the Customer Transit Experience

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) identifies a number of major elements critical to the success of BRT, such as type of running way, branding, stations, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). The incorporation of these elements achieves several key BRT objectives, including travel time savings, improved reliability, branding to attract new markets, enhanced safety and security, enhanced capacity, and accessibility.

The Rapid Line 720, Metro's busiest bus line, has an average of 39,000 boardings per weekday. The line is challenged with poor on time performance and bus bunching, as a result of heavy corridor traffic which negatively impacts bus running times. High passenger boarding activity also results in lengthy dwell times, further impacting travel time and reliability.

Initial efforts to implement BRT elements did not include dedicated bus lanes and/or right-of-way or expedited fare payment strategies. However the subsequent addition of a total of 7.7 miles of dedicated peak period bus lanes for the route, completed in August 2015, rounded out six (6) attributes of BRT elements applied to the line, as shown in Table 1.

Element	Line 720
Running Ways	 Peak hour bus lanes along 7.7 miles of Wilshire Blvd.
Stations	 Rapid designed shelters with customer amenities
Vehicles	Low floor articulated buses
ITS	 Bus signal priority and NextBus technology
Service and Operations Plan	 Frequent service with longer stop spacing
Branding Elements	 Branded bus color and station design
Fare Collection	N/A

Table 1 Attributes of BRT

While the new lanes allow buses to operate at higher speeds through the congested corridor, dwell times still continue to increase because of high levels of boarding activity at key stops; as such additional measures need to be taken to reduce transit travel times on this route.

Reducing customers' transit travel time requires improvements to three parts of their trip: wait time, in service running time and stop dwell time. Figure 1 below summarizes the aspects of travel time and the optimizing strategies used to address them.

Figure 1 Travel Time Strategies



As other efforts are underway to reduce wait time and increase operations speeds as indicated above, the ADB pilot program tests the effectiveness of the remaining element of BRT, faster boarding through more efficient fare collection. It is aimed at reducing bus stop dwell times and variability, by allowing customers with valid TAP cards to enter from the middle and rear doors. Cash and transfer customers were still required to enter from the front door.

Pilot Logistics

The ADB pilot test was conducted along Line 720 (Wilshire BRT), at the Wilshire/Vermont stop westbound during the AM (6:00 am-11:00 am) and the Wilshire/Westwood stop eastbound during the PM (2:00 pm – 7:00 pm) (see Figure 2). The test was conducted from May 18, 2015 to July 10, 2015, on weekdays only.

Stand Alone TAP Validators (SAV) were placed on the sidewalk at the locations of the rear, middle, and front left doors to allow customers to "TAP and Board Any Door". Customers paying with cash, transfer, token, or needing assistance continued to enter through the front door. Metro customer service representatives were on site to provide information on the pilot project and reminded passengers with valid TAP cards that they could board through any door. Vehicle Operations Supervisors were also present to monitor on-street operations.



Figure 2: Wilshire BRT All Door Boarding Pilot Locations

Communications and Customer Engagement

An important part of the process was engaging customers, to share project objectives and solicit their opinions on the value and viability of the project. Prior to commencing the pilot, a comprehensive marketing and outreach effort was conducted, including the distribution of a number of marketing materials in various languages, and social and electronic media. Staff was also available at each stop one week prior to implementation to distribute information on the pilot project and answer questions. The pre-pilot comprehensive marketing and outreach effort included the following:

- Pull-up banners at Wilshire/Vermont
- A-frames at Wilshire/Westwood
- Take-ones
- Flyers
- Poster Boards for divisions
- Post information on metro.net
- Eblasts
- The Source/El Pasajero
- Metro Facebook
- Metro Twitter
- Metro Daily Brief

Staff also visited affected Operating Divisions to solicit input from the Bus Operators.

Scope of Evaluation/Evaluation Program/Evaluation Plan

While ADB can result in true dollar cost savings and revenue impacts, the perceived benefits and drawbacks of the program should be considered equally important in the evaluation, given its influence on service quality and ridership. Therefore, the scope of evaluation of the ADB pilot consists of:

- Calculated dwell time savings and its impact on resource requirement and service reliability;
- Estimated impact to fare evasion;
- Customer perceptions of the benefits and drawbacks of implementing ADB;
- Other challenges and opportunities identified through peer agency review and observations from the ADB pilot program.

To support the evaluation plan, quantitative data was collected during the test period, as well as qualitative assessments through surveys, focus groups and peer agency reviews, as follows:

- Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) boarding data;
- Farebox and Stand Alone Validator (SAV) fare unit counts;
- Manual passenger counts and dwell time checks conducted by OMB staff;
- Data from the Transit Court department regarding fare evasion;
- Customer surveys conducted by OMB and TAP staff; and
- Vehicle Operations Supervisors (VOS), TAP "Blue Shirt" ambassadors and Operator debriefs.

Peer agency reviews were also conducted for comparison and guidance on lessons learned (Attachment 2). The agencies contacted were MTA in New York, MUNI in San Francisco, King County Metro in Seattle, Washington, and Translink in Vancouver, Canada. Each of these systems implemented ADB in different ways based on the needs of their system and other considerations.

Findings

The ADB pilot demonstrated that there can be resource savings from a reduction in dwell time. In addition, reducing the range (or variability) in dwell time helps to improve the line's overall reliability and headway regularity. Attachment 3 presents detailed dwell time and resource savings by line for Rapids and Silver Line.

Based on data collected, overall dwell time decreased because boarding is distributed among three doors instead of being limited to the front door only, reducing the overall per person time for boarding. Dwell time per passenger dropped from 4.35 seconds to 2.96 seconds, a decrease of 1.39 seconds per passenger, or 32%. The results also showed buses spent 6.2% less time picking up and dropping off passengers at stops (i.e. dwell time), as a percentage of their overall time in service. Prior to the pilot, dwell time represented 29% of the trip time of the segment, compared to 27% during the pilot. In addition, dwell times can be further reduced by an additional 1.41 seconds, to 1.55 seconds, by restricting boardings to "TAP only". In this scenario, cash payments would not be allowed on board the bus.

Access to all doors means there may be a more even distribution of the passenger load, and less time would be spent boarding and sitting down on buses. As such, there can be less boarding-related safety hazards, fewer opportunities for customer injuries, and less delay before the operator departs from the stop.

The more significant benefit of ADB is the perception of better service, which heavily influences a passenger's decision to use transit. Based on the customer survey conducted as part of the pilot, 89% of passengers thought that it took less time for them to board, with 66% responding with "much faster" and 23% with "somewhat faster". In addition, 75% of survey respondents thought it was easier to board the bus with only 5% thinking it was harder. Only 7% of the passengers were not in favor of the program; the overwhelming majority (82%) look forward to its implementation. Full comments and customer feedback is provided in Attachment 4.

These results support the fact that ADB can produce significant perceived time savings, especially at stops with high boarding volumes, high numbers of cash-paying passengers and on lines with significant wheelchair boardings. For example, at a stop with five boardings, the difference in dwell time between a bus using ADB and one without ADB is roughly seven seconds. However, at a stop with thirty boardings, the dwell time difference increases to 42 seconds; hence the greater time savings at the busier stop results in a greater real and perceived benefit of ADB. Focusing on the Rapids and Silver Line, the project will likely have greatest impact on six lines—704 (Santa Monica Blvd), 720 (Wilshire Blvd), 733 (Venice Blvd), 744 (Van Nuys and Reseda Blvds), 754 (Vermont Ave) and 910 (Silver Line). These lines had a combined weekday average ridership of 107,063, and record nearly 700,000 passengers weekly. There may also be improvements seen on the 757 (Western Ave), whose average weekday ridership is over 13,000.

