

To: Operations and Scheduling Committee
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SUBJECT: Clipper Update

SUMMARY OF ISSUES:

In response to a public comment made at the April Board of Directors meeting, staff is seeking to update its Board members as well as the public on MTC's planned Clipper Phase III rollout which includes making the new fare media available to County Connection.

MTC held a Clipper briefing in January to discuss the current program status and update operators on Phase III. Due to unintended expenditures, volatile funding, and technological glitches, MTC has decided to postpone indefinitely the implementation of phase III. MTC has elected instead to focus on completing the implementation of Phase II (which includes Golden Gate, MUNI, Caltrain, AC Transit, BART, SamTrans, and VTA). MTC also plans on waiting for funding to stabilize as its uncertainty has led to a slower rollout of phase II.

Adding to the shortfall is the fact that the Clipper card is currently offered for free, a policy that has been in effect since June 2010 and will continue at least until July 1, 2011. This has resulted in higher-than-expected operating and capital expenses, which affects Phase III rollout.

MTC is holding its next meeting regarding phase III in late June and remains optimistic that the meeting will yield better news for operators included in that phase.

In August 2010 the Board authorized a joint letter from CCCTA, LAVTA, ECCTA, and WCCTA requesting that the four agencies be the first in line in Phase III.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Information Only