

**SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
COMPREHENSIVE FARE ORDINANCE**

**An Ordinance Establishing a Regional
Fare Pricing Schedule**

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: FINDINGS

This Ordinance is adopted to implement a Comprehensive Fare Ordinance setting forth a fare structure for all public transit service providers in San Diego County.

SECTION 2: REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 ACCESS:** the complementary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) service operated by the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS).
- 2.2 ADA:** Americans with Disabilities Act, as defined in Title 49, Part 37, of the United States Code.
- 2.3 ADA Complementary Paratransit Service:** Specialized origin-to-destination transportation services provided to persons who qualify as eligible for such services under the guidelines of the ADA.
- 2.4 BREEZE:** North County Transit District (NCTD) fixed-route bus service brand name.
- 2.5 Bus:** Rubber-tired transit vehicles operated by MTS and NCTD.
- 2.6 Cash Fare:** Term used to describe fares purchased with United States currency.
- 2.7 Child:** Any person five years of age or under.
- 2.8 COASTER:** The brand name of the commuter rail service operated by NCTD in the coastal corridor from Oceanside to San Diego.
- 2.9 College Student:** Any person currently enrolled as a student in a participating accredited San Diego area post-secondary school with a valid picture identification issued by the school.
- 2.10 Companion:** In relation to the ADA complementary paratransit service, a companion is someone who accompanies an ADA passenger on board a paratransit vehicle, but is not a personal care attendant as specified in the passenger's ADA certification application.
- 2.11 Compass Card:** The Compass Card is an electronic fare medium based on contactless smart card technology. The Compass Card may hold either transit products or cash for use on regional transit services. Transit products may include but are not limited to Monthly Passes, post-secondary passes, single-day and multi-day passes, and stored value.

The Compass Card utilizes wireless technology to interface with validator devices on buses, rail platforms, and Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs). Passengers must tap their Compass Card on a validator in order to utilize transportation services.

- 2.12** Compass Cash: The marketing name for the Stored Value product.
- 2.13** Compass Cloud: Marketing name for Mobile Ticketing application to purchase select fare types.
- 2.14** **Day Pass:** a fare medium that allows a passenger to ride one Service Day.
- 2.15** **Discount:** A reduction in the price of a fare or fare product.
- 2.16** **FLEX:** The brand name of the on-demand, deviated fixed-route, and point-deviated fixed-route service operated by NCTD.**LIFT:** The complementary ADA service operated by NCTD.
- 2.17** **Limited Use Compass Card:** A Compass Card printed on a disposable material. Limited Use Compass Cards have a limited lifetime and may not accept all fare products available for loading onto a plastic Compass Card.
- 2.18** **Medicare Recipient:** Any person to whom the federal government has issued a Medicare identification card, regardless of age.
- 2.19** **Metrolink:** The Commuter rail service operated by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.
- 2.20** Mobile Ticketing: A mobile phone application allowing for the purchase of many of the fares available.
- 2.21** **Monthly Pass:** This term refers to either the Calendar Month Pass or the 30-Day Pass.
- 2.22** **MTS:** The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System which operates services in all areas of San Diego County outside the jurisdiction of NCTD. MTS operates MTS Bus, Rural Bus, MTS Express, MTS Rapid, MTS Rapid Express, MTS Trolley service, and ADA Access Service.
- 2.23** **MTS Suburban Paratransit:** The complementary ADA service operated by MTS in suburban areas (ADA Zones 2, 3, and 4).
- 2.24** **NCTD:** North County Transit District operating services in Northern San Diego County. NCTD services include the BREEZE, COASTER, SPRINTER, and LIFT.
- 2.25** **Person with Disability:** Any person with a permanent or temporary mental or physical disability as defined by the ADA (Title 49, Part 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations). In order to qualify for a disabled fare a passenger for regular (non-ADA paratransit) transit must be in possession of a transit identification card , a valid Compass Card with a picture identifying the person as a person with a qualifying disability a Medicare card or DMV placard ID receipt. In order to qualify for ADA paratransit service the person with a disability must be ADA certified.

