

NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT
SAN DIEGO RAILROAD

Agenda

**Performance, Administration and Finance
(PAF) Committee**

Mike Sannella, Committee Chair
Priya Bhat-Patel, Committee Member
Jewel Edson, Committee Member
Corinna Contreras, Committee Member

Eun Park-Lynch – Committee Liaison

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

Location: NCTD

810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92054

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PAF COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS
- SAFETY BRIEF & EVACUATION PROCEDURES – Taylor Siwy, Deputy Clerk
- PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There is a time limit of 15 minutes for this section of Public Communications and each speaker is limited to three minutes for their presentation.

AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2

1. **Receive Update on Proposed FY2027 Operating and Capital Budget (Attachments 1A and 1B)**
Staff will provide an overview of the draft proposed FY2027 Operating Budget and FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program and receive feedback from the PAF Committee before advancing to the full Board for consideration of adoption.
(Eun Park-Lynch, Chief Financial Officer)
 2. **Receive Update on Low-Income Fare Program (Attachment 2A)**
Staff will begin initial discussions on the feasibility of implementing a low-income fare program.
(Mary Dover, Deputy Chief Operating Officer – Bus)
- BOARD MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings:

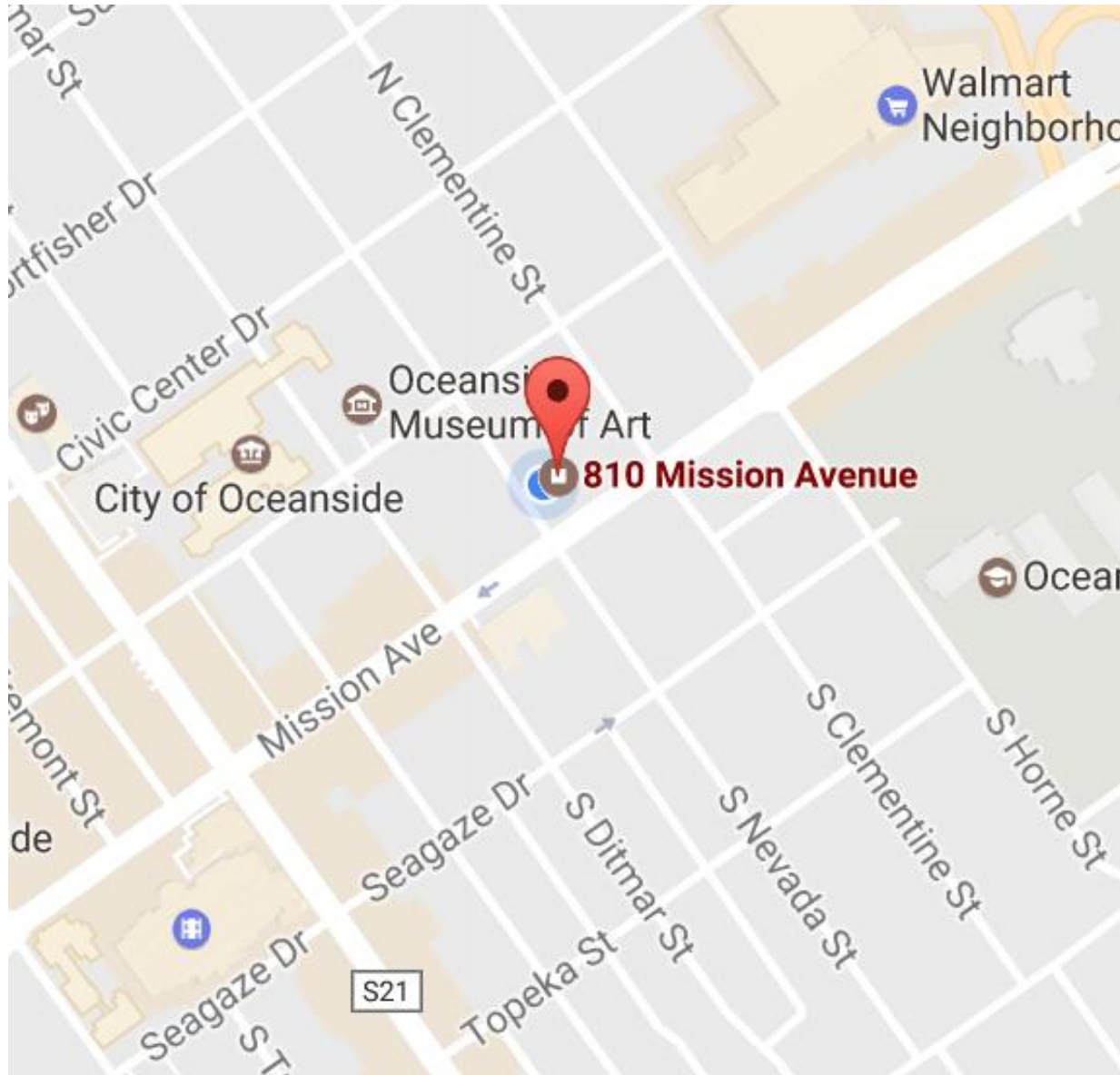
- **Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**
- **Marketing, Service Planning and Business Development Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**

