



**CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING**

2910 East Fifth Street Austin, TX 78702

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Board Liaison Ed Easton
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**Wednesday, December 5, 2018
12:00 PM**

**12:13 PM Meeting Called to Order
12:49 PM Meeting Adjourned**

I. Presentations:

1. K-12 Fare Structure Change

Chief Financial Officer Reinet Marneweck gave a brief presentation on the K-12 Fare Structure Change. The proposed change would allow K-12 students to ride free on Capital Metro services, including MetroAccess. The pilot of this program has been very well received in the community. There will be some fare revenue lost if the program is made permanent, estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000 annually. A fare equity analysis has been performed and found significant benefits to low-income and minority populations.

II. Public Comment

Brian Hill, Special Assistant to the Superintendent of AISD, spoke in favor of the proposal and thanked Capital Metro for the summer pilot program. This is a great partnership, and will allow students more flexibility in their travel and greater opportunity.

Emily Sawyer for the Eastside Vertical Team spoke in favor of the structure change, but advocated for better Capital Metro service to the Eastside International High School. Changes to Routes 4 and 17 have made access to the school less safe and more distant.

Sonya Kaleel from the Austin Council of PTAs thanked the board for bringing this to the table. There have been many letters and voices from the community who say they will benefit from this proposal. It really helps kids to stay involved in after-school activities in particular.

Roxanne Saldivar from Austin Public Health spoke on behalf of some of the youth that she works with. This will help them go to school, work, and volunteer opportunities. This will be a great change and benefit so many in our community.

Wes Boyett, Juvenile Case Coordinator with the Austin Municipal Court, spoke in favor and noted that this change would benefit many in the juvenile justice system and their families.

Dave Dobbs, Texas Association for Public Transportation, gave a short presentation and spoke on the mission and goals of Capital Metro. He advocated for a basic high-capacity starter line running through downtown that he believes will benefit everyone.

Zenobia Joseph, citizen, spoke out on the costs of the proposal and the difficulties of verifying eligibility for this fare. She expects that with operators not asking students for identification that there will be many who are not students who will take advantage and ride for free. Houston Metro gives a reduced fare and requires students to show a report card. She would like this item to be tabled until more research can be done. She would like to see a swipecard or other ID card issued to reduce abuse.

III. Items for Future Discussion:

IV. Adjournment

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