- 2.26 Personal Care Attendant:** In relation to the ADA complementary paratransit service, a personal care attendant is a person who is designated by the ADA eligible passenger to aid in their mobility who is not charged a fare to ride on the ADA complementary paratransit vehicle when accompanying the ADA-eligible passenger. The person may be a friend, family member, or paid employee. The need for and use of a personal care attendant must be indicated at the time of eligibility certification.
- 2.27 Platform Validator:** A validator located in a standalone device on a rail platform. Platform validators must be tapped before boarding a rail vehicle unless a new Compass Card product is loaded and validated at a TVM.
- 2.28 Rapid:** MTS brand name for a premium rapid transit service operated wholly or partly on exclusive bus lanes, guideways, Managed Lanes, or use of other transit priority measures. Depending on specific route characteristics, individual Rapid routes may be classified as MTS Rapid or MTS Rapid Express for purposes of Table 2.
- 2.29 Regional Fare System:** The Regional Fare System is governed by SANDAG Board Policy No. 018: Transit Service Policies, Board Policy No. 029: Regional Fare Policy and Comprehensive Fare Ordinance, this Ordinance, MTS and NCTD transit operations ordinances and policies, and any other fare agreements, including agreements entered into by SANDAG with transit operators.
- 2.30 Regular Fare:** Applies to all persons age six and older, except persons eligible for Senior, Disabled, and Medicare (S/D/M) or Youth fares.
- 2.31 S/D/M:** Acronym that stands for Senior, Disabled, and Medicare passengers.
- 2.32 Senior:** Any person who meets the age requirement for transit fares provided in the *TransNet* Ordinance, Section 4, Paragraph (c)(3), is eligible to pay the discounted Senior Cash Fare or purchase a Senior pass.
- 2.33 Service Day:** From the start time of the first trip through the end of the last trip in public timetables.
- 2.34 Sorrento Valley COASTER Connection (SVCC):** A peak period only Community Shuttle service operated by MTS between the Sorrento Valley COASTER Station, and nearby employment centers.
- 2.35 SPRINTER:** The brand name of the Oceanside to Escondido rail service operated by NCTD with Diesel Multiple Units in a light rail mode.
- 2.36 Station:** A light rail, Bus Rapid Transit or commuter rail passenger stop.
- 2.37 Stored Value:** Cash value placed on Compass Cards that can be debited to purchase fare products or pay a Cash Fare.
- 2.38 Supplement:** A charge paid on a one-time basis to permit the use of a fare product for a transit ride that requires a more expensive fare. Payment of a supplement does not change the original fare product.

2.39 Sworn Peace Officers: San Diego County, state, and federal sworn peace officers. Sworn peace officers include but are not limited to all municipal police department officials, all County Sheriff Department deputies, County Marshals, all County of San Diego Probation Officers, State Highway Patrol officers, State Police, U.S. Marshals, Federal Bureau of Investigation Officers, the MTS Chief of Police, and U.S. Immigration and Customs officers.

2.40 Tap: The act of touching a Compass Card on a validator to validate trips or deduct fares from Stored Value.

2.41 Transit Service Types:

2.42.1 Local – Fixed-route bus service on local or arterial roads serving neighborhood destinations and feeding transit centers. Includes BREEZE and MTS Bus. Also includes routes operating extensively on arterials with transit priority features and limited stops (Rapid Services).

2.42.2 Corridor – A frequent transit service with limited stops including but not limited to major transit centers, residential centers, and activity centers that have more than six stops outside Centre City. Corridor services include MTS Trolley, MTS Rapid, SPRINTER, and express buses generally traveling less than 50 percent of the one-way trip miles on freeways. Corridor services travel at least 12 miles per hour, with an average passenger trip length of approximately 10 miles or under.

2.42.3 Rapid Express – Includes bus service with stops only at major transit centers, residential centers, and activity centers; generally traveling 50 percent or more of the one-way trip miles on freeways; averaging at least 20 miles per hour, with an average passenger trip length of over 10 miles; and using commuter coaches.

2.42.4 Commuter Rail – The commuter rail service operated in the coastal corridor from Oceanside to San Diego by NCTD under the brand COASTER.

2.42.5 Rural – A rural bus service providing limited daily or weekly service linking rural areas to a multimodal transit center or major shopping center and designated by the MTS or NCTD Board of Directors as having a special fare. Service is generally provided in rural areas with one-way vehicle trip lengths ranging from 15 to 80 miles. Rural service includes MTS Rural and NCTD FLEX.

2.42 Transfer: The action of a passenger leaving one bus, train, or other transit vehicle and within a brief time, without a stopover, boarding a subsequent bus, train, or other transit vehicle to complete his or her trip.

