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Clipper[®] Expands to More East Bay Bus Services

Transit Card Accepted Nov. 1 on County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, WestCAT, Wheels

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 29, 2015... Clipper, the all-in-one transit fare payment card already accepted on 13 Bay Area transit systems, is expanding this Sunday, Nov. 1, to four more bus services in the East Bay: County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, WestCAT and Wheels. The four transit agencies will accept Clipper cards loaded with cash value as well as a range of 31-day passes good for local or express travel.

“This is a major benefit both for people who ride the bus to BART as well as those who rely on the bus for local trips,” said MTC Commissioner, County Connection board member and Orinda City Councilmember Amy Rein Worth. “I am pleased that MTC and the transit operators have worked together so well to make Clipper available to more East Bay transit riders.”

Clipper already is accepted on AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, FAST, Golden Gate Transit and Ferry, Marin Transit, Muni, SamTrans, SF Bay Ferry, SolTrans, Vacaville City Coach, VINE and VTA.

“Clipper is so convenient. You don’t have to worry about exact change, and if you ride BART, you get the same transfer discounts without having to keep track of paper transfers,” said Alameda County Supervisor and MTC Commissioner Scott Haggerty, who also serves as a board member of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, which operates the Wheels transit service. “You can set it up to automatically reload, and you can use your transit benefits to load value on the card. These features make Clipper a much more attractive option than cash.”

Clipper is used for fare payment on nearly half of all transit trips in the Bay Area. Last month, Clipper was used for an average of more than 800,000 trips each weekday. About one-third of all registered Clipper cards are signed up for Autoload, which automatically reloads value on the card when it runs low.

The Clipper network will expand again in 2016 to Union City Transit, Petaluma Transit, Santa Rosa CityBus and Sonoma County Transit. Clipper will be the sole fare payment method used by Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) when it begins operation in late 2016.

Clipper is a service provided by Bay Area transit operators and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

For more information about Clipper, go to clippercard.com or call Clipper Customer Service at 877.878.8883.

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