

# *Proposal to Lower Adult ST Express Fare*

*Rider Experience and Operations Committee*

*12/5/24*

# *Why we are here*

Seek a do pass recommendation to change the Adult ST Express Bus fare to take effect on March 1, 2025.

# *Background*

This proposal is a continuation of our fare simplification efforts:

- 2016: Regional Fare Forum recommendations to simplify fares
- 2018: Board action to simplify ST Express fares
- 2020: Board action to simplify reduced fares on Sounder
- 2023: Board action to simplify Link fares - move to flat fare

# *Purpose of Proposal*

Reducing the ST Express fare from \$3.25 to \$3.00 aligns with the Link fare of \$3.00.

# Proposal Lowers ST Express Fare

	Link	ST Express	Souder
Adult	\$3.00	<del>\$3.25</del> \$3.00	\$3.25-\$5.75
Youth	Free	Free	Free
Senior & Disabled; ORCA LIFT	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

# *Revenue Impact*

- Revenue reduction of \$400,000 annually
- ST Express fare revenue reduction of 3.4%
- ST systemwide fare revenue reduction of 0.2%

# *Fare Equity Analysis*

- No adverse impact on minority riders; therefore, it will not result in any disparate impact on these riders.
- No adverse impact low-income riders; therefore, it will not result in any disproportionate burden on these riders.

# *Public Feedback*

Community online survey supports change

- Yes = 88%
- No = 6%
- Unsure = 6%



# *Timeline of Proposal*

- *Public Comment Period: 10/21/24 – 11/4/24*
- *Public Hearing: 12/5/24*
- ***REO Recommendation: 12/5/24***
- *Board Action: 12/19/24*
- *Implementation: 3/1/25*

*Thank you.*



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