2.43 Transfer Slip: A document that may be issued by a driver to enable a passenger to board another transit vehicle free of charge typically during a service disruption. Only customers that paid a cash one-way fare are eligible to receive a transfer slip. Transfer slips are only valid in the NCTD service area on BREEZE routes. Transfer slips are not issued for travel entirely within San Diego County solely on the fixed-route system. Transfer slips may be issued for transfers between ADA services and fixed-route services and between fixed-route services and other systems outside San Diego County.

- 2.44 TransNet:** The *TransNet* Ordinance is a SANDAG ordinance passed by voters in 2004 that provides for a half-cent transactions and use tax collected in San Diego County and used for transportation-related projects.
- 2.45 Trolley:** Light-rail transit service operated by MTS.
- 2.46 TVM:** Ticket Vending Machine used for the sale of single and multi-trip fare products, to check value left on Compass Card, and as a validator for MTS services.
- 2.47 Universal Pass:** Provides unlimited rides on select transit services for an agreed upon period of time to individuals associated with a sponsoring entity, where the sponsoring entity guarantees universal participation/purchase by its employees, students, or other membership.
- 2.48 Validator:** A device for tapping a Compass Card in order to validate the fare product or to deduct Stored Value. Validators may be standalone devices, located on bus fareboxes, or part of a TVM.
- 2.49 Youth:** A person as defined in the *TransNet* Ordinance Section 4(C)(3).
- 2.50 Zone:** For ADA purposes a zone is defined as:
- Zone 1 Central San Diego
- Zone 2 Mid-County: Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, Carmel Mountain Ranch, and Sabre Springs
- Zone 3 East County: La Mesa, El Cajon, Santee, Lakeside, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and parts of Alpine
- Zone 4 South Bay: Chula Vista, Coronado, National City, Imperial Beach, Palm City, Nestor, Otay Mesa, and San Ysidro
- Zone 5 NCTD Service area

For the COASTER, the fare zones are set forth in Table 5.

SECTION 3: SINGLE TRIP, SINGLE DAY, AND MULTI-DAY FARES

3.1 Fare Product Limitations

- 3.1.1** SPRINTER/BREEZE fare products may only be used on the SPRINTER and BREEZE.
- 3.1.2** Regional fare products may only be used on MTS Bus and Trolley, and NCTD BREEZE and SPRINTER
- 3.1.3** Premium Regional fare may only be used on all services listed above, as well as, Rapid Express, certain FLEX routes (listed in the NCTD Riders Guide), and Rural services.
- 3.1.4** COASTER Regional fare may be used on all transit services operated by MTS and NCTD except LIFT, Access, and certain FLEX routes (as listed in the NCTD Riders Guide).

3.2 Fares and Pass Products

Tables 1 through 4 list transit fares available to the general public. The tables show the fare for each type of service by passenger category and which passes are accepted on specific services.

Table 1: One-Way Cash Fares

Service	One-Way Cash	
	Adult & Youth	S/D/M
MTS Bus, <i>Rapid</i> , Express, Trolley, NCTD BREEZE and SPRINTER	\$2.50	\$1.25
MTS <i>Rapid Express</i>	\$5.00	\$2.50
NCTD FLEX	\$5.00	\$2.50
NCTD FLEX 372	\$10.00	\$5.00
MTS Rural	\$8.00	\$4.00
MTS Access/NCTD LIFT	NA	\$5.00

Table 2: One-Way Cash Fares - COASTER

Service	One-Way Cash	
	Adult	S/D/M & Youth
NCTD COASTER 1 Zone	\$5.00	\$2.50
NCTD COASTER 2 Zones	\$5.75	\$2.75
NCTD COASTER 3 Zones	\$6.50	\$3.25

Table 3: Day Pass Prices

Service	Day Pass	
	Adult	S/D/M & Youth
Regional	\$6.00	\$3.00
Premium Regional	\$12.00	\$6.00
COASTER Regional	\$15.00	\$7.50

Table 4: Monthly/30 Day Pass Prices

Service	30-Day/Monthly	
	Adult	S/D/M & Youth
Regional	\$72.00	\$23.00
Premium Regional	\$100.00	\$32.00
NCTD COASTER 1 Zone	\$140.00	\$58.00
NCTD COASTER 2 Zones	\$161.00	
NCTD COASTER 3 Zones	\$182.00	

3.3 COASTER Zones

The COASTER Fares are based on three zones. The number of zones between stations is shown in Table 5. Passengers must purchase a single-trip or round-trip ticket or pass based on the number of zones between their origin and destination.