The real and perceived benefits of ADB are expected to result in ridership increases. Attachment 5 provides detailed estimations of ridership increases for all Rapids and Silver Line. The analysis shows a modest weekday increase of 0.17% as a result of ADB. If boardings were restricted to "TAP Only", weekday ridership increase is projected to be 0.34%.

Operator and Supervisor feedback (summarized in Attachment 6) also indicates that they believe the ADB project is good for the system and they would support its implementation. Comments included:

- A noticeably shorter dwell time when there are more than ten people boarding;
- The customers being better able to see the available seating on the bus; and
- A reduction in confrontations with passengers regarding fares, which would help avoid disputes and operator assaults.

Fare Evasion

While ADB can result in resource savings and more significant perceived service quality benefits, the greatest challenge to implementing ADB is the impact to fare evasion. Traditionally, front door only boarding allows the operator to serve as a "gate-keeper", quoting the fare to each customer that boards and reminding them to pay. With ADB, passengers are able to bypass the operator by boarding at the un-manned middle and rear doors. Concerns that this policy would induce more fare evasion were voiced by all peer agencies interviewed as well as Metro employees and customers prior to and during the pilot test.

Unfortunately, the data collected from the fareboxes and SAVs during the pilot test were inconclusive regarding the impact of ADB on fare evasion. When comparing fare evasion on the Orange Line, which employs ADB and Off Board Fare Payment, and the overall bus system, the results are equally unclear.

Regardless, public perception is that ADB will induce more customers to evade paying their fare. In the customer survey conducted as part of the ADB pilot test, 52% of respondents stated that they have witnessed fare evasion at the middle and rear doors. However, 82% of these respondents still support ADB. Comments submitted indicated that some customers were frustrated at the amount of fare evasion they perceive. Others were irritated that people who may not be paying are able to board in the rear of the bus and find a vacant seat, while those paying cash at the front were not. "How do they know if I tapped?" and "What about those people who didn't TAP?" were constant questions asked by customers, primarily at Westwood where there is a greater percentage of cash paying customers.

Metro employees stationed at the pilot locations along with operators of Line 720 also perceived fare evasion as a result of ADB. Employees indicated that people are more likely to evade if they are not watched by the operator at the front door or TAP "Blue Shirt" Ambassadors at the middle and rear doors. Employees and customers both reiterated the need for a fare enforcement campaign to complement ADB, to at a minimum, dissuade current and any additional induced fare evasion. All peer agencies interviewed had similar concerns, and have implemented a fare enforcement program as part of their ADB project.

The experience of the rate and pervasiveness of fare evasion varies widely from agency to agency, however all agencies agree that there is a strong correlation between fare enforcement and the amount of fares lost. Based on the experience of King County Metro, New York MTA, and San Francisco MUNI, fare evasion was reduced by as little as 6% to as high as 50% after implementation.

ADB and Off Board Fare Payment are typically service characteristics found on many rail and BRT systems. At Metro, ADB and Off Board Fare Payment have been employed on the rail and Orange Line BRT only. Expanding ADB to the Silver or Rapid Lines requires consideration of the following:

- <u>TAP Only Boardings</u> To achieve the maximum benefits of ADB and minimize fare evasion, boardings on ADB lines should be limited to TAP only. Not only with this policy improve dwell time savings, it would allow fare enforcement officers to check all passengers for valid TAP payment. Currently it is difficult to check all passengers on the bus because not all passengers are provided a proof of payment (e.g. cash and token passengers). However, implementing a TAP only policy would require a Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis on minority and low income riders.
- <u>Priority Lines</u> The analysis indicates that the dwell time benefits of ADB are much greater for lines that have high levels of boardings per stop compared to those with fewer boardings. In addition, cost efficiencies from reduced running times are much greater for lines with higher frequencies than those with fewer trips per hour. Finally, lines with more transit priorities to help increase running time speed and reliability would benefit more from ADB as the dwell times are a greater percentage of running time compared to lines that have slower in service speeds.

Attachment 1 Motion Amending Item #24

Motion by Directors Bonin, Garcetti and Kuehl Amending Item # 24 Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Planning & Programming Committee April 15, 2015 - REVISED

Metro recently completed a Countywide BRT and Street Design Improvement study and is now embarking on the expansion of its BRT system to address regional mobility goals. BRT systems have proven highly advantageous to passengers, providing frequent, fast, reliable, high capacity service.

Metro has already implemented a range of BRT type improvements in the County from the Rapid system to Dedicated Bus Lane projects to the Orange Line. Travel time and service reliability could be improved through the proper application of off board fare payment and/or all door boarding.

The time needed to load all passengers through the front door and require on board fare payment can significantly slow bus operations, increasing dwell time at stops and potentially impacting schedule reliability.

Moving fare payment off the bus and/or using all doors for boarding offers the potential to reduce dwell time.

Off-board fare payment can present challenges in terms of technology, enforcement and the constrained right of way common in an urban environment. Nevertheless, if Metro is to pursue a world-class system of BRT, the advantages of off-board fare payment and/or all door boarding should not be ignored and should be studied concurrently with Metro BRT studies currently underway.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct the CEO to report back at the Planning and Programming meeting with a preliminary analysis of the opportunities and challenges of implementing an off-board fare payment program and/or all door boarding to support our Countywide BRT expansion, using industry best practices in technology, station design and enforcement as a guide.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board direct the CEO to undertake an applied study using the Wilshire Boulevard BRT corridor or other appropriate corridors as an opportunity to fully assess the practical challenges and opportunities. The study should include, but not be limited to:

- A. The impact of off board fare payment and all door boarding policy on bus dwell time, passenger convenience, and fare evasion
- B. Guidelines and criteria for off board fare payment and all door boarding, including options for payment systems, requirements for right of way and utilities for each option, capital cost and ongoing support for each (i.e. maintenance, revenue collection, fare enforcement, etc.)
- C. Cost/benefit analysis of implementing a program
- D. Impacts to pedestrian accessibility and circulation
- E. Station design, technology enhancements and enforcement
- F. Recommendations on thresholds of ridership and/or boardings at specific stop locations that could benefit from offboard fare payment and/or all door boarding
- G. Consideration of bus stop locations with right-of-way characteristics that are highly constrained and those with more ample space.

Attachment 2 Off-Board Fare Payment and All-Door Boarding for Bus Service: Peer Survey Results

Peer research was conducted during June and July of 2015 via phone and email correspondence and site visits. Overall, and was assembled from interviews with the peer agencies and in the case of San Francisco, review of a published report on ADB.

