

Fareless System Initiative (FSI)

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FSI Update

FSI Taskforce is working on a report, due in April 2021, which will include the following:

- Funding options and opportunities
- How Fareless pilot relates to broader Metro initiatives
- Impact of Fareless pilot on overall Metro operations
- Collaboration with municipal operators and cost for them to participate
- Relation of Fareless pilot to existing discount programs already in effect

FSI Update Cont.

- Formula Allocation Procedure (FAP) considerations
 - Fareless comments received through customer surveys
 - Potential cost savings relating to fare collection/TAP and pass administration
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- Draft will be available to Board Members and interested stakeholders in April
 - Fareless initiative assumes no cuts in service and continued focus on customer service and State of Good Repair

Fareless Pilot Will Yield Essential Information

- Ridership increases, especially in post-pandemic time
- Equitable help for those most severely affected during the COVID-19 Pandemic and in need of help
- New and creative ways to allow citizens to sign up for pilot

Federal Assistance

- Some Federal help is possible during pilot
- LA Metro can lead the country in Fareless, and a pilot will greatly reinforce our case for sustained Federal assistance
- Congress is now considering significant innovative funding for Fareless experiments
- Federal aid essential after the pilot

Partnerships are Essential

- Staff has and will increase partnerships and communications with municipal transit operators
- Outreach to LAUSD and LACCD is significant
- Other transit systems offering special student fares or no fares receive designated financial support

Questions and Answers