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**AGENDA  
ITEM #5**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Pomona Valley Transportation Authority  
From: George L. Sparks, PVRTA Administrator  
Subject: **Get About Fare Waiver**

**Recommendation:** *Approve Extending the Fare Waiver for the Regular Get About Service Until January 2, 2021.*

We suspended fares for the regular Get About in March due to the pandemic. The primary reasons for the fare deferral was to limit close contact between drivers and riders. In many of our vehicles we do not have formal fare boxes.

We have been following the lead of our sister agencies. Many transit agencies have decided to defer charging fares until January. Many of these operators are concerned that they may start charging fares and then need to return to fare free if a second wave of COVID 19 occurs in the fall. Foothill is going to start charging fares effective October 18. We think the Pomona Transit store will be opening October 12.

We have continued to charge fares for our premium services, Ready Now and One Step. These two programs generate the bulk of Get About's fares. We estimate that cost of deferring fare collection for regular Get About until January at less than \$4,000.

Based on the uncertainty around the course of the pandemic and the added exposure for drivers and riders to collect fares, Staff recommends deferring fare collection until January 2, 2021.