Summary of Peer Survey Research

Basic Characteristics

Extent of All-Door Boarding	All-door boarding is typically allowed throughout the same class of service. In the case of San Francisco, all- door boarding is permitted throughout the entire Muni system.
Extent of Off-Board Fare Payment	While NYC MTA provides fare collection machines at all Select Bus Service stops ¹ (in part because of the MetroCard fare media) and KC Metro provides off-board smart card validators at select stops, Translink and SF Muni provide no off-board fare payment options.
Off-Board Fare Payment and All-Door Boarding Program	In San Francisco and Vancouver, mobile validators installed on board the vehicle allow passengers with smart cards to board and pay at any door. In Seattle, smart card holding passengers may board through the rear doors only at stops where off-board validators are present.
On-Board Fare Payment	In these three cities, cash paying customers continue to pay on board at the front door, whereas in New York City, all fare payment takes place off board. ² Only San Francisco and Vancouver's systems allow customers with electronic smart cards to board through the rear doors and pay on-board.
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Proof-of-Payment System and Receipts/Transfers	All peer agencies require proof-of-payment while on-board a vehicle with all-door boarding, and provide some form of proof-of-payment to all customers.
Fare Enforcement Regime	At all peer agencies, fare inspectors enforce the proof-of-payment system.
Estimated Fare Evasion	Estimates of fare evasion on these lines ranged from 1% to 8%. Several systems reported declines in fare evasion following all-door boarding and the introduction of fare enforcement. In the case of New York City

¹ Excluding the Staten Island S79 SBS ² With the exception of some transfers purchased with cash.

	and Seattle, the decline was almost 50%, while in San Francisco the decline was a fraction of a percent.
Technology and Costs	
Fleet	Because all-door boarding is deployed on a particular class of service (with the exception of San Francisco), vehicles with all-door boarding have a distinctive bus wrap.
Technology Used	San Francisco, Seattle and Vancouver use small electronic fare card validators for off-board and on-board fare payment, whereas New York City uses ticket vending machines (TVMs) (originally retrofitted subway TVMs and parking meter coin machines).
Capital costs	Costs of the fare collection machines were not readily available from all agencies, but costs range from \$7,000 to \$27,000 per device.
Maintenance Costs	Agencies reported minimal maintenance costs. TCRP Synthesis 96 <i>Off-Board Fare Payment Using Proof-of-</i> <i>Payment Verification</i> states that these costs are not yet recorded in detail throughout the American transit industry.
Enforcement Costs	Estimates varied, with agencies reporting costs either by line, system-wide or per fare inspector.

Outreach, Operations and Outcomes

Outreach & Implementation Process	Agencies typically used a combination of marketing to customers, decals on buses, press events, and customer service employees at stations.
All-Door Boarding Hours	In most cases, all-door boarding is allowed throughout scheduled service, but Seattle limits all-door boarding to daytime hours.
Operator Training	In New York City and King County operators receive special training, while in San Francisco, operators were provided a bulletin explaining the agency's all-door boarding policy.
Outcomes	Because all-door boarding and off-board fare payment were often deployed alongside other improvements, such as transit-only lanes, agencies were unable to ascribe specific gains in ridership or speed to these policies. However, NYC MTA estimates that these two features were responsible for a 10 to 15 percent improvement in travel time. San Francisco observed shorter dwell times per passenger (3.9s to 2.5s on average) and a higher bus system speed (8.48mph to 8.56 mph).

Data Sources

Except where otherwise specified, information comes from the following sources:

- King County Metro: Interview with Karen Rosenzweig, 6/12/2015
- Translink: Interview with Marisa Espinosa, 6/30/2015
- NYCMTA: Interview with Robert Thompson, 7/2/2015
- SFMTA: All-Door Boarding Evaluation Final Report, December 2014

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 Table 1. Basic Characteristics

	Extent of All-Door	Extent of Off-Board Fare	Off-Board Fare Payment and All-Door Boarding	On-Board Fare
	Boarding	Payment	Program	Payment
King County Metro	RapidRide lines, which	Stops on RapidRide lines	Stand-alone fare transaction processors (smart	Customers paying
(Seattle, WA Area)	include a variety of BRT-	with more than 150	card validators) are present at high ridership bus	cash and smart card
	like treatments.	boardings per day.	'stations', and allow smart card holders to	users at non-station
			validate and board through rear doors. At	stops continue to pay
			RapidRide stops without validators, only	on-board at the front
			customers with paper transfers may board	door.
			through rear doors.	
Translink – Coast	99 B-Line and 145 Line.	Not present.	All-door boarding is permitted at all stops of the	Customers with
Wountain Bus	Trendink has provided by	Translink is considering off	99-B Line and select 145 Line stops, due to the	electronic fare cards
Company (Veneeuwer BC	deployed ADD on other	heard validation at calest	lines who necessary electronic fore conde	may pay at mobile
(vancouver, bc	deployed ADB on other	board validation at select	Customers ten et medile velideters es theve	Valluators at each
Area)	ADD for all routes with	stops and a ticket vending	beard and as they exit	door.
	ADB for all routes with	which is beauily used by	board <u>and</u> as they exit.	Customors powing
	alticulated buses.	tourists		customers paying
	Note that Translink	tourists.		on-board at the front
	officially uses the term			door
	"Three Door Boarding"			0001.
	(3DB)			
New York City	Select Bus Service lines	Select Bus Service lines (with	Customers pay their fare at off-board ticket	No on-board fare
MTA	(with the exception of	the exception of the S79 SBS	vending machines at SBS stops, which provide a	payment, with the
(New York City, NY	the S79 SBS Line)	Line)	receipt that constitutes proof-of-payment. Off-	exception of cash-
area)	, ,		board fare payment is required. All-door	paying customers
			boarding is permitted at SBS stops.	buying a transfer
				pass.

	Extent of All-Door	Extent of Off-Board Fare	Off-Board Fare Payment and All-Door Boarding	On-Board Fare
	Boarding	Payment	Program	Payment
San Francisco	All buses and trains in	Not present.	There is no off-board fare payment at Muni bus	Mobile Validators on
Municipal	network (excluding cable		stops. All passengers with tickets and smart	board vehicles allow
Transportation	car lines)		cards may board through the rear door after	smart card holders to
Agency			validating on-board, and customers with	board and pay
(San Francisco, CA)			transfers may board through the rear doors as	through any door.
			well.	
				Customers paying
				cash continue to
				board and pay at the
				front door.

	Proof-of-Payment System and	Fare Enforcement Regime	Estimated Fare Evasion
	Receipts/Transfers		
King County Metro	Customers must have proof-of- payment. Customers paying cash	Twelve contracted inspectors patrol the six RapidRide lines in teams of	1% to 4%, depending on the RapidRide line. According to a pre-RapidRide
(Seattle, WA Area)	receive a transfer at the front door, and other passengers must have valid fare.	two.	survey, fare evasion was at 7% before dropping to 4% on one line.
Translink – Coast Mountain Bus	Translink created a "Fare Paid Zone" (FPZ) onboard buses with all-door boarding.	Transit police and unarmed security officers conduct random checks on board using mobile validators, though	Approximately 5% on lines with All- Door Boarding.
Company (Vancouver, BC Area)		these inspections primarily happen on the rail network. ³	
New York City MTA (New York City, NY area)	Customers must have proof-of- payment. Receipts provided by off- board ticket vending machines constitute proof-of-payment.	Team of fare enforcement officers (known as the "Eagle Team") patrol SBS lines.	6.1% on the Bx12, a 50% decrease from pre-SBS levels. ⁴ SBS has lower fare evasion rates than
			local service because of the inspections.
San Francisco Municipal	Customers must have proof-of-	Approximately 50 Transit Fare	7.9% ±.2% system wide with ADB,
Transportation	Customers boarding with cash receive	buses and the rail system. ⁵ Thirteen	before implementation and 9.5%±.3%
Agency (San Francisco, CA)	a paper transfer at the front door, and other passengers must have valid fare.	new inspectors were hired for the implementation of all-door boarding system wide.	five years before implementation.

