

**To: Advisory Council**

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**MTC ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN TRANSLINK**

Translink is an important project of MTC and necessary in order to expand transit use. AC Transit and Golden Gate BHTD are to be congratulated for pioneering participation in Translink. SF MTA is urged to stop delaying deployment of the program within MUNI (& to drop obstructionist requirements like revenue neutrality that MTA does not apply to other programming)

Translink to be an effective program must be equally available for use by discounted fare users, currently seniors, disabled and youth, without extra registration fees. Variable fares can easily be programmed into different fare cards, just as AC Transit presently does for its youth, senior/disabled and regular adult fares. Translink could use different colored cards to distinguish between the card types (to address any concerns about fraud). These fare cards should not be more difficult for the rider to obtain than are the standard Translink cards.

The MTC Advisory Council recommends to MTC that it urge AC Transit and GGBHTD to promptly resolve the issues with and remove the barriers to reduced fare participation in the Translink system.