All Regular Board and Committee Meetings will be held at NCTD Administrative Offices, 810 Mission Ave., Oceanside CA, unless otherwise provided on public notice.

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MAP OF NCTD OFFICES



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May 14, 2026

To: North County Transit – San Diego Railroad Board Members
From: Taylor Siwy, Deputy Clerk
Subject: POSTING OF PAF COMMITTEE AGENDA

In Compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, as Amended, the following information is provided.

The Agenda for this PAF Committee meeting of the Board was posted as follows:

Committee Meeting: May 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Posted At: 810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA

Posted Online At: www.goNCTD.com

Date & Time of Posting: May 14, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

Posted By: Taylor Siwy, Deputy Clerk

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1. COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

- A. Total time limit for telephonic comments:
 - Beginning of meeting: 15 minutes
 - End of meeting: No time limit.
- B. Time limit per speaker per meeting: Three minutes, with no donation of time allowed.
- C. Priority: First come, first served. Speakers who registered to speak with the Clerk will be called to address the Board of Directors in the order they are received.
- D. Order on agenda: Comments for matters not on the agenda will be heard at the beginning of the meeting and if the time limit stated in Paragraph A is exhausted, comments that were unable to be heard due to time limit stated above, will be heard at the end of the meeting under “*Remaining Public Communications.*”

2. TIME LIMITS FOR ADDRESSING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

- A. Total time limit: None.
- B. Time limit per speaker: Three minutes, with one donation of three minutes, for a maximum of six minutes.
- C. These rules apply to both public hearing and non-public hearing items listed on the agenda.
- D. Comments made not germane to the subject matter of the agenda item being considered will be considered out of order.

3. CUTOFF FOR TURNING IN SPEAKER SLIPS

- A. Members of the public may register with the Clerk to speak on an agenda item up until the public comment period is closed on a particular item.

4. MODIFICATION OF RULES BY CHAIR

- A. The Board Chair may, in their absolute discretion, modify these rules. However, a decision of the Chair to do so in one instance shall not be deemed a waiver of the rules as to any other instance or matter.



Receive Proposed FY2027 Operating and Capital Budget

PAF Committee Meeting
May 21, 2026

COASTER SPRINTER BREEZE FLEX *LIFT* NCTD

Background

- On December 18, 2025 (Agenda Item No. 3), the Board approved the proposed FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) based on estimated federal and non-federal funding levels at that time
 - For the last four months, staff has continued evaluating the CIP for project readiness, new capital priorities, and reprogramming project savings. The final FY2027-FY2031 CIP will be presented at the June 18, 2026 Board Meeting.
- On March 19, 2026 (Agenda Item No. 3), the Marketing, Service Planning, and Business Development (MSPBD) Committee received an overview on the development of the proposed FY2027 Service Implementation Plan (SIP) and key assumptions
- On May 21, 2026, the Board will set a public hearing for June 18, 2026 to consider adoption of the FY2027 Operating Budget and FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program