Table 2. Proof-of-Payment System and Fare Enforcement

³ Lindblom, Mike. "<u>Shooting brings attention to light rail's fare inspection force</u>." The Seattle Times. July 8, 2014 ⁴ TCRP 96

⁵ SFOpenBook Employee Compensation

Table 3. Technology and Costs

	Fleet	Technology Used	Capital costs	Maintenance Costs	Enforcement Costs
King County	Three-door,	1 smart-card validator	The 131 electronic fare	Minimal.	\$1 million per year for all
Metro (Seattle,	articulated, low-floor	placed at selected bus	card readers in the		lines.
WA Area)	buses with distinctive	stops.	RapidRide system cost KC	The units are cleaned	
	RapidRide bus wrap.		Metro \$1.05 million, or	during regular station	
			roughly \$8000 per reader. ⁶	maintenance, and	
				have so far required	
				only sporadic	
				maintenance.	
Translink – Coast	The 99-B Line uses	1 mobile validator at the	Not available.	Not available.	Not available.
Mountain Bus	articulated buses.	front door, and 2			
Company		validators each at middle			
(Vancouver, BC	Chimes at rear doors	and rear doors.			
Area)	close have improved	(Passengers are required			
	safety, but not all	to tap off as well as on, so			
	buses feature these.	two validators help			
		expedite these processes).			
		Validators have slight			
		delay as a card is read.			

⁶ RapidRide Performance Evaluation Report

	Fleet	Technology Used	Capital costs	Maintenance Costs	Enforcement Costs
New York City	Buses with distinctive	Retrofitted subway TVMs	Each MetroCard Fare	Not available.	\$700,000 to \$1.5 million
MTA	SBS bus wrap. These	and parking meters were	Collection machine costs		per line, per year.
(New York City,	buses continue to	installed at all early SBS	approx. \$27,000 each		
NY area)	have fareboxes due to	stops. Since that time, the	(usually two are installed		
	the need for some	agency has developed	at each stop), and each		
	passengers to pay for	SBS-specific machines to	Coin fare collection		
	additional transfers.	be used for Off-Board Fare	machine costs approx.		
		Payment.	\$7000 each. ⁷		
			The cost of installing and		
			powering these machines		
			can also be considerable.		
San Francisco	Because All-Door	1 mobile validator is	Not available.	Not available.	The cost of a fare inspector,
Municipal	Boarding is present	present at each door of a			net of additional fines
Transportation	throughout the Muni	Muni vehicle.			received, is estimated to be
Agency	system, no sub-fleets				\$47,000. The median
(San Francisco,	are used for All-Door				compensation of a fare
CA)	Boarding.				inspector in CY14 was
					approximately \$97,000. ⁸

⁷ TCRP 96 ⁸ SFOpenBook Employee Compensation

	Outreach & Implementation Process	All-Door Boarding Hours	Operator Training	Outcomes
King County Metro (Seattle Area)	Outreach began one month in advance. Marketing to customers has focused not on making off-board fare payment "another way to pay," but rather as an opportunity to "speed up the trip." Decals indicate that customers pay at front after 7PM	6AM to 7PM. Plans to extend times limited by need for Transit Police support for Fare Inspection.	Operators who pick these lines receive a special training on the characteristics of the RapidRide program.	Generally, RapidRide ridership is higher by 40% compared to previous routes, but attributing the improvement to ADB or OBFP is not possible.
Translink – Coast Mountain Bus Company (Vancouver, BC Area)	Customer service campaign, as well as outreach through signage, decals, signs at stops, and branding. Added signage to route: "3 door boarding location". Most bus stops have a marked queue location, so it's clear where ADB is allowed.	Throughout operating hours for lines with all- door boarding.	No special operator training	Most customers see greater advantages than disadvantages with all-door boarding and proof-of- payment, according to a customer survey.

Table 4. Outreach, Operations and Outcomes

	Outreach & Implementation	All-Door Boarding Hours	Operator Training	Outcomes
	Process			
New York City	Outreach before SBS service began	Throughout Select Bus	All SBS operators go through	By itself, OBFP and ADB
MTA	included:	Service operating hours.	special training (e.g., don't need to	resulted in an estimated 10-15
(New York City, NY	 Community Meetings 		make people pay). Operators	percent improvement in travel
area)	 Elected Officials Meetings 		prefer the SBS routes as they can	time.
			drive faster with little or no time	
	Outreach following SBS		points	MTA observed a 10% increase
	implementation included:			in passengers within the first
	 Deployment of Customer 			year of implementing SBS.
	Ambassadors for 2 week time			
	frame for 13-15 hours per day			
	 Branding of SBS buses, fare 			
	machines (branding of SBS			
	helped cut down on the			
	confusion factor)			
	 Information decals on all doors 			

	Outreach & Implementation	All-Door Boarding Hours	Operator Training	Outcomes
	Process			
San Francisco	Outreach before all-door boarding	Throughout service	The agency provided a bulletin to	SFMTA observed:
Municipal	implementation included:	hours, but an operator	operators explaining the new	- shorter dwell times per
Transportation	 Informational panels on the 	may choose to limit	procedures.	boarding and alighting (from
Agency	inside of vehicles	boarding to the front		an avg. of 3.9sto 2.5s)
(San Francisco, CA)	• A press event	door only if safety		- higher bus system speed
	• Outreach to community groups	concerns arise.		(from an avg of 8.48mph in
	Web videos			FY12 to 8.56mph in FY14)
	Outreach during ADB			
	implementation included:			
	New decals on vehicles			
	Other implementation steps			
	included:			
	• Fare Inspector Staffing Increase			
	Transportation Code			
	Amendments			
	• A Fare Survey			

Attachment 3 Dwell Time Savings Analyses

The following tables demonstrate where savings can be achieved throughout Metro's system, based on headway by route, time of day and day of week. Data was collected from the APC (Automatic Passenger Counter) program for the timed door opening and closing of each of the buses on route 720 during the Pre-Test and Test Periods (May 4-15, 2015 and May 18-29/June 8-19, 2015 respectively).

The tables first calculate the dwell time savings (in minutes, per trip, based on the ridership during that time of day:

Savings = (Ridership x Seconds Saved per Boarding/60) / No. of Trips (in minutes)

The number of buses saved is then calculated as

No. Buses = Savings / Headway Time

The green highlights on both sets of tables indicate the areas where at least 0.5 buses could be saved with ADB. To calculate overall number of buses that could be saved, results of 0.7 buses and above were considered a "full bus" and results of 0.5 and 0.6 buses were considered "half buses". The values were then tabulated to determine by time of day, and by day of week, how many buses could be saved using ADB.

CHANGE IN BUS REQUIREMENT - WEEKDAY												
LINE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE
704	W	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	E	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
705	N	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
710	N	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
720	W	0.1	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.1	E	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.3
728	W	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	E	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
733	W	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	E	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
734	N	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
740	N	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
744	W	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	E	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
745	N	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
750	W	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	E	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
751	N	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
754	N	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	S	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
757	N	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
760	N	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
762	N	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
770	W	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	E	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
780	W	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	E	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
788	Ν	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
794	Ν	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
910	N	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	S	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0

Dwell Time Savings Analyses – Cash and TAP Boardings

CHANGE IN BUS REQUIREMENT - SATURDAY

LINE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE
704	W		0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
705	Ν						S					
710	Ν		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
720	W	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
728	W						E					
733	W	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
734	Ν						S					
740	Ν	0	0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
744	W	0	0	0	0	0	E		0	0	0	0
745	Ν	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
750	W						E					
751	Ν						S					
754	Ν		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
757	Ν						S					
760	Ν	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
762	Ν						S					
770	W		0	0	0	0	E		0	0	0	
780	W						E					
788	N						S					
794	Ν						S					
910	Ν	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
CHANGE	IN BUS	REQUIREME	ENT - SUNDA	Y								
LINE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE
704	W		0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
705	Ν						S					
710	N						S					

710	Ν						S					
720	W	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
728	W						E					
733	W	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
734	Ν						S					
740	Ν						S					
744	W	0	0	0	0	0	E		0	0	0	0
745	N		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
750	W						E					
751	N						S					
754	Ν		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
757	Ν						S					
760	N						S					
762	Ν						S					
770	W						E					
780	W						Е					
788	Ν						S					
794	N						S					
910	Ν	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0

To ensure an "apples to apples" comparison of the dwell time savings before and after the ADB pilot, the data from the Service Planning and Analysis (SPA) Department was used for the first analysis, and the savings per passenger was 1.39 seconds with the standard mix of cash and TAP passengers.

