

# FARE-FREE TRANSIT EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

*and how you can use it to measure the potential impacts of fare-free transit*

The **Evaluation Framework** is practical guidance for transit agencies to set the context, plan the evaluation, and analyze fare-free transit alternatives. By following the framework, practitioners can understand the various costs, benefits, and trade-offs at their agencies.

## What is Fare-Free Transit?

### FULL FARE-FREE TRANSIT

When a transit agency does not collect fares from any riders

### PARTIAL FARE-FREE TRANSIT

When a transit agency does not collect fares from specific groups of riders, on certain routes or transit services, or in defined areas

## Fare-Free Transit Impacts

Transit agencies can focus on the themes below when evaluating if fare-free transit is feasible in their community.

### ACCESS, MOBILITY & EQUITY

How fare-free transit impacts transit access, mobility, and equity within the community

### OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

How fare-free transit impacts a transit agency's ability to provide and operate quality service

### FINANCIAL HEALTH

How fare-free transit impacts a transit agency's short- and long-term financial wellbeing

### COMMUNITY IMPACTS

How fare-free transit impacts the community's economy, sustainability, and congestion

## Evaluation Framework

