

To: STANCOG
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Re: StanCOG 2018 RTP/SCS Transportation Development Act Fare Box Recovery Ratios
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The following tables present the farebox recovery ratios:

Table 1 – Transportation Development Act (TDA) Farebox Recovery Ratios

Stanislaus County Transit Operators	Farebox Recovery Ratios
Stanislaus County Regional Transit (StaRT)	15%
StaRT Dial a ride	10%
Ceres Area Transit (CAT)	20%
Ceres Dial a Ride	10%
Modesto Area Express (MAX)	20%
Modesto Area Dial a Ride	10%
Turlock Transit	20%
Turlock Transit Dial a Ride:	10%

According to TDA requirements, operators of general public transit within urbanized areas located in counties with a total population that exceeds 500,000 are required to achieve a farebox recovery ratio (the ratio of revenue recovered from ticket/fare purchases to total operating expenses) of 20 percent. TDA law allows the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), StanCOG, to set an intermediate recovery ratio for an operator of general public transit serving both urbanized and non-urbanized areas in a county with a population that exceeds 500,000.

The minimum farebox recovery ratio for transit services provided exclusively to seniors and persons with disabilities, such as Dial a Ride, is 10 percent. Due to the high operating expenses associated with transit service, it is often difficult to meet farebox recovery ratios. Programs that encourage transit travel help to ensure that farebox recovery ratios are met.