The calculation of the additional "TAP only" boardings savings (in the following tables) was calculated with data collected by OMB staff for the second and third doors only, where TAP only boarding times through the middle and rear doors were recorded and was the only such

data available to draw comparison. In this second analysis, assuming all of the same ridership would be using TAP to pay, the calculations are done with an additional 1.41 sec per passenger time savings (a total of 2.8 seconds per passenger).

Dwell Time Savings Analyses – TAP Only Boardings

LINE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE
704	W	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	E	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
705	N	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	S	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
710	Ν	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	S	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
720	W	0.2	1.8	0.9	0.7	0.3	E	0.1	0.5	0.7	1.5	0.5
728	W	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	E	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
733	W	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.1	E	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
734	N	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	S	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
740	Ν	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
744	W	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	E	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
745	N	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
750	W	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	E	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
751	Ν	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	S	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
754	Ν	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.1	S	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.1
757	Ν	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	S	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0
760	N	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
762	Ν	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
770	W	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	E	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
780	W	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	E	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
788	Ν	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
794	Ν	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	S	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
910	N	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.1	S	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.1

CHANGE IN BUS REQUIREMENT - WEEKDAY - TAP ONLY

CHANGE IN BUS REQUIREMENT - SATURDAY - TAP ONLY

LINE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE
704	W		0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
705	Ν						S					
710	N		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
720	W	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
728	W						E					
733	W	0	0	0	0	0	Е	0	0	0	0	0
734	Ν						S					
740	N	0	0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
744	W	0	0	0	0	0	E		0	0	0	0
745	Ν	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
750	W						Е					
751	Ν						S					
754	N		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
757	N						S					
760	Ν	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0
762	N						S					
770	W		0	0	0	0	E		0	0	0	
780	W						E					
788	N						S					
794	N						S					
910	N	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0

CHANGE IN BUS REQUIREMENT - SUNDAY - TAP ONLY

LINE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE	DIR	EAM	AM	MID	PM	EVE
704	W		0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
705	Ν						S					
710	Ν						S					
720	W	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
728	W						E					
733	W	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0
734	Ν						S					
740	Ν						S					
744	W	0	0	0	0	0	E		0	0	0	0
745	Ν		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
750	W						E					
751	Ν						S					
754	Ν		0	0	0	0	S		0	0	0	0
757	Ν						S					
760	Ν						S					
762	Ν						S					
770	W						E					
780	W						E					
788	N						S					
794	N						S					
910	N	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	0	0	0	0

It was determined that savings could only be achieved within the weekday headways.

Resource Savings

The following table shows the number of daily buses and revenue service hours (RSH) that can be saved by implementing All Door Boarding on Rapids and Silver Line for both scenarios.

TAP and Cash B	Boardings											
		Time P	Periods									
	AM	AM MID PM EVE										
Buses/Day	1	-	1	-								
RSH/Bus	3	6	4	4								
RSH/Day	3	-	4	-	7							
RSH/Year	765	-	1,020	-	1,785							
Savings/Year	\$76,500	\$0	\$102,000	\$0	\$178,500							

TAP Only Boardings

		Time P	Periods							
	AM	MID	PM	EVE	Total					
Buses/Day	5	3	5	1						
RSH/Bus	3	6	4	4						
RSH/Day	15	18	20	4	57					
RSH/Year	3,825	4,590	5,100	1,020	14,535					
Savings/Year	\$382,500	\$382,500 \$459,000 \$510,000 \$102,000								

The calculation for savings is as follows, calculated by time of day:

Annualized savings = No. of Buses x No. of Hours x Marginal Cost x No. of Weekdays, Where the Marginal Cost = \$100.00 and No. of Weekdays = 255.

Attachment 4 Customer Survey Report Summary

The customer service survey was conducted to assess the qualitative aspects of the project, to examine usage trends and customer reactions to the change, and to gain insight and measure customer perception of the service.

Key Findings:

- 82 percent of customers hope to see all-door boarding return, with fewer than 7 percent opposing the continuation of all-door boarding.
- A slight majority of customers stated that they had seen some fare evasion. Those who had seen some individuals boarding without paying were five percentage points less likely to support continuing all-door boarding.
- Customers overwhelmingly thought boarding was easier and faster during the pilot test. However, there was no agreement on whether all-door boarding reduced or worsened crowding.
- Customers who paid with cash at the front door also stated that boarding the bus was easier and faster with all-door boarding. Furthermore, about 60 percent of cash-paying customers indicated that all-door boarding made them want to purchase a TAP card.
- The addition of fare enforcement and ticket vending machines to a full implementation of alldoor boarding would allay most customer concerns.

A survey of 1642 customers during four days of the All-Door Boarding (ADB) pilot test shows that the vast majority of customers (82 percent) support continuing all-door boarding. Customers were concerned by a lack of nearby ticket vending machines and fare enforcement, issues which could be addressed in a full implementation of all-door boarding.

Summary of Survey Questions and Responses			
1. How often do you ride the 720 line at this time of day?	5+ days/week: 69%	3-4 days	/week: 15%
	1-2 days/week: 7%	1-3 days	/month: 3%
	Rarely/Never: 6%		
2. Have you tried boarding through the middle or back doors of the 720 line?	Yes: 75%	Unsure: 1%	No: 23%
3. Do you think boarding the bus is easier, harder, or about the same with All-Door Boarding?	Easier: 75%	Harder: 5%	No Opinion / Same: 20%
4. Do you think the bus feels less crowded, more crowded, or about the same with All-Door Boarding?	Less: 24%	More: 28%	No Opinion / Same: 49%
5. Have you seen people boarding without tapping at the middle or back doors?	No: 40%	Yes: 52%	No Opinion: 8%
6. How much faster do you think passengers get on the bus with All-Door Boarding?	Much Faster: 66%	Somewhat Faster: 23%	No Opinion/ No Change: 11%
7. Do you think Metro should continue with All-Door Boarding after the test ends?	Yes: 82%	No: 7%	Neutral / No Opinion: 11%
8. What will you use to pay when you ride the bus today?	TAP or transfer: 85%	6 Cash or	Tokens: 15%
9. If you paid cash, does All-Door Boarding make you want to purchase a TAP card?	Yes: 59%	No: 24%	Unsure: 17%

Support for All-Door Boarding Stems from Easier, Faster Boarding



The vast majority of customers found boarding faster and easier with all-door boarding (see figures 1 and 2), but thought that the ADB could be improved with nearby ticket vending machines.

