

TO: Board of Directors

DATE: May 13, 2020

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SUBJECT: Three Free Fare Bills Update

Background

In March, staff brought forward three bills to the MP&L Committee 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 cancelled.

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. The MP&L Committee has forwarded this to you as information.