



# City of Culver City

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## Staff Report

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**(1) Receive and Discuss a Presentation on the LA County Free Fare Proposals Being Discussed as a Result of LA Metro's Fareless System Initiative; and (2) Provide Direction to Staff as Deemed Appropriate**

**Meeting Date:** February 23, 2021

**Contact Person/Dept:** Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer / Transportation

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**Fiscal Impact:** Yes ☐ No ☒

**General Fund:** Yes ☐ No ☒

**Public Hearing:** ☐ **Action Item:** ☐ **Attachments:** ☐

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**Department Approval:** Rolando Cruz, Chief Transportation Officer (02/16/2021)

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### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In conjunction with its Economic Recovery Planning, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) initiated a new exploratory task force on September 1, 2020 to work on a proposal to eliminate fares for all riders on LA Metro buses and trains. The effort is being called the Fareless System Initiative (FSI or OPERATION FSI), and the final deliverable of the task force will be a plan to the LA Metro CEO and ultimately to the LA Metro Board of Directors for their consideration by the end of 2020, with the plan including possible funding scenarios and sources.

Realizing that this initiative would significantly impact all LA County riders of LA Metro and the other municipal transit agencies operating in the region, the LA County Municipal Operator's Association (LACMOA) requested the study to also consider the entire LA County region. As a result of this request, an ad hoc committee of LA Metro and LACMOA representatives has been established to guide the study with the goal of ensuring that each operator understands the impacts associated with such an initiative. The Culver City Chief Transportation Officer has been appointed to this ad hoc committee to ensure that Culver CityBus interests are considered.

Staff will be providing an update on this initiative to the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

No fiscal impacts exist in association with the discussion of this item.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

That the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee:

1. Receive and Discuss a presentation on the LA County Free Fare proposals being discussed as a result of LA Metro's Fareless System Initiative; and
2. Provide direction to Staff as deemed appropriate.