Metro can expect additional support for all-door boarding at Rapid stops where more customers have TAP cards and lines to board are longer. Customers at Wilshire and Vermont, where queues to board the bus are somewhat longer and a larger proportion of customers pay with TAP cards, were more likely to say that all-door boarding made passengers board the bus "much faster" (see Figure 3). Through comments on surveys, customers frequently requested that Metro install ticket vending machines near bus stops so that TAP cards could be purchased or reloaded.

Still, even those customers paying in cash found it easier to board the bus with all-door boarding. Of those paying cash, 61 percent found boarding easier (see Figure 4) and 79 percent found boarding "Much Faster" or "Somewhat Faster". Moreover, of those who did not have a TAP card or transfer, about sixty percent said they would consider purchasing a TAP card for the opportunity to make use of all-door boarding.



Vermont customers who paid cash were more likely than those at Westwood to state that all-door

boarding would make them consider buying a TAP card. This may be because of the availability of ticket vending machines nearby at Wilshire & Vermont station.

Most respondents (49 percent) felt that all-door boarding made no discernable impact on crowding, and the remaining responses were split on whether crowding had improved or worsened.

Opposition to All-Door Boarding Rooted in Concerns about Fare Evasion

A slight majority of customers, 52 percent, stated that they had seen others boarding without tapping at the middle or rear doors. This figure does not reflect an estimate of actual fare evasion, but rather the possible extent of fare evasion perceptions. For instance, it may be that several of these respondents witnessed the same individual boarding without paying, or that some individuals witnessed only one individual boarding without paying.

Opposition to all-door boarding appears to be rooted in these concerns about fare evasion, with customers opposed to all-door boarding more likely to say that they had seen some individuals boarding without paying. As a result, those who saw fare evasion were approximately five percentage points less likely to say they supported all-door boarding than those who did not, though most still supported continuing all-door boarding (see Figure 5). In general, those opposing all-door boarding were less likely to have tried boarding through the middle and rear doors and less likely to pay with a TAP card. As a result, some opposition may stem from a sense that customers paying at the front door are being treated unfairly compared to those who are able to board through the rear doors without paying. Because those opposing all-door boarding were less likely to be frequent riders, they may also be less likely to see benefits from boarding through all doors. Comments from customers opposed to all-door boarding—and even those who favor it—frequently echo these frustrations.



Notably, the opposition to all-door boarding was not necessarily based on direct observations of fare evasion: More than 30 percent of those opposed to all-door boarding did not report seeing fare evasion take place. Nor was it a matter of customers disappointed by the outcomes of the pilot project. A plurality of customers who disliked all-door boarding still found boarding to be easier (39% for "Easier"

versus 22% for "Harder"). Similarly, a slight majority of those opposed found boarding "Much Faster" or "Somewhat Faster".

Frequency of Riding and Time-of-Day Affect Perceptions of All-Door Boarding

Customers who frequently ride the 720 Line were more likely to perceive benefits from all-door boarding than infrequent customers, largely because members of the former group are more likely to have a TAP card and to have tried boarding through the middle and rear doors. In this survey, we define 'frequent' customers as those who ride the 720 line at least 3 times per week at the location where they were surveyed.⁹ Although infrequent customers were less likely to have an opinion on all-door boarding, most still supported the idea of continuing all-door boarding after the end of the pilot. Peak hour and non-peak hour riders provided largely similar responses to the survey, though peak hour riders showed slightly more support for all-door boarding.¹⁰

⁹ By this definition, "infrequent" customers may ride lines other than the 720 Line on a regular basis.

¹⁰ Peak hour is 6 AM to 9 AM (exclusive of 9:00:00 AM) and 4 PM to 6 PM (exclusive of 6:00:00 PM). All other times are off-peak.

Attachment 5 **Ridership Growth Assumptions**

EXISTING

8,908

4.600

26,838

9,936

2,195

3,831

4,238

14,398

2,922

4,123

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5,891

87,880

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SATURDAY

% INC

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0.20%

0.14%

0.00%

0.18%

0.00%

0.07%

0.14%

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0.36%

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0.06%

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NEW

8,934

4,609

9,954

2,197

3,836

4,240

14,450

2,924

4,126

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5,894

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TAP and Cash Boardings

		WEEKDAY		
LINE	EXISTING	% INC	NEW	LINE
704	11,850	0.19%	11,873	704
705	6,651	0.18%	6,663	705
710	7,529	0.18%	7,543	710
720	39,489	0.16%	39,552	720
728	5,429	0.14%	5,437	728
733	12,355	0.20%	12,380	733
734	5,265	0.25%	5,278	734
740	2,901	0.13%	2,905	740
744	9,518	0.22%	9,539	744
745	5,815	0.13%	5,823	745
750	3,389	0.24%	3,397	750
751	4,689	0.13%	4,695	751
754	19,597	0.25%	19,646	754
757	13,358	0.19%	13,383	757
760	4,914	0.14%	4,921	760
762	4,218	0.16%	4,225	762
770	7,558	0.15%	7,569	770
780	8,930	0.15%	8,943	780
788	1,577	0.17%	1,580	788
794	5,187	0.13%	5,194	794
910	14,254	0.07%	14,264	910
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	194,473		194,808	

194,808 0.17%

88,039 0.18%

0.00% -4,758 0.03% 57,065

SUNDAY

% INC

0.16%

0.00%

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0.04%

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0.08%

0.01%

0.00%

0.00%

0.24%

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NEW

7,501

20,390

9,101

3,341

2,519

9,513

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4,759

57,124

EXISTING

7,489

20,374

9,097

3,338

2,519

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910

0.10%

(Growth percentages adapted from the ADB TIGER Grant Proposal)

TAP Only Boardings

	WEEKDAY					S	ATURDAY		SUNDAY				
LINE		EXISTING	% INC	NEW	LINE	EXISTING	% INC	NEW		LINE	EXISTING	% INC	NEW
704		11,850	0.38%	11,895	704	8,908	0.58%	8,960		704	7,489	0.32%	7,513
705		6,651	0.36%	6,675	705	-	0.00%	-		705	-	0.00%	-
710		7,529	0.36%	7,556	710	4,600	0.40%	4,618		710	-	0.00%	-
720		39,489	0.32%	39,615	720	26,838	0.28%	26,913		720	20,374	0.16%	20,407
728		5,429	0.28%	5,444	728	-	0.00%	-		728	-	0.00%	-
733		12,355	0.40%	12,404	733	9,936	0.36%	9,972		733	9,097	0.08%	9,104
734		5,265	0.50%	5,291	734	-	0.00%	-		734	-	0.00%	-
740		2,901	0.26%	2,909	740	2,195	0.14%	2,198		740	-	0.00%	-
744		9,518	0.44%	9,560	744	3,831	0.28%	3,842		744	3,338	0.16%	3,343
745		5,815	0.26%	5,830	745	4,238	0.10%	4,242		745	2,519	0.02%	2,520
750		3,389	0.48%	3,405	750	-	0.00%	-		750	-	0.00%	-
751		4,689	0.26%	4,701	751	-	0.00%	-		751	-	0.00%	-
754		19,597	0.50%	19,695	754	14,398	0.72%	14,502		754	9,490	0.48%	9,536
757		13,358	0.38%	13,409	757	-	0.00%	-		757	-	0.00%	-
760		4,914	0.28%	4,928	760	2,922	0.12%	2,926		760	-	0.00%	-
762		4,218	0.32%	4,231	762	-	0.00%	-		762	-	0.00%	-
770		7,558	0.30%	7,581	770	4,123	0.16%	4,130		770	-	0.00%	-
780		8,930	0.30%	8,957	780	-	0.00%	-		780	-	0.00%	-
788		1,577	0.34%	1,582	788	-	0.00%	-		788	-	0.00%	-
794		5,187	0.26%	5,200	794	-	0.00%	-		794	-	0.00%	-
910		14,254	0.14%	14,274	910	5,891	0.10%	5,897		910	4,758	0.06%	4,761
	-	194,473	-	195,144		87,880	-	88,199			57,065		57,183
	-		-	0.34%			-	0.36%				-	0.21%

Attachment 6 Off-Board Fare Payment and All-Door Boarding: Comparison of Debriefing Results

An important component of the evaluation was to gain valuable feedback from employees supporting the pilot test. TAP "Blue Shirts", Line 720 Operators, and Vehicle Operations Supervisors were all debriefed following the conclusion of the pilot project. The feedback was provided in the following areas:

- Dwell time savings
- Fare evasion
- Customer experience
- Safety
- Other comments

The tables below summarize the comments received.