Board Policies No. 3 and 17

- The PAF Committee is responsible for overseeing the preparation of the annual budget before presentation to the full Board for approval.
- NCTD must adopt an annual balanced budget where total revenues are equal to or exceed total expenses.
- Funds should be programmed first to cover operating expenses (unless grant specific requirements restrict funding for capital projects). Any remaining unallocated funds can then be programmed for the Capital Improvement Program.
- Revenue and expenses projections are based on a series of assumptions. Revenues should be estimated conservatively.
- One-time revenues generally should be used for one-time expenses or capital investments.

FY2027-FY2031 Budget Outlook

- SANDAG forecasts slow growth of TDA and TransNet sales tax revenues
 - FY2026 to FY2027: 1.3%
 - FY2028 to FY2031: Average of 2.2%
- Costs continue to increase and outpace revenue growth
 - San Diego Region CPI of 3.8% in 2025
 - Rising oil prices caused by global geopolitical events
 - Diesel \$4.63 (excluding taxes and fees) in April 2026 compared to \$2.66 in April 2025 (74% increase)
 - FY27 Fuel budget higher by \$2.3 million compared to FY26 budget
 - Tariffs on vehicle and vehicle parts are ongoing

FY2027-FY2031 Budget Outlook

- Property and liability insurance premium increases continue exceeding inflation
 - Federal mandatory excess liability insurance anticipated to be in excess of \$400 million
 - NCTD's safety record and zero loss history is not factored in the premiums, which are largely driven by global catastrophic events
- Since 2020 (COVID-19), transit agencies were awarded one-time funding to assist with operations. NCTD received the following one-time operating funds:
 - Federal CARES: \$94.3 million (funds were fully exhausted by the end of FY25)
 - Federal ARPA: \$60.2 million (funds were fully exhausted by the end of FY25)
 - State SB125: \$25.1 million (NCTD is coordinating with SANDAG to reprogram \$49.6 million of capital funds for operations)
 - State ZETCP: \$7.7 million
 - NCTD must rely on sustainable funding sources to support operations

Federal and State Unfunded Mandates

- Excess liability insurance: \$7 million for FY27 (\$1.5 million higher than FY26)
- Positive Train Control: \$2.2 million for FY27
- Zero-Emission transition: \$1.7 million for bus hydrogen fuel for FY27
 - California Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) requires all public transit agencies to gradually transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleet by 2040
 - Hydrogen fuel prices continue to increase due to supply disruptions and station shortages. High prices and limited infrastructure have slowed adoption.
 - There is no budget for Rail Zero-Emission transition due to lack of funding from the state
- Storm Water Mitigation and Environmental Compliance: \$700K for FY27

FY2027 Major Assumptions

- Sales tax revenues (TDA and TransNet) are calculated and allocated by SANDAG to MTS and NCTD based on population (NCTD will receive 29%)
- State Transit Assistance and State of Good Repair revenue estimates are provided by the State Controller's Office
- Federal Transit Administration funds are appropriated by Congress
- SB125 TIRCP and ZETCP one-time revenues of \$13.7 million
- Fare revenues based on ridership projections by mode of service do not account for future changes to the fare ordinance
- Fuel expenses for diesel assume \$110-120 barrel/oil
- Wage increases associated with negotiation of six collective bargaining agreements for operational employees
 - Offset by hiring freeze for 22 FTEs (no wages budgeted in FY27)

FY2027 Service Implementation Plan

- Uncertain funding projections at all levels of government, coupled with decreasing sales tax revenues, pose significant challenges in projecting future service levels.
- The Regional Youth Opportunity Pass Program was funded with “capital dollars” in FY2026 and SANDAG has proposed “capital dollars” for FY2027.
 - Funds are programmed for the Capital Improvement Program instead of operations, requiring NCTD to provide the operating funds for the program
- No service expansions are planned for FY2027-FY2031.
- NCTD+ for the Fallbrook-Pala zone has been deferred to FY2028, contingent upon receiving funding from SANDAG’s Flexible Fleets program.
- Future NCTD+ zones will be contingent upon operational conditions and funding.