**Table 5
COASTER Stations and Zones**

To From	Oceanside	Carlsbad Village	Carlsbad Poinsettia	Encinitas	Solana Beach	Sorrento Valley	Old Town	Santa Fe Depot
Oceanside		1	1	1	1	2	3	3
Carlsbad Village	1		1	1	1	2	3	3
Carlsbad Poinsettia	1	1		1	1	2	3	3
Encinitas	1	1	1		1	2	3	3
Solana Beach	1	1	1	1		2	3	3
Sorrento Valley	2	2	2	2	2		2	2
Old Town	3	3	3	3	3	2		1
Santa Fe Depot	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	

One-way and round-trip tickets and passes are valid only for travel between the number of zones or the stations listed on the ticket or pass.

3.4 Senior/Disabled/Medicare

The single-trip Cash Fare for persons eligible for S/D/M fares shall be 50 percent of the single-trip regular fare, rounded down to the nearest \$0.05.

3.5 Children

NCTD and MTS may each determine how many children five years old and under may ride free on all bus, light rail, and commuter rail services when traveling with a paying passenger.

3.6 Classroom Day Pass

Classroom Day Passes may be issued to school and youth groups (up to 18 years of age) on an advance sales basis only. Each group shall consist of a minimum of 12 people. One chaperone per every five students may ride at the Regional Classroom Day Pass price.

Valid on	Price
MTS Bus, SPRINTER, BREEZE, and Rapid Express	\$1.50
COASTER only	\$5
COASTER plus any of the following: MTS Bus, MTS Trolley, Rapid Express, SPRINTER, and BREEZE	\$6.50

A maximum of 135 students and adults per group are permitted to ride a single scheduled COASTER train. Advance confirmation of the availability of space is required at the time of purchase for all COASTER Classroom Day Pass.

3.7 SPRINTER/BREEZE Social Services Agency Day Pass

The SPRINTER/BREEZE Social Service Agency Day Pass is a one-day NCTD Day Pass, sold in packs of ten priced at \$45, which is validated by social service agencies by identifying the day,

month, and year. It is sold only to qualified social service agencies who agree to dispense the Day Pass according to NCTD requirements. The Social Service Agency Day Pass has a unique serial number code, and the customer may not return or exchange a Social Service Agency Day Pass. Valid for unlimited travel on SPRINTER/BREEZE for day punched.

3.8 Juror Day Pass

Any state or federal court in San Diego County may purchase Juror Passes after signing an agreement with MTS. Juror Passes are not valid for use on any special service with a higher fare (e.g., Stadium Bus Service) or ADA complementary paratransit service. The agreement may include a portion of passes to be supplied free of charge to the courts in exchange for promoting transit use in all juror summons.

A Regional Juror Day Pass is valid for travel on all NCTD and MTS services except Rapid Express, COASTER, or Rural services. A COASTER Regional Juror Day Pass is valid for travel on all NCTD and MTS services.

The price for Regional Juror Day Passes sold to the courts shall be based on the price of the Regional Day Pass and included in the agreement with the court. The price for COASTER Regional Juror Day Passes sold to the courts shall be based on the price of the COASTER Regional Day Pass and included in the agreement with the court.

Each Juror Day Pass becomes activated/valid on the day it is tapped by the passenger.

3.9 Advance Purchase Group Day Pass Sales

Groups wishing to purchase a large amount of Day Passes shall be entitled to obtain passes at discount rates when the passes are purchased at least 21 days in advance.

3.10 Monthly Passes

All Calendar Month Passes shall be valid until the end of the Service Day on the last day of the calendar month. All 30-Day Passes shall be valid for 30 consecutive days commencing on the first day the pass is validated.

SECTION 4: MULTI RIDE TICKETS AND TOKENS

4.1 Round Trip Tickets

Any transit operator may, at its option, sell round trip tickets at two times the price of a single-trip ticket for any fare category or service. Outbound and return trips must be taken on the same service day and are valid roundtrip from the point of origin to the destination.