Table 1. Dwell Time

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Did you observe shorter dwell times?	Yes. Customers are boarding faster because of All-Door Boarding.	 Yes. Buses move quickly, and patrons board faster. 	 Yes. Noticeably shorter, especially when a lot of people are boarding 	 Yes. Customers were able to board faster, especially when 10 or more were at a stop. Less than a minute was typically spent boarding. 	 89 Percent found boarding "Much" or "Somewhat" Faster.

What could be done to encourage more customers to board through middle and rear doors?	Most customers will board through rear doors without being told, but additional advertising and announcements would be useful.	 Customers used middle and rear doors without needing to be told. 	 Operators could make announcements on intercom Information by middle and rear doors. 	 Advertise All- Door Boarding on board the bus. Signs at bus stops in more languages. 	•
For ADB to be beneficial, how many passengers do you think need to be boarding the bus at one time?	All-Door Boarding is most effective when 10 or more passengers are waiting to board. Customers would like ADB in more locations.	 Vermont always has customers, so it is good for All-Door Boarding. 	 Vermont always has at least 10 passengers waiting, so ADB should be there all day. At stops with fewer passengers boarding, there's no real benefit. 	 All-Door Boarding should be at all stops on 720. 	 In comments, customers suggested bringing ADB to other 720 stops along the Purple Line, Universal City, or all Rapid lines.
Other comments on dwell time		 Without ADB, multiple waves of customers arrive while a bus is stopped, which slows boarding. 			

Table 2. Fare Evasion Comments

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
How often were passengers boarding through the rear doors without tapping?	Estimates of fare evasion vary widely between Blue Shirts and supervisors, and between the two ADB test locations.	 Half of passengers paid, others did not When Blue Shirts were at the validators, everyone tapped Some people won't pay even when watched by Blue Shirts. 		 Average 10 per week at Vermont test stop Average 10 per day at Westwood test stop About 85% of customers were regulars at Westwood, and these people paid. 	 Just over 50 percent reported seeing fare evasion.

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Why do you	While fare evasion is	 Patrons will do 		 Evaders are not 	
think these	committed both by	what is		primarily the	
people tapping	passengers in a rush and	convenient for		people who are	
weren't when	those who do so	them and		rushing to	
boarding	deliberately, Blue Shirts	faster— that		board.	
through rear	and Supervisors seem to	may mean		Generally, they	
doors?	agree that most fare	exiting through		are walking onto	
	evaders do so	the emergency		the bus with	
	purposefully.	exit at a subway		others.	
		station, boarding			
		through the			
		door closest to			
		them rather			
		than an emptier			
		part of the			
		vehicle, or			
		rushing past the			
		TAP validator to			
		catch the bus.			

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Customer Concerns About Fare Evasion	Customers are concerned about whether the operator knows they tapped. Additionally, customers are concerned about fare evaders benefitting from all-door boarding more than customers who are boarding and paying through the front door. Customers perceive a great deal of fare evasion, even if they do not see it directly.	 Customers who paid were concerned that the driver wouldn't know who paid and who didn't. People who paid their fare in the front were irritated that they didn't find a seat when those who didn't pay and boarded through the middle and rear doors did find a seat. 	• Customers don't tell the operators about fare evasion	 Customers complained about fare evasion every day. Primarily at Westwood, less so at Vermont. Patrons' awareness of fare enforcement will change behaviors "How do they know if I tapped?" and "What about those people who didn't TAP?" are constant questions from customers 	 In comments, customers reported frustration at the amount of fare evasion.
Did concerns about fare	Blue Shirts and Operators have different	• Fare evasion was pretty consistent		 Concerns seemed to drop 	•
evasion change	opinions on whether	through the		off over time.	
over time:	evasion changed over time.	a Blue Shirt was right next to the validators.			

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Did presence of a security guard at Wilshire & Westwood change fare evasion behavior?	Blue Shirts and Operators felt as though the presence of an officer (or Metro personnel generally) changed customer behavior for the better, while Supervisors did not.	 Seeing a Metro employee, especially with a vest, reminded some patrons to pay. 	 Presence of sheriff's deputy changes patron's behavior. 	 There will be no effect of a security guard unless guard notices someone and makes an example out of them as a warning for others. Wilshire & Vermont needs more security than Westwood. 	•
Other comments on fare evasion:			 Like Orange Line, ADB makes operations easier. Paying customers have a harder time finding seats. 	 What happens when a 40' local bus needs to be used on a Rapid Line, but the bus isn't outfitted with mobile validators? VOs have concerns about securing TVMs on the street, especially if the TVMs will have significant amounts of cash. 	•

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
On fare enforcement:	Each debriefing group provided guidance on how to improve fare enforcement alongside all-door boarding implementation. Customers are eager to see more fare enforcement alongside all-door boarding.	 Some patrons pretend to tap at the stand- alone validators (SAVs) but don't actually do so. Some fare evaders say to fare inspectors they have value but "forgot" to tap. 	 ADB licenses riding for free. Less interaction with customers helps to avoid fare disputes, which can lead to assaults on operators. Fare gates at stations may be encouraging more fare evaders to use the bus. 	 It seems as though there would be plenty of time for Deputy Sheriffs to sweep the bus for fare evaders between stops on Rapid lines. Fare enforcement officers should have ticket printing machines so they can issue tickets immediately. Customer skepticism at "honor system" and belief by some that all- door boarding means a free ride. 	 Customers are eager to see more fare enforcement alongside all-door boarding.

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
On Proof-of- Payment:	Supervisors and operators are divided over whether TAP cards should be required for Rapid lines for the sake of proof-of-payment.	 No form of proof of payment with ADB makes fare enforcement difficult. 	• Support for the idea of ADB on all Rapids for TAP customers only with inspections and off- board payments.	 VOs do not appear enamored with the idea of requiring customers on Rapid buses to use TAP cards if TAP cards are not readily available at TVMs or other locations on the West Side. 	 One customer expressed skepticism that all-door boarding could work without a fare paid zone outside the bus.

Table 3. Customer Experience Comments

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Were any customers confused about how All- Door Boarding works?	Customers were confused about how, when and where to tap. There were concerns that some customers might try to board the bus through the rear doors at other locations, but only scattered reports of this actually happening.	• Confusion on when to tap: some tap when they get on and when they get off as well		 A few customers avoided using the SAVs after the first week after fears of being double charged. Though this issue was fixed and some customers were told of this, many continued to board through the front. Many people asked how or where to tap Customers thought the pilot was also on other lines like the 20, and tried to board through the back there as well. 	 One customer mentioned that customers tried to board through all- doors at other stops.
Were there any cash- paying customers frustrated that they still had to board through the front door when TAP customers could board through the front, middle and rear?	Cash-paying customers were frustrated that they could not board through the rear doors, and that seats were more likely to be taken by others with all-door boarding.	 Yes, cash-paying customers were frustrated. They asked for TVMs in convenient locations so that they could buy a TAP card or ticket and board through the rear. 	 Paying customers had a harder time finding seats compared to those who boarded through the rear. 	 Surprising to see customers tap and board at and then move to the front to take seats, ones that cash paying customers and seniors could also have a chance to grab sometimes. 	 This appeared to be a source of frustration for customers in comments provided on surveys.

