



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold a public hearing on January 17, 2018 to receive community input on the **proposed customer readiness efforts surrounding Transfer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Boarding**, set for implementation Spring 2018. Details of the hearing date, time, and location are shown below.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

**1:00 PM**  
**Metro Headquarters Building**  
**January 17, 2018**  
**Board Room**  
**One Gateway Plaza**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932**

The upcoming public hearing is being held in conformance with federal public hearing requirements outlined in Section 5307 (d) 1 of Title 49 U.S.C., and public hearing guidelines adopted by Metro's Board of Directors in 1993, as amended.

Transfer on 2nd Boarding was approved by the board in June, 2015 and refers to the approved interagency transfer policy that eliminates the need for paper transfers for customers transferring between agencies. Transfer fare will be automatically paid with Stored Value on a TAP card when boarding a second transit agency within 2.5 hours from first boarding. Customers will benefit from faster boardings and will no longer need to carry exact change.

In order to prepare customers for Transfer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Boarding, the following efforts are recommended:

#### **Replace Day Pass and Add Stored Value sales aboard Buses**

Discontinuation of Day Pass sales will enable the sale of Stored Value. Replacing TAP Day Pass purchases with the ability to reload Stored Value will allow passengers to add fare immediately to their TAP card, which is necessary in preparation for transfer on 2nd boarding.

#### **Transition Tokens to TAP**

Phase out of Metro tokens as a payment option they are obsolete due to advances in TAP acceptance. The TAP card is a viable, cost effective replacement that enables simpler, safer and automatic farebox collection.

**Implementation of a consistent \$2 TAP card price to customers across all purchase touch points**

It is recommended that the cost of TAP cards be consistent by making them \$2 across all purchasing platforms. Costs of cards remain the same at TAP vendors, Metro Customer Centers and online. The card will go from \$1 to \$2 onboard buses and TAP vending machines. The extra cost of the TAP cards in vending machines and buses is negligible as amortized over its life of 10 years.

Additional details about these proposals will be available for public review after **December 1**. To obtain this information contact the address listed below, or visit your nearest Metro Customer Relations Center. Information can also be accessed at: [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net)

**Note these proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearings. Approved changes may also include other alternatives derived from public comment.** Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming hearing and provide testimony on the fare proposals under consideration. Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through midnight, January 17, the close of the public record. All written testimony should be addressed to:

**Metro Customer Relations:**

Attn: Transfer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Boarding Readiness  
One Gateway Plaza, 99-PL-4  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

Comments can also be sent via e-mail with “**Transfer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Boarding Readiness**” as the subject to:

[customerrelations@metro.net](mailto:customerrelations@metro.net)

Facsimile at: 213-922-6988

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