4.2 Multi-Trip Ticket Packs

Any transit operator may, at their option, bundle multiple single-trip tickets for any service they operate, and sell the tickets for the full face value of the tickets or with a discount of up to 10 percent.

4.3 Tokens

Tokens are a legacy fare that is no longer sold or issued, but remain in circulation. If a token is presented they shall entitle the person holding the universal token to up to a \$2.50 cash fare value trip on any MTS bus, Trolley, BREEZE, or SPRINTER service, except ADA paratransit services. Some services may require a cash upgrade in conjunction with the Regional Universal Token.

Tokens will not be accepted for payment of any COASTER, Access, LIFT, or Rapid Express single-trip fare. Multiple tokens may be used to pay fares or purchase passes with a value of more than one local bus trip, but change will not be given.

SECTION 5: COMPASS CARDS

5.1 Card Acquisition and Registration

MTS, the administrator of the Compass Card Program, may require a nonrefundable fee for passengers wishing to acquire a Compass Card. The fee shall not exceed \$5.

Compass Card users may elect to register their card. If registered, users will be entitled to one free replacement if the card is lost or stolen. Additionally, registered users of the Compass Card are entitled to balance protection. Registered users will be reimbursed the value of their cash or transit product at the time the card is reported lost or stolen. Reimbursement will be provided on a new Compass Card. An unregistered user shall have no right to reimbursement or refund of a Compass Card balance even if the card is lost or stolen. Registered Compass Cards are not transferable.

Compass Card users may opt not to participate in the registration program, but shall be required to pay the above-mentioned fee and will not receive the benefits of registration. Whether or not a user pays a fee or participates in the registration program, the Compass Card shall be the property of MTS and may be revoked and/or confiscated by MTS or NCTD.

5.2 Validating a Compass Card

Compass Card users who have a transit fare product or Stored Value loaded on their card must validate their card each time they board a bus or train. Passengers who fail to tap and validate their Compass Card as required may be deemed to not be in possession of a valid fare consistent with the ordinances and policies of MTS and NCTD.

5.3 Inspection and Use of Compass Cards

Users of the Compass Card must produce the Compass Card for inspection by authorized MTS or NCTD personnel or their designated agents. The Compass Card is intended as a fare payment device on MTS, NCTD, or any transportation service that is part of the San Diego Regional Fare System. Any nonauthorized use of the card is strictly forbidden.

5.4 Refunds of Stored Value and Transit Products

Refunds will not be issued for transit pass products loaded onto a Compass Card.

5.5 Photographs of Cardholders

A photograph of a registered card holder may be printed onto a Compass Card if requested by the registered user. MTS or NCTD may charge a fee for placement of a photograph on the Compass Card. Compass Cards bearing a photograph only may be used by the person whose photograph appears on the card.

5.6 Stored Value

The Stored Value feature of a Compass Card (Compass Cash) may be loaded with cash value. A Compass Card with Stored Value may not be used to purchase an additional or replacement Compass Card. A Compass Card with Stored Value may not be used to purchase fare products or Stored Value to be loaded onto a different Compass Card.

5.7 Default Fare for Stored Value

All card holders boarding any bus or rail vehicle and paying their fare with Stored Value on a Compass Card will have the applicable one-way fare cost deducted from the Compass Card when a farebox or platform validator is tapped. Passengers boarding a bus must advise the driver before tapping if they wish to purchase a Day Pass. Passengers boarding a service at any station or stop equipped with platform validators and TVMs must use the TVM if the passenger prefers to purchase a paper single-trip ticket or a product other than the default Day Pass for the service they will be boarding.

SECTION 6: MOBILE TICKETING

Compass Cloud is a Mobile Ticketing used on a mobile phone application allowing for the purchase of many of the fares available. It has the capability to offer the full range of fares and passes, including special events, universal passes, discounted fares, one-way fares, day passes and monthly passes. The products offered are at the discretion of the transit agencies. Discounted fares and universal passes require proof of eligibility to make the fares available. Refunds will not be issued for transit pass products loaded onto Compass Cloud.

SECTION 7: DISCOUNTED POST-SECONDARY AND GROUP PASSES

7.1 Post-Secondary Discounted Passes

MTS and NCTD shall each have the right to negotiate agreements, individually or jointly, with educational institutions. MTS and NCTD may establish their own policies, terms or eligibility rules regarding the sale of the passes in the sales agreements; however, the prices to the education institutions must conform to this Ordinance.