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Did the bus feel more or less crowded? Did customers sense the speed improvement?	Customers did not sense much improvement, if at all, but found it easier to decide whether to board a full bus at the stop or to wait for the next bus.	 Customers like ADB, because it seems that buses leave faster. Even if the customer doesn't arrive at their destination any faster, the perception of speed benefits Metro. 		 Many customers would TAP and wait for the next bus, hoping it would be less full. Customers had better visibility of the number of seats available on an arriving bus 	 Customers were divided on whether ADB affected crowding, with most saying that it made no difference, and equal numbers saying that it made crowding worse or better.
Other comments on: fare payment	Customers wanted additional TAP purchasing options.	 Patron suggested putting validators on the doors More cash paying customers at Westwood who had to board through front. Confusion with transfers 		 People ask about loading TAP cards at Westwood, where no TVMs are nearby. VOs note: Customers will tap for a Rapid or Silver Line bus, but then catch a local bus if it arrives first. 	 In comments, many customers mentioned wanting additional ticket vending machines near bus stops, and especially those stops with all- door boarding.

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
On pilot as a whole	Customers liked all- door boarding, and were disappointed or confused to see the program end.	 Confusion about why the pilot stopped Wanted the program to continue Made patrons happy, moved the line along quickly 	• People were still trying to come in through the back doors after the pilot ended.	 Customers (including regular ones) would like All- Door Boarding to continue, and were sad the pilot project was ending. Customer confusion over different vehicles used, especially when local vehicles were used for the Rapid line. 	 Customers were glad to see Metro testing new ideas, and generally liked the all- door boarding pilot.
On experiences of seniors and customers with a disability	Blue Shirts and Operators provided mixed feedback on how all-door boarding affecting seniors and passengers with disabilities.	 Some seniors seem to like ADB because it's easier to board and get off, and because they previously had trouble finding seats in the back. Other seniors and persons with disabilities find that seats designated for them are taken by other patrons who won't give up their seat. 	• Wheelchair users: People entering from the back are taking up spaces vacated for wheelchair users. Still have cash paying customers too, seniors in the front who need seats.		 The survey did not ask customers about their age, so no conclusions can be drawn about the experience of seniors. A customer with a disability mentioned optimism that all-door boarding would leave more seats available at the front so that he or she would be able to sit without asking an able-bodied person to move.

Table 4. Safety Comments

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Did you see any conflicts between passengers because of All-Door Boarding? For example, did you see pushing, shoving, or verbal harassment?	While the flows of customers entering and exiting the bus would often conflict, generally there were few confrontations between passengers.	 Conflicts between patrons exiting and entering, so verbal altercations would sometimes occur It may be that the Blue Shirts absorbed some of the comments about service and fares that would have otherwise been directed at operators. Blue Shirts did hear some disputes between customers and operators. 	 Patrons were catching on to ADB with little confrontations being observed Some confrontations with regular patrons boarding then taking accessible from seniors and people with disabilities Customers are less likely to force their way onto a bus given the frequency of the 720 Wilshire Rapid 	 Conflicts between passengers rushing in and out can arise Some passengers on the bus would not move out of the way to let passengers exit and enter. Some people wait in their seats until the bus comes to a full stop before exiting, which makes it difficult to exit bus 	 In survey comments, customers mention that there is some pushing from behind as customers board through the rear doors.

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Did operators seem to close the middle and back doors at the appropriate times?	Operators may need additional assistance when closing doors with all-door boarding, either through better mirrors, cameras, AVA announcements, intercom announcements, door chimes, or staff helping at the stop.	 Doors were closed on patrons more so in the beginning of the pilot Because the operator can't see the back door and patrons can't hear the operator say "Door closing" (if the operator even says this). The VOs had to help coordinate door closing. Door chimes could help to alert patrons that the door is closing 	 Can't see the back doors because it's so packed in the front. Cameras allow operators to see the area inside the doors, but not so well out of the door. Wants automated voice to tell when the doors are closing or a buzzer sound, like the train Microphones help the bus operators tell passengers when doors are closing, but these microphones don't always work. 	 Rubber strips prevent doors closing on passengers, which reduces potential for injuries Mirrors can be used by operators to see back doors. Need an additional mirror angled out. Consider some sidewalk signage and a line on the sidewalk to tell bus driver to close doors when no more passengers are inside the line. Could program AVA to announce that doors are closing Operators were told to check outermost mirror before closing, but not all do so. 	 In the customer survey, there were no comments about operators closing the middle and back doors at the wrong time. The survey also did not ask any safety-related questions.

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors	Customer Survey
Other safety		 Buses don't always 	 People already 	 There were issues 	 Some customers found all-
comments		pull up right next	sneak onto the bus	with passengers	door boarding safer
		to the curb, which	through the back	rushing across the	because it minimized the
		is dangerous for	doors, so allowing	street and up the	chance that passengers
		people with	all-door boarding	sidewalk to catch	would trip while moving to
		disabilities and	doesn't create any	the bus, banging on	the rear of the bus (because
		seniors	additional security	the door to get on	of narrow aisles, other
			risk for the bus or		passengers, and bumps
			customers.		while the vehicle is moving).

Table 5. Operations Comments

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors
How does the presence of supervisors affect All-Door Boarding operations?	Supervisors were useful for advising operators when it was safe to close the rear doors of the bus, but supervisors will be less necessary when validators are no longer on the curb and buses must berth at specific locations.		 Helpers, whether they are Blue Shirts or Supervisors, were useful for knowing when it was safe to close the bus doors. The presence of Metro staff also helped to encourage passengers to follow the program. 	 Because stopping at certain locations won't be necessary when mobile validators are on the vehicle, less supervision will be necessary. Supervisors only managed bunching at the two locations, and the operators tried to be on their best behavior at those locations. As a result, it's hard to judge. Still, some operators (especially those behind schedule) didn't want to wait when asked by supervisors. If one bus was late, usually the rest would be as well, and there was less that a supervisor could do.

Торіс	Summary	Blue Shirts	Operators	Supervisors
How quickly did operators adjust to All-Door Boarding?	Generally, operators appreciated the faster loading that came as a result of all-door boarding. Not all operators adjusted, however, with some refusing to open the rear doors, others bunching.	 Some operators didn't care about ADB and wouldn't open doors, but overall operators were in support of ADB because it's faster and more convenient. 	 Operators adjusted quickly because it helps to load quickly and go more efficiently. 	 Some Division 1 and 7 operators wouldn't read running board notes carefully, would start free running time too early, and wouldn't necessarily bring the right vehicles.
Other operations comments		 Validators should use a color scheme to catch the customer's attention. Currently, they don't stand out. Two validators needed, one for each side of the doors 		 Having longer zones will allow ADB to happen more effectively. Supervisors recommend doubling or tripling the size of the bus zone to allow two sixty-foot buses to berth at once. Should create an indicator for buses to show them where to berth. Should identify queuing locations for passengers.