

# GOMONROVIA UPDATE

Presented to City Council June 2, 2020

#### THE GENESIS OF GOMONROVIA

#### The development context in Monrovia

- 2,200+ proposed multi-family units are in the housing development pipeline
- Over 2,000 new jobs added during the past 36 months
- The Gold Line boasts nearly 50,000 riders / day!
- Need to connect transit with Old Town Monrovia
- Parking availability a top concern

A pilot program like GoMonrovia offers the Monrovia community a public transportation program that complements the existing dial-a-ride service through Monrovia Transit.







March 2018 – GoMonrovia program launched with \$0.50 / classic ride within service area

August 2018 – Program adjustment of \$0.50 Shared Rides / \$3 Standard Ride

**December 2018** – Study session to discuss GoMonrovia stabilization plan

- 1. Program Adjustment to \$1 for a Shared Ride and \$3.50 for a Classic Ride by July 2019
- 2. Institute initial closed-system dial-a-ride operation
- 3. Find more cost-effective dial-a-ride transit operator

<u>June 2019</u> – Program adjustment of \$0.50 / shared ride to/from Old Town/Gold Line; \$2.50 / shared ride; \$5 / classic ride

November 2019 – Program adjustment of \$1.00 / shared ride to/from Old Town/Gold Line; \$3.00 / shared ride; \$5 / classic ride

March 2020 – Shared rides temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic. \$3 Classic Ride instituted

#### **PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS**

To address growing deficit, City Council approved the following price shifts...

	To/From Old Town & Gold Line Station (Shared Rides Only)	Shared Rides	Regular Rides
March 2018	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
September 2018	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$3.00
February 2019	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$3.50
June 2019	\$0.50	\$2.50	\$5.00
November 2019	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$5.00
March 2020	Temporarily Suspended due to COVID-19		\$3.00

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SHARED RIDE
Select a shared ride and receive 40% off regular price when traveling in the service area!

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\$1.00
SHARED RIDE
Those traveling to and from Old Town Monrovia or the Metro Gold Line Station will

pay just \$1.00!

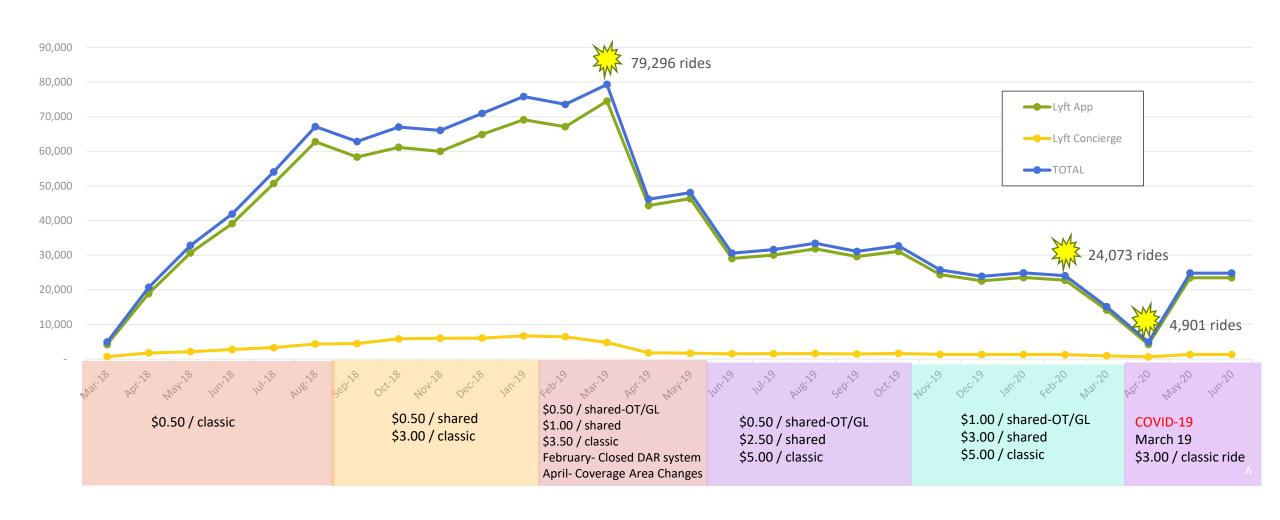
\$5.00 CLASSIC RIDE

Travel anywhere within the service area!

