

TO: Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee **DATE:** April 27, 2020
FROM: Rick Ramacier **SUBJECT:** Three Free Fare Bills Update
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Background

In March, staff brought forward three bills that had been introduced in the state legislature that would require public transit to offer free fares to select groups. The bills are AB1350 – Gonzalez, AB2012 – Chu, and AB2176 – Holden. The MP&L Committee took action to oppose all three bills and sent that recommendation to the full board for consideration at their March 19, 2020 board meeting.

That board meeting was canceled and the board has yet to consider the MP&L Committee recommendation.

Meanwhile, all three have been dropped from consideration in the state legislature, primarily due to a need to focus on addressing the fallout from COVID-19.

All three bills are expected to be reintroduced next year.

Action Requested

No action is necessary as all three bills have been dropped from consideration. Staff would like to forward this report to the board as information.