Proposed FY2027 Operating Budget Summary

	FY2026 * Adopted Budget	FY2026 Forecast	FY2027 Proposed Budget	Increase/ (Decrease) from FY2026 Budget (#)	Increase/ (Decrease) from FY2026 Budget (%)
Operating Revenues					
Passenger Fares	\$ 12,492,298	\$ 12,493,703	\$ 12,763,545	\$ 271,247	2.17%
Non-Transportation Revenues	4,731,200	5,951,011	4,557,736	(173,464)	-3.67%
Auxiliary Revenues	11,199,184	11,352,783	11,600,386	401,202	3.58%
Federal Grants	37,254,595	37,283,786	37,962,816	708,221	1.90%
State Grants	33,654,670	26,241,500	30,968,107	(2,686,563)	-7.98%
Local Grants	79,473,630	81,460,337	83,037,787	3,564,157	4.48%
	178,805,577	174,783,120	180,890,377	2,084,800	1.17%
Operating Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	\$ 92,866,801	\$ 94,377,105	\$ 95,915,714	\$ 3,048,913	3.28%
Professional Services	43,190,410	39,807,650	38,206,981	(4,983,429)	-11.54%
Fuel, Materials, and Supplies	22,700,459	20,312,433	25,232,595	2,532,136	11.15%
Utilities	3,867,188	3,667,324	4,083,591	216,403	5.60%
Casualty and Liability	9,709,267	10,569,851	11,750,000	2,040,733	21.02%
Fuel Taxes	1,270,553	1,251,589	1,433,547	162,994	12.83%
Purchased Transportation	1,033,000	1,443,613	913,000	(120,000)	-11.62%
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,847,204	1,213,347	1,676,190	(171,014)	-9.26%
Debt-Related Expense	674,300	531,124	522,000	(152,300)	-22.59%
Leases and Rentals	1,146,395	883,834	656,759	(489,636)	-42.71%
Contingency	500,000	-	500,000	-	0.00%
	178,805,577	174,057,870	180,890,377	2,084,800	1.17%
	\$ -	\$ 725,250	\$ -	\$ -	

* As originally adopted and does not reflect budget transfers made during the fiscal year

FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program

- \$57 million needed for critical capital projects in FY27-FY28
 - \$17.4 million funded with competitive grants (CNG Buses, PTC Wireless)
 - \$15.6 million funded with prior years capital carryover reserves
 - Projects will be funded upon project readiness

FTA Scope	FTA Scope Description	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	5-Year
111	Bus Rolling Stock	\$ 19,734,360	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,734,360
113	Bus Stations, Stops and Terminals	950,000	350,000	-	-	-	1,300,000
114	Bus Support Equipment and Facilities	8,020,000	825,000	-	-	-	8,845,000
121	Rail Rolling Stock	3,270,000	-	-	-	-	3,270,000
122	Rail Transitways and Lines	7,060,025	5,500,025	-	-	-	12,560,050
123	Rail Stations, Stops and Terminals	1,560,000	-	-	-	-	1,560,000
124	Rail Support Equipment and Facilities	5,876,500	1,138,000	-	-	-	7,014,500
126	Rail Signals and Communications Equipment	2,720,000	-	-	-	-	2,720,000
Total Constrained CIP		\$ 49,190,885	\$ 7,813,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,003,910

