#### **New Fare System Implementation**

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2018 Fare Collection/Revenue Management & TransITech Conferences

#### **Overview**

- Navigator Features\*
- Navigator Objectives
  - Integrated
  - Simple
  - Flexible
  - Innovative
- Project Lessons
- Future Enhancements

\* Project Roundtables (Tues. 3:00-5pm)





#### **CDTA Navigator – SPX-Genfare**

- First Mid-Size-Bus Only Fully Integrated Fare Collection and Point of Sale System
  - Fully Hosted CDS (Customers <u>and</u> Employees)
  - Mobile Ticketing and Smart Cards



#### **CDTA Navigator – Fully Integrated**

- **Central Data System** (**Real Time Updates**) Sales, Fare Mgt., Inventory, Customer Service Reporting, Device & B2B Mgt.
- **Point of Sale System (APOS & RPOS)** (50+ locations including major supermarkets, libraries, theatres, and local businesses)
- 250+ Fareboxes







### **CDTA Navigator – Fully Integrated**

- One Account (Card/App)
- One Mobile Application
  - Navigator Mobile Ticket
  - Trip Planner
  - Real Time Arrivals
  - Schedules
  - Service Alerts



#### \*8,000 downloads



#### **CDTA Fare Media – Simplify**





#### **Navigator Fare Media – Full/Half Fare**





Lucendia Cumberbatch Fare Type: Half Expires: 08/31/2016

Use of the NavCard constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Navigator User Agreement available online at www.cdta.org or by calling (518) 482-8822 or TDD (518) 482-9024. Do not bend or punch holes in the card. 150 01/2015 3000 0052 98 445



## **Navigator – Simplify**

- Simple Fare
  - 2 Products Pay As You Go & Frequent Rider
- Best Fare
- Customer Loyalty
  - Bonus Rides



• 35,000 Cards (Total Ridership 17 million)



### **CDTA Navigator – Flexible Media**

- Flexible Media Choices
  - Business to Business Client Relationships
- **DesFire 4k Smart Cards** (Full Fare, Half Fare, Employees, Veterans, Paratransit)
- Limited Use Smart Cards (Special Events, B2B Clients)
- Nano Cards (Social Service Agencies)
- Stickers ("Universal Access" Clients)
- Other "Universal Access"





## **CDTA Navigator – Flexible**

• Sponsored Riders, Transit Benefits, "FreeRide"

(Full Fare SC, Proximity Cards, LUCC, Nano, Stickers, etc.)

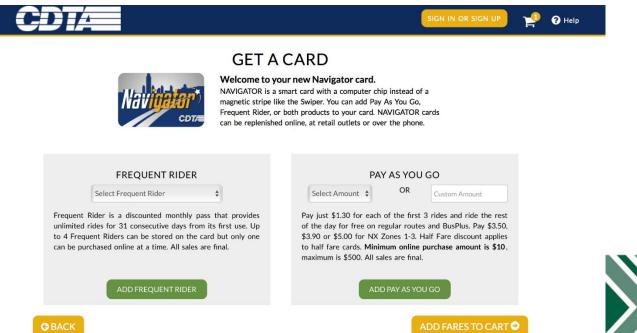
- CDTA has over 20 different "Universal Access" customers and over 50 B2B clients
- **Responsive Web Design** (simple for customer)
- Card Based and Account Based (...coming in 2018)
- New Products/Changes On The Fly (can be added, accepted, and sold within hours)





#### **CDTA Navigator - Innovative**

- One Card = Pay As You Go + Frequent Rider + Bonus Rides + Best Fare
- Mobile Ticketing Farebox validation
- WiFi Real Time Probing, Updates, Monitoring





## **Key Lessons Learned**

- CEO/Board Support
- Have Strict Policies

... be prepared to relax them a lot!

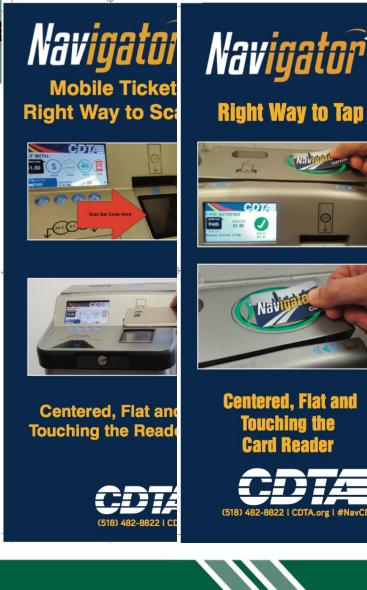


- Media Orders Long Lead Times
- Minimize Operator "Dependencies"
- Testing Focus Groups Inclusiveness
- Customer Service Ramp Up Training



## **Key Lessons L**

- Get the Word Out Early
  B2B's, Drivers, Customers
- All Departments Involved
- Don't Assume it's Easy to Use



#### **Takeaways**

- Easier for Staff?
- Are Customers better off?
- Revenue/Cost Savings?

## Investment to Improve Customer Service, Service Quality, Ridership





## Customer Satisfaction, Service Quality, Ridership

- Revenue 🗸 1%
- Ridership ↓ 3-5%
- Cash ↓ (50% vs 40%)
- Dwell Time (too early)
- Fraud (too early)



#### **Future Enhancements**

- Card & Account Based Paratransit Customers
- **Bike Share Integration** Social Bicycles (Jump Bikes)
- **Parking Integration** Albany Parking Authority
- New Payment Processor Electronic Payment Exchange
- Ticket Vending Machines (...maybe)







# **Thank You!**

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