

Houston METRO partners with INIT to implement ABT system, US

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Houston METRO) has partnered with Innovations in Transportation (INIT) to implement a contactless account-based ticketing (ABT) system to replace the current closed-loop ticketing system. Passengers will be able to purchase and reload value to their accounts using cash, credit, or debit cards, and will also be able to use the web portal or their smartphone to add and reload their accounts.

The Fare Collection System (FCS) implementation will include approximately 1,900 EMV-capable fare validators on buses and at platforms across the system. The system will be equipped to configure different fares for various groups of riders. This is expected to provide passengers with reduced fares, student pricing, business or free-fare accounts, and fare capping incentives.