5-Year Forecast

	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	5-Year Total
TOTAL REVENUES						
Passenger Fares	\$ 12,763,545	\$ 12,923,546	\$ 13,133,258	\$ 13,278,069	\$ 13,423,088	\$ 65,521,506
Non-Transportation Revenues	4,557,736	4,009,168	3,803,105	3,853,204	3,909,165	20,132,378
Auxiliary Revenues	11,600,386	11,948,397	12,306,848	12,676,053	13,056,335	61,588,019
Federal Grants	69,576,934	48,795,924	48,795,924	48,795,924	48,795,924	264,760,630
State Grants *	32,963,662	33,621,831	23,741,331	24,037,189	24,338,122	138,702,135
Local Grants	83,037,787	80,302,322	81,972,540	83,646,497	85,291,454	414,250,600
	214,500,050	191,601,188	183,753,006	186,286,936	188,814,088	964,955,268
FUNDS ALLOCATION						
Capital Improvement Program	49,190,885	7,813,025	-	-	-	57,003,910
Minimum Capital District Goal	-	7,186,975	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	52,186,975
Operating Budget	180,890,377	185,342,931	189,909,879	194,594,268	199,399,231	950,136,686
	230,081,262	200,342,931	204,909,879	209,594,268	214,399,231	1,059,327,571
Deficit	(15,581,212)	(8,741,743)	(21,156,873)	(23,307,332)	(25,585,143)	(94,372,303)
Capital Funds Prior Carryover	15,581,212	-	-	-	-	15,581,212
Net Deficit	\$ -	\$ (8,741,743)	\$ (21,156,873)	\$ (23,307,332)	\$ (25,585,143)	\$ (78,791,091)
LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (Funded from Net Assets)						
CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability Payments	\$ 4,280,762	\$ 4,451,603	\$ 4,937,095	\$ 4,997,562	\$ 5,041,221	\$ 23,708,243
SPRINTER Debt Principal Payments	1,500,000	1,550,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,650,000	7,900,000
Funded from Net Assets	\$ 5,780,762	\$ 6,001,603	\$ 6,537,095	\$ 6,597,562	\$ 6,691,221	\$ 31,608,243

* Funding has not being received from the State for half of the TIRCP allocation of Year #2. NCTD is coordinating with SANDAG to reprogram \$49.6 million from the San Dieguito Double-Track and Platform project for transit operations. The forecast does not include these funds.

Cost Recovery Fee

- Approved by the Board annually with the Operating Budget
- Supports Board Policy No. 11 - Real Estate
- Establishes fair market value for some types of incidental use. Includes fees for:
 - Permits
 - Incidental Uses
 - Right of Way Support Services
- Permit applicants are charged for actual costs
- Fully burdened rates include base compensation plus the associated employee benefits incurred by NCTD for that staff member
- The FY2027 Proposed Cost Recovery Fee Schedule is included in Attachment 1B

Next Steps

- May 21, 2026: Board will receive an update on the FY2027 Operating Budget and FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program
- By May 31, 2026: Publish notice that NCTD will hold a public hearing on June 18, 2026 related to the consideration for adoption of the FY2027 Operating Budget and FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program
- June 3, 2026: Release of Documents for Public Review and Comment
- June 18, 2026: Public Hearing and adoption of the FY2027 Operating Budget and related documents

Questions?



BOARD APPROVED COST RECOVERY FEE SCHEDULE Fiscal Year 2027

Permit Cost Recovery Schedule (One Time)

Right-of-Entry Permit	Actual Cost *
Right-of-Entry Permit Amendment/Extension	Actual Cost *
Special Event Permit	Actual Cost *
Plan/Work Plan Review Process (hourly rate):	
Submittal Review	Actual Cost *

Right-of-Way Support Services

Contractor Safety Training (Roadway Worker Protection):	
Class per participant	\$183.36
Flagging Protection (prevailing wage projects)	
Hourly rate	\$179.33
Overtime rate	\$208.07
Double time rate	\$236.82
Flagging Protection (none prevailing wage projects)	
Hourly rate	\$149.87
Overtime rate	\$228.80
Signal Mark-Out/Signal Support/Track Inspection	Actual Cost *
Maintenance/Repair Work	Actual Cost *

