

(d) Plan for tiered-fare service.

(1) Green Mountain Transit shall, in consultation with community action agencies and other relevant entities, such as those that represent the migrant and refugee populations, develop and implement, not later than January 1, 2024, a plan to establish tiered-fare service on urban Green Mountain Transit routes.

(2) At a minimum, the plan to establish tiered-fare service shall incorporate a low-income transit program to provide riders free or reduced-fare transit options through digital methods, such as a handheld device, and nondigital methods, such as an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card or a 1 transit card.

(3) The plan to establish tiered-fare service shall reasonably be expected to generate fare revenue of at least 10% of projected operational costs on urban Green Mountain Transit routes.

(34) Green Mountain Transit shall advise the House and Senate Committees on Transportation of their fare plan. An interim draft of the plan to establish tiered-fare service shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before October 1, 2023, and a final version of the plan to establish tiered-fare service shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation Committees on or before December 1, 2023.

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