

TDA Reform Task Force

Subcommittee on Amendments

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Summary of Adopted Principles

How Do We Help Transit

Cut “Qualification” Strings

Consider Unmet Needs

Don’t Reallocate

Two Main Performance Measures to Examine

Farebox recovery ratio requirements

- Generally, urban transit agencies must maintain a ratio of fare revenues to operating costs of 20%, and non-urban agencies must maintain a 10% ratio
- Required ratio is adjusted by transportation planning agency in defined circumstances
- Exemptions to “operating cost” are defined
- Failure to comply can lead to reduced LTF allocations

STA Program qualifying criteria

- Transit agencies that don't maintain annual operating cost per revenue vehicle hour within regional CPI can spend only a portion of STA funds on operations, inversely proportionate to the degree costs exceeded the allowable CPI adjustment
- Exemptions to “operating cost” are defined and transportation planning agency may adjust cost and revenue vehicle hours for defined circumstances

Other Performance Measures to Examine?

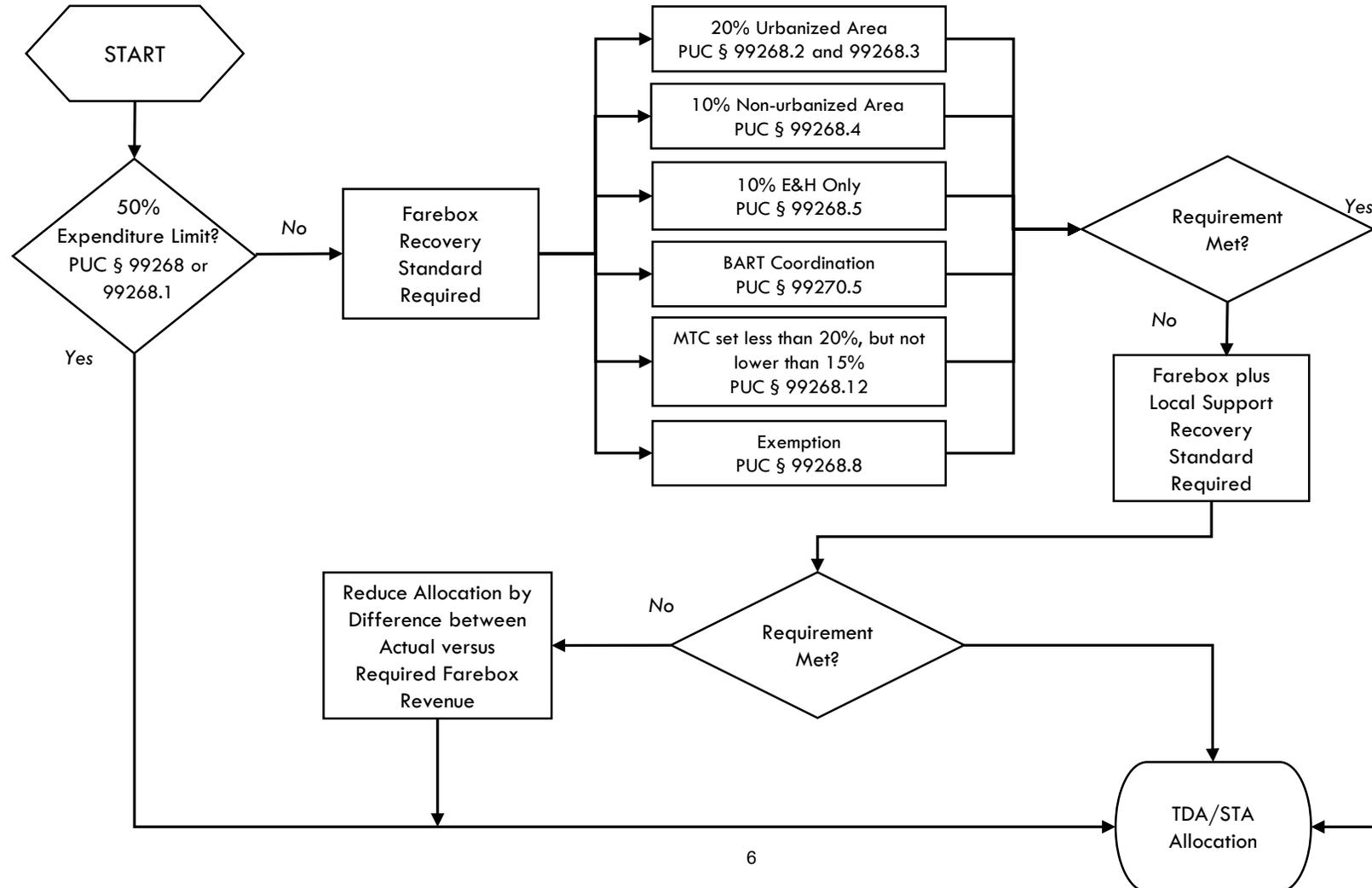
- Task Force's critical path question is:
 - Do we want to **tweak** or amend current farebox and/ or STA qualifying criteria?
 - Or...*
 - Do we want to **replace** farebox and/ or STA qualifying criteria entirely, with some ***new*** system(s)...
 - ... that we have to invent...?***
- What else is in TDA we should be discussing?

