

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 20, 2008

**ITEM TITLE:** AN ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL IMPACTS OF FARE-FREE SERVICE AT LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

**PREPARED BY:** Andy Vobora, Director of Service Planning, Accessibility, and Marketing

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion and input on draft analysis

**BACKGROUND:** For some time the topic of providing a fare-free system has come up in community discussions. Most recently this topic was raised at the November 2, 2007, Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) meeting. The Metropolitan Policy Committee minutes reflect the discussion and motion:

Ms. Piercy commended LTD's EmX service for its ease of use. She felt its accessibility, including no fare, was an asset to the community and helping to change people's behaviors. Mr. Sorenson, seconded by Mr. Zelenka, moved to encourage Lane Transit District to develop a plan to provide no- fare transit services. The motion passed, 8-0.

The attached draft analysis does not attempt to weigh all of the pros and cons involved with instituting a fare-free system, but it does focus on the immediate financial and operational impacts Lane Transit District would face in moving to a fare-free system. As you will see, the report does touch on a number of other issues and some of the positive results observed at systems currently operating in a fare-free environment.

Staff will be present to discuss the analysis and would like feedback in order to finalize the analysis and present a final report to the Metropolitan Policy Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft analysis of the financial and operational impacts of fare-free service at Lane Transit District

**RESULTS OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This report will be forwarded to the Metropolitan Policy Committee.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** None