

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



<p>Date: December 20, 2021</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Geoff Wright, P.Eng, MBA, Commissioner of Transportation and Works</p>	<p>Meeting date: January 12, 2022</p>

Subject

Amendments to the Fare Integration Agreement between the City of Mississauga and Metrolinx

Recommendation

1. That the corporate report, entitled "Amendments to the Fare Integration Agreement between the City of Mississauga and Metrolinx" dated December 20, 2021, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be approved.
2. That a by-law be enacted to authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the City Clerk to execute an amendment to the Fare Integration Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Mississauga and Metrolinx, including any further amendments and ancillary documents, to reflect that GO Transit will pay to the City of Mississauga an amount per passenger equivalent to 100% of the regular adult fare when using a PRESTO card to ride MiWay to access GO Transit services or the reverse trip, in a form satisfactory to Legal Services.

Background

MiWay customers using a PRESTO card to connect with GO Transit service (both GO Rail and Bus services) are currently paying \$0.80 for a single fare instead of \$3.10 adult full fare with a transfer being active for three hours from the first tap of PRESTO card on the MiWay bus, GO train or GO bus.

This fare integration benefit for GO/MiWay customers is based on the existing Co-Fare Agreement between the City of Mississauga and the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority (now Metrolinx), which was signed in 1996 and amended in 1998 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement outlines that GO Transit will pay to the City of Mississauga an amount per passenger equivalent to 75% of the regular adult fare when using a PRESTO card to ride MiWay accessing GO Transit services.

Comments

Metrolinx initiated an amendment to the Agreement, whereby GO Transit will pay the municipality 100% of the municipal regular adult fare per every PRESTO user between GO Transit and the municipal transit services as part of their commutes effective February 1, 2022.

With this change being effective, MiWay customers benefit from free transfers when using a PRESTO card to ride MiWay to access GO Transit services or the reverse trip. In addition, this would promote an increase in First and Last mile travel journeys using MiWay accessing GO transit services supporting one of our strategic pillars, Transit-Oriented City.

The Agreement requires an amendment to reflect that GO Transit will pay to the City of Mississauga an amount per passenger equivalent to 100% of the regular adult fare, instead of 75% as currently set out in the Agreement.

Strategic Plan

The amendment of the current Co-Fare Agreement contributes to the following strategic goal: **Move-** Developing a transit-orientated city; Build a reliable and convenient transit system

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as a result of the amendment of the Agreement between the City of Mississauga and Metrolinx.

Conclusion

The Agreement between the City of Mississauga and Metrolinx sets out MiWay co-fare charge of \$0.80 for customers when using a PRESTO card connecting to/from GO Transit Services. With the amendment to the Agreement, customers benefit from free (no additional charge) transfers to/from GO Transit when using a PRESTO card to ride MiWay to access the GO Transit services or the reverse trip. There will be no financial cost to the City due to the 100% reimbursement of the cost by GO Transit to the City of Mississauga. Accordingly, Staff recommends endorsement and execution of the amendment to the Agreement with Metrolinx.



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