

RESOLUTION NO. 11473 (2024 SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PILOT PROGRAM EXPANDING FARE OPTIONS FOR K-12 STUDENTS FOR SAN LUIS OBISPO (SLO) TRANSIT

WHEREAS, cash fares and prepaid pass options for SLO Transit have not changed since April 2017; and

WHEREAS, SLO Transit only offers a discounted 31-Day pass for K-12 students as well as fare free rides during summer months in coordination with other transit providers throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the City recently completed a Transit Innovation Study which recommends providing more accessible fare options for students by expanding fare free rides for K-12 students beyond the summer months; and

WHEREAS, analyzing potential impacts of expanding fare free rides for K-12 students will take significant staff time and outreach since it could jeopardize SLO Transit's ability to maintain its required 20% minimum farebox recovery ratio; and

WHEREAS, since September 2023, the City has received correspondence from parents of K-12 students requesting expanded fare and pass options beyond the 31-Day pass similar to those offered by SLO Transit for senior and disabled riders; and

WHEREAS, as an immediate solution to addressing the need for expanded student fare and pass options, staff recommends establishing a pilot program allowing SLO Transit to offer a discounted single ride fare and a discounted 15-Ride pass for K-12 students at the rates shown in Exhibit A effective February 1, 2024, through June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program would allow sufficient time for an impact analysis of expanding fare free rides for K-12 students to be completed and presented to Council as part of the 2025-27 Financial Plan; and

WHEREAS, offering expanded fare and pass options increases access to affordable transportation for K-12 students and provides minor financial relief to parents while also increasing local transit ridership; and

WHEREAS, at a regularly scheduled meeting on January 10, 2024, the Mass Transportation Committee considered the proposed changes to SLO Transit's rate structure and made a recommendation that Council adopt the Draft Resolution.


WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on January 23, 2024, the City Council considered the proposed changes to SLO Transit's rate structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo that the recitals stated above are true and correct and that SLO Transit's fare rate structure is hereby adopted as set forth in and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

Upon motion of Vice Mayor Pease, seconded by Council Member Francis, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Council Member Francis, Marx, Shoresman, Vice Mayor Pease, and Mayor Stewart
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

The foregoing resolution was adopted this 23rd day of January 2024.

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 Mayor Erica A. Stewart

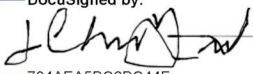
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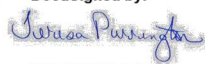
 Teresa Purrington
 City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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 J. Christine Dietrick
 City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, on 1/24/2024 | 10:11 AM PST.

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 Teresa Purrington
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EXHIBIT A

Fare Type	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Regular	\$1.50	\$1.50
Student (K-12)	N/A	\$0.75
Senior/Disabled	\$0.75	\$0.75
Pass Type	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
31-Day Regular	\$40.00	\$40.00
31-Day Student (K-12)	\$25.00	\$25.00
31-Day Senior/Disabled	\$20.00	\$20.00
16-Ride Regular	\$24.00	\$24.00
15-Ride Student (K-12)	N/A	\$11.25
15-Ride Senior/Disabled	\$11.25	\$11.25
7-Day	\$15.00	\$15.00
5-Day	\$12.00	\$12.00
3-Day	\$7.00	\$7.00
1-Day	\$3.25	\$3.25
Regional Day Pass	\$5.50	\$5.50
Effective February 1, 2024, through June 5, 2025, unless otherwise further modified by adopted Resolution		