# KEY METRICS FOR Comonrovia



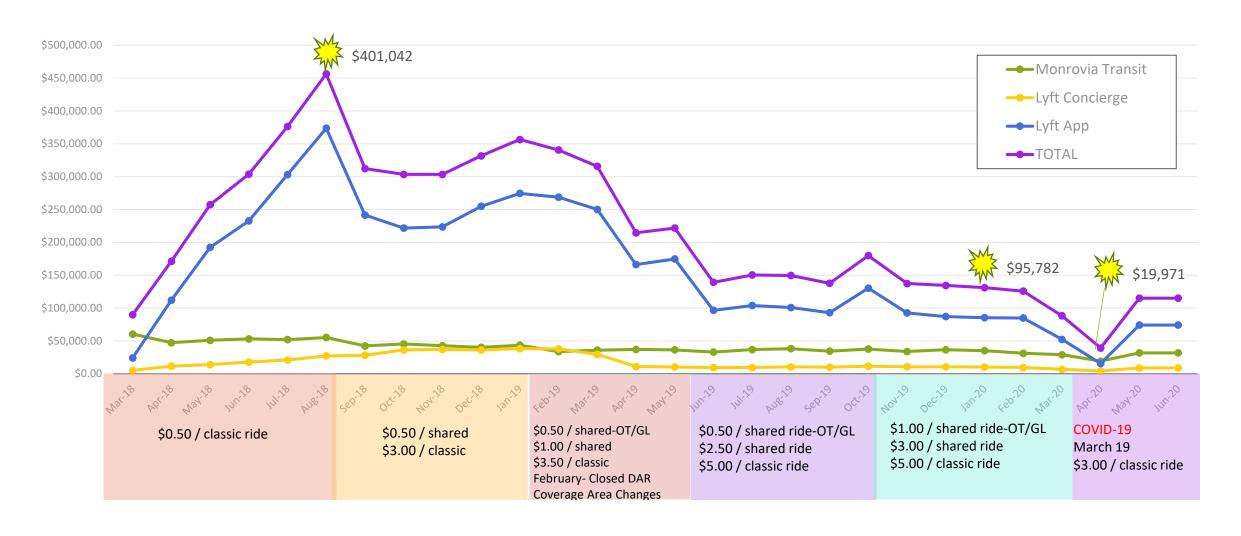
#### RIDERSHIP ON GOMONROVIA LYFT



#### **AVERAGE SUBSIDY ON GOMONROVIA LYFT**



#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COST**



### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

\$3M

Prop A

Prop C

Measure R

Measure M

~\$1.8M

Reserved for ongoing capital projects / agreements such as:

Monrovia Renewal Debt Service, Street Maintenance Fund, SGVCOG Dues, Recreation Transportation



~\$1.2M

Restricted transportation revenues to use toward Monrovia Transit and the Lyft Program

#### OTHER ONE-TIME FUNDING

- Metro 5310 Grant
  - \$600,000 over 2 years for Dial-A-Ride
  - To expand service area and hours to serve the elderly and individuals with disabilities
- SCAG Future Communities Pilot Program (Lyft)
  - \$500,000 one-time
  - To create a pilot program to apply new technologies and data analytics to test innovative approaches for reducing emissions-producing VMT from local travel and municipal operations



## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

FY 2018-2019	Annual Expenses	\$3.67M
	Annual Revenues	\$1.2M
	Total Funding Gap	~\$2.47 M
FY 2019-20	Projected Annual Expenses	\$1.5M
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Before COVID-19	Total Funding Gap	~\$0.3 M
FY 2019-20	Projected Annual Expenses	\$1.35M
POST-COVID-19	Annual Revenues	\$1.2M
	Total Current Funding Gap	~\$0.15 M

### **KEY CHALLENGES MOVING FORWARD**











#### Goal

#### Sustainability

- Since the beginning of GoMonrovia, the goal was to transition from a pilot program to a supportable public transportation program
- This would be achieved by stabilizing the program so it's sustainable within our funding options

#### Current Situation COVID-19

- But due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty that comes with a pandemic, results from any programmatic changes made now aren't reflective of a "normal" environment.
- Therefore, it may not be the best time to make any drastic changes

#### **Updates**

#### Stabilization Options

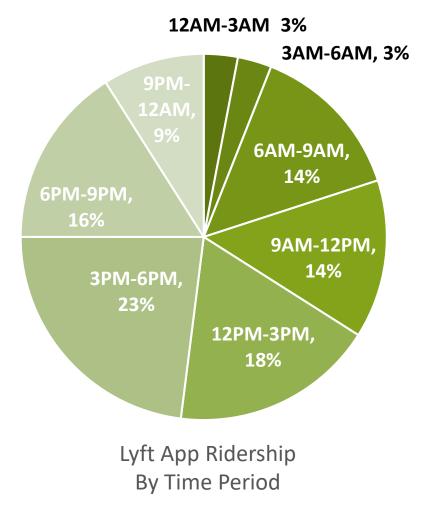
• Before COVID-19, staff worked on several options to present to Council for feedback

# STABILIZATION OPTIONS

Staff looked into several options to further stabilize the program		Annual Savings
Option 1: Reducing the maximum number of rides per month per user from 121 to 60	77% of unique riders take less than 10 rides per month	= \$18,000
Option 2: Increasing Old Town/Gold Line Shared Ride prices	<ul> <li>Accounts for 55% of total ridership</li> <li>In February, the average subsidy for this ride was \$4.53-\$2 more than shared and classic</li> <li>Increasing by more than \$0.50 would make a round trip more than \$3, the cost of parking at Metro parking garage</li> </ul>	= \$82,000
Option 3: Introduce discount fares	<ul> <li>Flat rates are convenient for riders since they know how much they will be paying</li> </ul>	Dependent on discount
Option 4:  Modified hours of operation	<ul> <li>Flexible</li> <li>Depending on the modified hours, makes the most significant financial impact on the budget</li> </ul>	Dependent on new hours of operations

### EXAMPLE OF MODIFIED HOURS OF OPERATIONS

Program	Current Days/Hours of Operation	Modified Days/Hours of Operation	
Lyft App	24 hours, 7 days / week	Example: Monday-Thursday 7am- 6pm  Friday-Saturday 7am-3am	
Lyft Concierge	Monday- Friday 7am-10pm Saturday-Sunday 8:30am- 6pm		
Monrovia Transit	Monday- Friday 7am-10pm Saturday-Sunday 8:30am- 6pm	(next day)	
		Potential Annual Savings on Lyft App = \$355,000	



#### THE TRADE OFFS

- Sustainable Public Transportation Programming Model
- Streamlines Public Transportation Programs by Providing Consistent Hours of Operation
- ADA Compliant
- Stabilization of the public transportation costs
- Rebranding Opportunity
  - Provide the community a cohesive message
- More User-Friendly
- Still presents substantial savings per rider from prior dial-a-ride service model



#### THE TRADE OFFS

- GoMonrovia Lyft is going from 24/7 access to reduced operating hours
- Limited Weekend Transportation services
- Reduced hours of operation are not as business friendly as 24/7 option
  - But the modified hours do include Friday Street Fair
- Ridership may change to fit within modified hours of operations



# FINAL COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER



Questions and Feedback