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PRESS RELEASE Muni Fare Increase Begins July 1

Customers paying with MuniMobile or Clipper Card to receive 50-cent discount

San Francisco— The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), which manages all transportation in the city, including the Municipal Railway (Muni), reminds customers that select fares will increase effective July 1.

As part of Muni fare changes, single-trip fares paid with the MuniMobile® ticketing app or a Clipper Card will cost 50 cents less than onboard cash fares and Limited Use Tickets purchased through Muni Metro station ticket vending machines. These discounts are meant to encourage quicker fare payments that allow Muni customers to spend less time boarding at stops - and more time getting to their destinations. July fare changes include:

- Fare increase for Single Ride;
- Reduced Fare Single Rides, including youth, seniors, people with disabilities and Medicare recipients; and
- Fare increases for monthly "A" and "M" passes for unlimited travel for Muni and BART within San Francisco and discounted monthly passes for Senior, Youth and People with Disabilities not participating in the Free Muni programs.

Type of Fare	Fare Prices as of July 1, 2019
Adult Single Ride Fare (Cash/Limited Use Tickets)	\$3.00
Reduced Fare Single Ride (Cash/Limited Use Tickets)	\$1.50
Adult Single Ride Fare (Clipper/MuniMobile)	\$2.50
Discount Single Ride (Clipper/MuniMobile)	\$1.25
Reduced Fare Monthly Pass (Muni only)	\$40.00
Adult "M" Monthly Pass (Muni Only)	\$81.00
Adult "A" Monthly Pass (+BART in SF)	\$98.00

The indexed fare increases were planned with equity in mind. The SFMTA continues to offer <u>free and</u> <u>discounted Muni fare programs</u>, which include discounted <u>Lifeline passes for low-income adults</u> and <u>Free</u> <u>Muni programs</u> for youth, seniors and people with disabilities. The agency conducted a thorough analysis to determine whether these changes would unfairly impact parts of the city population. Findings show that the cash fare increase will not disparately burden minorities and those with low income. Currently, it is estimated that 12 to 14 percent of Muni customers pay with cash or limited-use paper tickets. Muni's operating expenses are \$679 million per year, yet only \$213 million of that comes from fares, or about

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31 percent. A \$2.50 or \$3 fare costs the agency considerably more to provide that service. The fare increases allow the agency to keep pace with labor and other risings costs to ensure the same level of Muni service for all customers.

Single ride tickets paid for with MuniMobile, Clipper Cards and numerous other fares remain the same. Monthly passes provide a great value and are the most convenient way for frequent riders to get unlimited access to Muni service, including cable cars. Monthly passes are currently only available on <u>Clipper</u>®, which is a convenient and secure way to manage your Bay Area transit fares and transfers in an easy-to-use, all-in-one, reloadable card.

The fare increases result from the implementation of the SFMTA Board approved Automatic Consumer Price Index (CPI) Policy. The Automatic CPI is a set formula based on a combination of the Bay Area Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) and the SFMTA's labor cost.

MuniMobile can be downloaded to smartphones free of cost, with the ability to store multiple tickets to be purchased for individuals or groups. Clipper can be used on multiple transit systems and can be obtained at any Muni Metro Ticket Vending Machine, the Clipper Card Center at the Embarcadero Muni Metro/BART station and more than 75 third-party vendors including most Walgreens stores in San Francisco. You can also purchase the \$5 Day Pass with MuniMobile, which is good for unlimited trips on Muni buses, trains and historic streetcars all day long.

For a comprehensive overview and description of these changes please visit: <u>https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/muni/fares</u>.

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Established by voter proposition in 1999, the SFMTA, a department of the City and County of San Francisco, oversees the Municipal Railway (Muni), parking and traffic, bicycling, walking and taxis. With five modes of transit, Muni has approximately 700,000 passenger boardings each day. Over 1 million people get around this city each day and rely on the SFMTA to ensure safe and reliable travel by transit, walking, bicycling, taxi and driving.

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