Task Force Path Forward

- Two subcommittees to study options simultaneously, in parallel:
 - Alternatives to Current TDA System
 - Amendments to Current TDA System
- Each reports back to full Task Force:
 - Do we then have the data/ recommendations needed to select either the Alternative or the Amendment path?

The LTF is Complex

Example RTPA Determination Process for an Article 4 claimant:



Draft Amendments in Three Initial Areas

- Farebox Recovery Ratio Calculation and Compliance
 - Replace non-compliance penalties with regional alternative
 - Supplement fare box revenues/ exclude all ADA paratransit costs/ flexible E&H ratio & differentiated E&H costs from fixed route costs
- TDA Administration
 - Set limit on \$ amounts expended on administration
- Planning & Programming
 - Clarify use of \$s for transportation purposes only

Supplementing Fare Box Revenue

99268.19 If fare revenues are insufficient to meet the applicable ratio of fare revenues to operating cost required by this article, an operator may satisfy that requirement by supplementing its fare revenues with local funds. As used in this section, “local funds” means any ~~nonfederal or~~ nonstate grant funds or other revenues generated by, earned by, or distributed to an operator.

Flexible Ratio for Exclusive E&H Services

99268.5. (a) Commencing with claims for the 1980–81 fiscal year, no funds shall be allocated under this article in any fiscal year to an operator providing services using vehicles for the exclusive use of elderly and disabled persons, unless the operator maintains, for the fiscal year, a ratio of fare revenues to operating cost, as defined by subdivision (a) of Section 99247, for those services at least equal to one-tenth, or to the ratio it had for those services during the 1978–79 fiscal year, [or, the ratio determined by the transportation planning agency](#) ~~whichever is greater.~~

Differentiating E&H Costs From Fixed Route

99268.5. (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), an operator which provides both exclusive transportation services for elderly and disabled persons and regular scheduled public transportation services may be allocated funds under this article, if the operator maintains a ratio of fare revenues to operating cost for its regular scheduled public transportation that qualifies under ~~for the exclusive service if the combined services qualify under~~ Section 99268.1, 99268.2, 99268.3, or 99268.4, as the case may be, and, if the operator maintains the ratio of fare revenues to operating cost for its exclusive transportation services for elderly and disabled persons as determined by the transportation planning agency ~~the combined service shall not be less than the ratio required in order to make allocations to the operator for its regular scheduled services.~~

Excluding All ADA Paratransit Costs From Ratio

99268.17. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 99247, the following costs shall be excluded from the definition of “operating cost” for the purposes of calculating any required ratios of fare revenues to operating cost specified in this article:

(1) The ~~additional~~ operating costs required to provide comparable complementary paratransit service as required by Section 37.121 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, pursuant to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.), as identified in the operator’s paratransit plan pursuant to Section 37.139 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations ~~that exceed the operator’s costs required to provide comparable complementary paratransit service in the prior year as adjusted by the Consumer Price Index.~~

(2) Cost increases beyond the change in the Consumer Price Index for all... etc.

TDA Administration (v1)

99233.1. ~~There shall be allocated to the county and the transportation planning agency such sums as are necessary to administer this chapter.~~

(a) There shall be allocated to the county auditor and the transportation planning agency up to 1 percent of annual revenues, to administer this chapter.

(b) The transportation planning agency shall determine the share of the revenue allocated to the county auditor and the share of the revenue allocated to the transportation planning agency.

TDA Administration (v2)

99233.1. ~~There shall be allocated to the county and the transportation planning agency such sums as are necessary to administer this chapter.~~

(a) For counties with a population of 500,000 or more, as of the 2010 federal decennial census, up to 1 percent of annual revenues shall be allocated to the county auditor and the transportation planning agency to administer this chapter.

(b) For those counties with a population of less than 500,000, as of the 2010 federal decennial census, up to 2 percent of annual revenues shall be allocated to the county auditor and the transportation planning agency to administer this chapter.

(c) The transportation planning agency shall determine the share of the revenue allocated to the county auditor and the share of the revenue allocated to the transportation planning agency.

TDA Planning & Programming

99233.2. (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c), there shall be allocated to the transportation planning agency, if it is statutorily created, such sums as it may approve, up to 3 percent of annual revenues, **for the conduct of the transportation planning and programming process**, unless a greater amount is approved by the director.

(b) (1) In those areas that have a county transportation commission created pursuant to Section 130050, up to 1 percent of annual revenues shall be allocated to... etc.

TDA Planning & Programming *(cont.)*

- Add new language?

“Funds allocated to the transportation planning agency may be used for facilitation of transportation planning projects and related activities.”