



CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Approving Transit Policy for Personal Care Attendants on the GrapeLine Fixed Route Service
MEETING DATE: December 18, 2013
PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution approving Transit Policy for Personal Care Attendants on the GrapeLine Fixed Route Service.

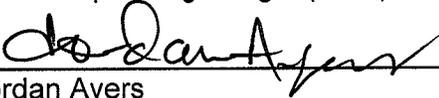
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: City staff received a request to allow Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) to travel for free on the GrapeLine fixed route system. In accordance with federal regulations, transit agencies may not charge a fare to PCAs when they accompany a person with a disability using the complementary paratransit (Lodi's VineLine) system. However, the regulations are silent on allowing free PCA travel on fixed route systems. The Federal Transit Administration website specifies that an operator or transit agency has the discretion to adopt a policy allowing PCAs to travel for free.

The current discounted fare for passengers and PCAs on the fixed route system is \$0.60 each. If adopted, this policy allows PCA's to travel for free when accompanying a passenger holding a discounted fare card and approved for a PCA. The process for PCA approval is described on the City's transit website and applications are available at the Lodi Transit Station and on all buses. Only one PCA per passenger is allowed and other guests will be charged the appropriate fare (\$1.25 for general public or \$0.60 for seniors – 60 years or older, persons with a disability or Medicare card holders).

Staff recommends allowing PCAs to travel for free on the GrapeLine fixed route system when accompanying passengers approved for PCAs. It is another way to promote ridership on the fixed route service.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Transit Operating Budget (1250)



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APPROVED: 

Konradt Bartlam, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING CITY OF LODI PUBLIC WORKS TRANSIT
POLICY FOR PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS ON THE
GRAPELINE FIXED ROUTE SERVICE

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the City of Lodi Public Works Transit Policy for the "Personal Care Attendants on the GrapeLine Fixed Route Service," as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall become effective December 19, 2013.

Dated: December 18, 2013

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2013-222 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held December 18, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Johnson, Mounce, and
Mayor Katzakian

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Nakanishi

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



RANDI JOHL-OLSON
City Clerk



CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TRANSIT - 2

Personal Care Attendants on GrapeLine
Fixed Route Service

12/18/2013

INTRODUCTION

Federal transit Administration does not require transit agencies provide free fare to a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) when they accompany a person with a disability using the fixed route transit services. At the December 18, 2013, City Council adopted the following policy allowing free fare for PCAs:

POLICY

This policy allows PCAs to travel for free on the City of Lodi's GrapeLine fixed route service when accompanying a passenger holding a discounted fare card and approved for assistance by a PCA. Only one PCA per passenger is allowed and other guests will be charged the appropriate fare.

F. Wally Sandelin
Public Works Director

Approved by City Council 12/18/13
Resolution No. 2013-__

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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Approving Transit Policy for Personal Care Attendants on the GrapeLine Fixed Route Service

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, December 18, 2013. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

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If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Randi Johl, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Paula Fernandez, Transportation Manager/Senior Traffic Engineer, at (209) 333-6800, extension 2667.



for: F. Wally Sandelin
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk