Overview

BART is moving forward with a historic purchase of brand-new fare gates to be installed systemwide. The fare gates will bring a new look and improved experience, offering state-of-the-art technology that will boost safety by reducing fare evasion, enhancing accessibility for people in wheelchairs, those who bring bikes, and strollers on BART, and optimizing the reliability and maintenance needs of the fare gates. The first prototype gates went into service at West Oakland station in December 2023. Civic Center, Montgomery, Powell, 24th St, SFO, Fruitvale, Richmond, and Antioch are next in line for deployment of the new gates.

Fare Gate Rollout Timeline

- **Finalize Deployment Plans**: Fall, 2023
- **Final Selection of Design**: Feb, 2024
- **Deployment to Remaining Stations Begins**: Fall, 2024
- **Districtwide Replacement Complete**: End of 2025

Project Benefits

- **Improve feelings of safety and boost ridership**: the new fare gates will have tall swing barriers that will make it difficult for fare evaders to push through, hurdle over, or maneuver under. More secure fare gates should improve perceptions of safety and encourage riders to return.
- **Improve customer experience**: gates will have advanced sensors to detect wheelchair users and those with luggage, strollers, or bikes to ensure they get through with ease, and LED lighting to assist visually impaired riders.
- **Increase reliability and reduce system downtime**: the gates will be easier to maintain.
- **Enhance monitoring**: the gates will contain sensors that can detect fare evasion to improve future deterrence efforts and provide real-time monitoring capabilities.
- **Modern aesthetics**: the new fare gates will help shift the look and feel of BART stations to the 21st century.
- **Fewer BPD and rider confrontations**: secure fare gates will help self-enforce fare payment, removing potentially negative confrontation between would-be fare evaders and police.
- **New payment options**: the new gates will be compatible with the next generation of Clipper which will accept open payment with the ability to pay for BART by tapping a credit or debit card or a phone/watch with Apple Pay or Google Pay at the gate.

Fast Facts

- BART has over 700 fare gates across its stations
- Current fare gates are over 20 years old
- Each new fare gate allows upwards of 40 people per minute to pass

To date, BART has secured $86 million of the $90 million project, with funding from:

- **$90M FULL FUNDING**
- **$4M** TBD
- **$16M** Federal Funds
- **$60M** State Funds
- **$43M** Local Funds
- **$30M** BART Funds (Operating-to-Capital Allocations and Measure RR)
- **$12M**

BART will continue to work to secure full funding from local, state, and federal sources.

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