7.1.1 Discounted Calendar Monthly Post-Secondary Regional Pass

The price of a Regional Monthly / 30-Day Pass for post-secondary institutions shall be 80 percent of the price of an Adult Regional Monthly / 30-Day Pass. The discounted pass shall be valid for unlimited travel during a calendar month or 30-day period.

7.1.2 Discounted Post-Secondary Regional Quarter/Trimester/Semester Pass

The price of the quarter/trimester/semester pass for post-secondary educational institutions shall be based on 65 percent of the price of an Adult Regional Monthly / 30-Day Pass, divided by 31 and multiplied by the number of days in the academic term.

The discounted Regional pass shall be valid for unlimited travel during an academic term until the end of the Service Day on the last day of the academic term. All Regional Pass rules apply to the Post-Secondary Regional Quarter/Trimester/Semester Pass.

7.2 Group Pass Program

7.2.1 Ecopass Group Sales Pass Program

This program is for businesses or groups who purchase Regional and Premium passes and who are willing to purchase sufficient passes to provide a full year of transportation for 10 employees or members at a discounted rate and execute a participation agreement.

The pass price discount would be based on the pre-purchase of a specified number of passes for a 12-month period. Only one three-month trial program is permitted per employer or group interested in testing the program. Advance payment is generally required for both the trial program and permanent program annual passes. Participants may purchase additional monthly passes as provided in the participation agreement at a discounted rate.

The price of the employer or group sales pass program shall be set according to the number of annual regular adult passes purchased as defined in the participation agreement. All passes purchased in excess of limits in the participation agreement may be sold at retail rates.

7.2.2 Universal Pass Program

MTS and NCTD shall each have the right to negotiate UPass agreements, individually or jointly, with sponsoring entities. MTS and NCTD may establish their own policies, terms, or eligibility rules regarding the sale of the UPass in the sales agreements.

SECTION 8: TRANSFERS WITH OTHER TRANSIT OPERATORS

8.1 Metrolink Trip Tickets and Monthly Passes

Metrolink Trip Tickets and Monthly Passes are valid as full boarding fare on NCTD buses and the SPRINTER on all routes directly serving the Oceanside Transit Center. Metrolink tickets and passes are not valid for transferring between NCTD routes or between NCTD and MTS. Metrolink tickets are not valid for transfers to the COASTER. The rules governing the acceptance of the Metrolink tickets and passes are as follows:

8.1.1 Metrolink Monthly/7Day Pass: This pass must have the correct current month, year, and list Oceanside as a valid city in order to be valid.

8.1.2 Metrolink Round-Trip Ticket: This ticket must be imprinted with the current date and is valid until the time shown on that date on the BREEZE or the SPRINTER at Oceanside Transit Center.

8.1.3 Metrolink One-Way Ticket: This ticket must be imprinted with the current date and is valid until the time shown on that date to board the BREEZE or the SPRINTER departing the Oceanside Transit Center.

SECTION 9: PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL FARE SYSTEM

The requirements for participation in the Regional Fare System by transportation providers shall be as follows:

9.1 Transit operators participating in the Regional Fare System must operate fixed-route transit service with fixed, published schedules.

9.2 Transit Operators must serve an area not currently served by an existing publicly subsidized, fixed-route bus operator.

9.3 New transit operators will be incorporated into the Compass Card system to the extent feasible and practical as determined by MTS and NCTD.

9.4 Any transit provider selling or receiving Compass Card, Compass Cloud, or other MTS and NCTD fare media shall have a secure handling procedure for all fare media. All tickets, passes, and transfers shall be handled as cash-value media, with appropriate security provided for acceptance, inspection, storage, distribution, and disposal.

SECTION 10: SPECIAL FARES

10.1 Sworn Peace Officers

MTS and NCTD transit operators will allow all San Diego County, state, and federal sworn peace officers, in uniform or in civilian clothes, to ride on scheduled bus and train routes without charge. Officers must show identification when requested by MTS or NCTD. This privilege does not apply to special events for off-duty officers.

10.2 Temporary, Promotional, and Experimental Fares

MTS and NCTD shall have the ability to set temporary, promotional, and experimental fares. Temporary, promotional, and experimental fares are defined as fares implemented for no more than 12 months for seasonal events or for marketing purposes. These fares, because of their short term/temporary nature, are not included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 11: S/D/M AND YOUTH COMPASS CARDS ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

11.1 Eligibility

In order to be eligible to purchase discounted S/D/M Passes, passengers must present an S/D/M or person with disabilities Compass Card with integral photo identification or one of the valid identification cards listed in Sections 10.2 through 10.3.

