Treasure Island Outreach

Businesses/worker toll policy



Tonight's agenda



Business/worker toll policy presentation

- Q&A

Next steps

Reminder about Treasure Island residents



Decided in 2019: Current TI residents are exempt from toll

Business/worker outreach



Summer 2021

- 6/4/21 One Treasure Island Member Organizations
- 6/22 and 6/25/21 Virtual Co-creation for employers & workers to refine affordability options

Goal of recent business/ worker outreach

 Hear TI business/worker concerns, suggestions

 Incorporate what we hear into a proposed toll policy for TI businesses/workers



How we spread the word

- Emails/phone calls to participants of past outreach
- Postcard to all TI businesses

Flyers to businesses



Which businesses/ workers does policy impact?

 All existing nonprofit lessees, incl. all One Treasure Island members (12 employers)

Existing food distribution & service establishments (3 employers)

Total: 15 eligible organizations



Initial toll policy options

Option #1:

Mobility Cash payments to eligible businesses based on number of full-time employees

Option #2:

One toll tag per low-income employee



What we Heard: Food Services

Additional delivery costs will amount to thousands per year

Preference for Mobility Cash (cash subsidies) Desire to partner with TIMMA on public communications

Concern about administrative burden

burde



Creative Ideas: Food Services

"We could partner with TIMMA on a promotion for customers. We can offer to validate a customer's toll for their first visit, but provide a promotion or incentive to take the ferry next time."



What we Heard: Non-Profits

Preference for providing toll tag account value for some visitors (e.g., trainees) Desire to compensate volunteers, food bank deliveries, etc.

Concern with administrative burdens

Preference for a choice between Mobility Cash and Toll Tags for workers



Creative Ideas: Non-Profits

"What if we had one-time promotional codes or QR codes that we could distribute to trainees or service providers that connect to FasTrak and reimburses them for their toll?"



Based on feedback: Mobility Cash



TIMMA provides each
employer with a
quarterly subsidy based
on number of
employees

Employer should prioritize compensation for low-income employees

Employer's choice to provide toll tags, with TIMMA's assistance

Remaining balance may be used to compensate deliveries, customers, etc.

Audit compliance required

Evaluate and adjust program after 12 months to improve efficiency

Mobility Cash program enrollment

TIDA will verify eligible employers

TIMMA will distribute Mobility Cash to employers

Employers will

- Verify number of FTEs
- Distribute Mobility Cash to low-income employees
- Distribute remaining Mobility Cash among other commuters, suppliers, and/or customers
- Submit proof of cash disbursement



Estimated Subsidy per Employer

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NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	EMPLOYEE COMMUTES	FLEXIBLE BALANCE*	ANNUAL TOTAL
5	\$13,000	\$3,250	\$16,250
10	\$26,000	\$6,500	\$32,500
15	\$39,000	\$9,750	\$48,750
25	\$65,000	\$16,250	\$81,250



^{*}Flexible balance for non-employee uses

Q&A Call-ins: *9 to raise hand



Thank you.

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Incorporating Feedback: Food Services



FEEDBACK FROM FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYERS	RECOMMENDATION	
Preference for Mobility Cash to compensate employees	Mobility Cash will be the key form of benefit	
Additional delivery costs will amount to thousands per year	Scale of benefit increased to allow flexible balance of up to \$12,500 annually based on employer size	
Concern about administrative burden	Mobility Cash balance may be used by the employer to cover administrative costs. Program will launch as a Pilot for a 12-month period subject to evaluation and revision to reduce administrative burdens.	
Desire to partner with TIMMA on public communications	TIMMA will partner with employers on creative ideas (publicity and marketing, visitor incentives)	

Incorporating Feedback: Non-Profits



FEEDBACK FROM NON-PROFIT EMPLOYERS	RECOMMENDATION
Preference for a choice between Mobility Cash and Toll Tags for workers	Employers may opt to use Mobility Cash to pre-fill toll tags for employees, trainees, or other frequent visitors.
Preference to provide pre-filled toll tags to some visitors (e.g., trainees)	TIMMA will offer technical assistance in obtaining and handling toll tags.
Concern about administrative burden	Mobility Cash balance may be used by the employer to cover administrative costs. Program will launch as a Pilot for a 12-month period subject to evaluation and revision to reduce administrative burdens.
Need to compensate volunteers, food bank deliveries, etc.	Employers are required to use Mobility Cash to reimburse low- income employees for transit or toll commute costs. Remaining Mobility Cash balance may be used by the employer to cover costs of any other travelers, including non-profit trainees.