Incidental Use Fees

Set-Up and Administration	
Incidental Use Viability, Negotiations & License Set-Up Fee (One-Time)	\$1,800
Administration Fee (Recurring Annually)	\$228
Incidental Use Fees (Recurring Annually)	
Standard Transverse Wireline Crossing (Electric, Telephone, CATV)	\$2,400
Telecommunication Fiber Optic Cable (0 - 432 strands)	\$5,400
Telecommunication Fiber Optic Cable (>432 strands)	\$12.50/strand per cable
Pipeline Utility Crossing (Sewer/Water/Storm Drain)	
<0"-10" diameter	\$1,740
>10"-24" diameter	\$2,280
>24"-30" diameter	\$3,000
>30"-42" diameter	\$4,200
>42"-52" diameter	\$5,400
>52" diameter	Case by Case
Longitudinal Installations	
Standard Wireline (Electric, Telephone, CATV) (≤ 200 feet in length)	\$2,400
Standard Wireline (Electric, Telephone, CATV) (> 200 feet in length)	\$12/linear foot
Pipeline Utility (Sewer/Water/Storm Drain)	
<0"-10" diameter (≤ 200 feet in length)	\$1,740
<0"-10" diameter (> 200 feet in length)	\$8.70/linear foot
>10"-24" diameter (≤ 200 feet in length)	\$2,280
>10"-24" diameter (> 200 feet in length)	\$11.40/linear foot
>24"-30" diameter (≤ 200 feet in length)	\$3,000
>24"-30" diameter (> 200 feet in length)	\$15.00/linear foot
>30"-42" diameter (≤ 200 feet in length)	\$4,200
>30"-42" diameter (> 200 feet in length)	\$21.00/linear foot
>42"-52" diameter (≤ 200 feet in length)	\$5,400
>42"-52" diameter (> 200 feet in length)	\$27.00/linear foot
>52" diameter	Case by Case
Incidental Use Fees (One-Time)	
Guy wires, arms, brackets and service drops	\$600
Cabinets and other permanent structures	Fair Market Value

* Actual cost is generated from NCTD labor time applied to a specific process at a fully burdened hourly rate, plus costs incurred by NCTD directly related to the requested activity. Fully burdened hourly rates applied by NCTD include the base compensation of NCTD staff that are engaged in the requested activity, plus the associated employee benefits incurred by NCTD for that staff member such as payroll taxes, medical benefits, retirement plans, etc.



Receive Update on Low Income Fare Program

PAF Committee Meeting
May 21, 2026

COASTER SPRINTER BREEZE FLEX *LIFT* NCTD

Current Reduced Fare Categories

- **Senior-Disabled-Medicare/Youth (SDM/Y):**
 - **Senior:** A person 65 years or older automatically qualifies for the reduced fare rate with NCTD and MTS.
 - **Disabled:** A person of any age with a qualifying disability can apply to NCTD and MTS's Reduced Fare program.
 - **Medicare:** A person with Medicare automatically qualifies for the reduced fare rate with NCTD and MTS.
 - **Youth:** A person aged 6 through 18.
- **Additional Programs**
 - **Youth Opportunity Pass (YOP):** Free rides for all youth 6 through 18 with PRONTO account.
 - **Paratransit ID (NCTD ONLY):** All riders eligible for LIFT service may travel free on BREEZE, SPRINTER, and COASTER.

Metrolink: Mobility-4-All

- **50% on Metrolink ticket or pass with a valid California Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card**
- **Tickets are only available for purchase on Metrolink station ticket machines**
- **Launched in August 2023**



LA Metro: LIFE Program

- **Initial 90 Days Free**
 - 20 Free Rides every month *or*
 - Set discount on weekly and monthly fare products
- **Eligibility Requirements**
 - Must be 18
 - Meet annual income threshold
 - Instant qualification for persons enrolled in existing social service programs
- **Initial launch 2018**



Demographic Breakdown by Mode

Mode	Low-Income SDM/Y	Low-Income Adult	Adult <i>(Regular Fare)</i>
BREEZE	9.3%	52.1%	38.6%
SPRINTER	7.7%	47.0%	45.4%
COASTER	3.9%	15.7%	80.4%

SANDAG Onboard Transit Passenger Survey - 2023

Questions?