11.2 Seniors

Seniors must provide a valid Medicare card, state-issued driver's license, government-issued photo identification, or an S/D/M Compass Card with integral photo identification when paying a Cash Fare, purchasing a Senior Pass, or boarding a transit vehicle with a Senior Pass.

11.3 Persons with Disabilities and Medicare

11.3.1 Cash Fares

All persons with a valid MTS identification card, Medicare Card, NCTD disabled identification card, State of California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) disabled identification card, or DMV placard identification card shall be permitted to pay the S/D/M single cash fare.

11.3.2 Compass Cards

In order to receive a reduced fare Compass Card, a person with a disability must present for approval their completed application form and show a government-issued photo identification card and original versions of at least one of the following (photocopies will not be accepted) at the time of submitting the application:

- 11.3.2.1** State of California DMV disabled identification card, (the white receipt from the DMV)
- 11.3.2.2** State of California DMV placard identification card
- 11.3.2.3** ADA Paratransit Identification Card
- 11.3.2.4** Certification on the application form by a doctor or a qualified health care professional or a statement from a physician or rehabilitation center (on original letterhead or prescription notepad with an original signature). In addition to the nature of the disability, the statement should identify whether it is permanent or temporary in nature

- 11.3.2.5** Individualized Education Program from school for disabled students
- 11.3.2.6** Current year Supplemental Security Income. (S.S.I.) or Social Security Administration (S.S.A.), or Social Security Disability Insurance (S.S.D.I). award letter
- 11.3.2.7** Letter from the Epilepsy Foundation
- 11.3.2.8** Letter from the San Diego Center for the Blind
- 11.3.2.9** Letter from the San Diego Regional Center
- 11.3.2.10** Unexpired MTS or NCTD disabled identification card

11.4 Youth

Youth must provide on request valid school, college, or government-issued photo identification to establish eligibility for a Youth discount when boarding a transit vehicle with a Youth pass.

SECTION 12: ADA Paratransit

12.1 Fares

The Cash Fare for ADA paratransit per ride for ADA-certified passengers for one complete trip, origin to destination, regardless of any need to transfer between ADA transit operators or zones, shall be double the local fixed-route fare of the typical fixed-route service linking the origin and destination based on a determination by MTS or NCTD. Such determination must be made by calculating the regular fixed-route fare, including transfers for a trip of similar length, at a similar time of day, on the transit operators fixed-route system.

All ADA prepaid fare media only will be good on the system for which it was created. ADA prepaid fare media may not be loaded onto a Compass Card.

One personal care attendant may ride free with each ADA passenger riding an ADA paratransit or transit vehicle if requirement is identified on ADA certification.

MTS and NCTD may establish their own policies and prices regarding the sale of daily/monthly/30 day passes for fixed-route buses and trains to ADA-certified passengers; however, the prices to these customers must not exceed the S/D/M prices.

12.2 LIFT and Access Transfers

Paratransit customers needing to transfer between MTS Access, and NCTD LIFT or FLEX will need to pay the corresponding fares. **SECTION 13: REGIONAL TICKET AND PASS ADMINISTRATION, REVENUE SHARING**

Processes and rules regarding regional ticket and pass administration and revenue sharing may be the subject of one or more separate agreements between MTS and NCTD.

SECTION 14: EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE OR AMENDMENTS

This Ordinance shall go into effect on March 10, 2019. Notwithstanding Board Policy No. 004: Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors and Committees, all amendments shall go into effect not less than 30 days after the second reading and approval of the Board of Directors, unless approved in accordance with Board Policy No. 004 as an urgency measure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th of February 2019.


CHAIRPERSON ATTEST: 
SECRETARY

Member Agencies: Cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Vista, and County of San Diego.

ADVISORY MEMBERS: California Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, Imperial County, U.S. Department of Defense, San Diego Unified Port District, San Diego County Water Authority, Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association, and Mexico.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

I, Clerk of the Board of SANDAG, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors on 8th of February 2019, at the time and by the vote stated above, which said Ordinance is on file in the office of SANDAG.

DATED: February 21, 2019


Clerk of the Board