



## **Clipper Milestone**

The Clipper® transit fare card program reached its highest usage rate ever, with 20,058,055 transactions in April 2014. The high mark represents a 4.7 percent increase over Clipper transactions in April 2013. Operators currently accepting Clipper cards include San Francisco Muni, BART, AC Transit, Caltrain, SamTrans, Golden Gate Transit & Ferry, San Francisco Bay Ferry and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Clipper is used for fare payment on nearly half of all transit trips in the region, with an average weekday usage of 728,209 in April.

MTC is working to expand the Clipper system later this year to include Marin Transit, Napa VINE, SolTrans, Fairfield and Suisan Transit (FAST), Rio Vista Delta Breeze, Vacaville City Coach, San Francisco Bay Ferry's Vallejo-to-San Francisco route, and the new Oakland Airport Connector, expected to open later this year. In addition, MTC plans to expand the Clipper program to the Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (WHEELS) bus network, County Connection, WestCAT, and Tri-Delta Transit by the end of 2015, as well as to Santa Rosa City Bus, Sonoma County Transit, Cloverdale Transit, Petaluma Transit, Healdsburg Transit, and Union City Transit by the spring of 2016. Finally, MTC is working with Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) to implement Clipper for a mid-2016 launch.

To learn more about Clipper, visit [clippercard.com](http://clippercard.com) or call Clipper Customer Service at 877-878-8883 or TDD/TYY: 711 or 800-735-2929 and type "Clipper."

## **Executive Director's Report**

The following items were in the May 2014 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

- ***Lobby Day – Sacramento, April 30***  
Chair Worth led a gaggle of MTC commissioners, staff, and partner agency representatives in a series of visits to the Bay Area's state legislative delegation. The focus of our visits was the long-term Cap and Trade funding framework proposed by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, with whom we also met that afternoon. Thanks especially to Randy Rentschler and Rebecca Long for arranging the most upbeat visit to Sacramento that I can recall in many years.
- ***Senate Committee Advances Reauthorization Bill – Washington, DC, May 15***  
The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee chaired by Barbara Boxer marked up the highway title of a bill to reauthorize the MAP 21 legislation that will expire on September 30, 2014. The new bill largely retains the MAP 21 program structure with the exception of creating a new categorical program for goods movement. The main uncertainty clouding the bill's prospects is that its inflation adjusted funding levels rely on a significant infusion of new revenue from a source yet to be determined. Jurisdiction for that funding discussion belongs to the Senate Finance Committee. The transit title of the reauthorization bill is the responsibility of the Senate Banking Committee.

To read the May 2014 Executive Director's report to the Commission in its entirety, go to [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed\\_report.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm).