



Notice of Public Hearing
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed Adjustments to Passenger Fares and Parking Rates and Fees
Docket B07-3

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that six public hearings will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, and the District of Columbia on proposed fare changes as follows:

Hearing No. 525
Tues., November 13, 2007
Bechtel Conference Center
1801 Alexander Bell Drive
Reston, VA 20191

Hearing No. 526
Wed., November 14, 2007
Jackson Graham Building
600 Fifth St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

Hearing No. 527
Wed., November 14, 2007
Montgomery County Council
Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

Hearing No. 528
Thurs., November 15, 2007
St. Luke's Center
4923 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20019

Hearing No. 529
Thurs., November 15, 2007
Arlington County Government
#1 Courthouse Plaza
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Rm. 307
Arlington, VA 22201

Hearing No. 530
Thurs., November 15, 2007
Prince George's Sports &
Learning Complex –
Town Hall Room
8001 Sheriff Rd.
Landover, MD 20785

All hearings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. An Open House will be conducted prior to each hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The locations of these public hearings are wheelchair accessible. Any individual who requires special assistance such as a sign language interpreter or additional accommodation to participate in the public hearing, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact Ms. Danise Peña at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-638-3780 by Wednesday, November 7, 2007 in order for WMATA to make necessary arrangements.



Proposal

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is faced with a significant budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2009 that begins July 1, 2008. The cost of Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess services are funded in part by passenger revenues and, in part, by subsidies provided by the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and local jurisdictions in Virginia. The last Metro fare increase occurred on July 1, 2004.

In an effort to address this budget shortfall, WMATA implemented many cost-saving measures and staff reductions designed to reduce its operating budget, will receive up to a 6.5% increase in state and local government subsidy, and will be required to generate additional passenger and non-passenger revenue.

The public hearings will seek comment from the public on proposed adjustments to passenger fares and proposed adjustments to parking rates and fees commencing on or about January 6, 2008 to include increases to daily metered and non-metered parking in Metro's parking facilities. Increases in the reserved parking program are also proposed (see accompanying chart). Metro also proposes adjustments to bus-to-bus and rail-to-bus transfer procedures. The projected start date of January 6, 2008, before the start of Fiscal 2009, is intended to moderate the effects of the fare increase on our passengers and will allow Metro to collect the required revenue over 18 months as opposed to collecting the required revenue over a shorter 12-month period.

WMATA will conduct two public hearings in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and northern Virginia for a total of six in accordance with Section 62 of the WMATA Compact. Information on the hearings will be provided in area libraries and on Metro buses and Metrorail trains and on-line at www.wmata.com/about/community.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed adjustments to passenger fares, parking rates and fees will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. To establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at these public hearings are requested to furnish in writing their name, address, telephone number and organization affiliation, if any, to Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, requests to speak may be faxed to 202-962-1133 or e-mailed to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter and reference the Hearing Number for the hearing at which you wish to speak. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Others present at the hearing may be heard after those persons who have registered have spoken. Public

officials will be heard first and will be allowed five minutes each to make their presentations. All other speakers will be allowed three minutes each. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Written statements and exhibits may be submitted until close of business on Monday, November 26, 2007 to Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com. Please reference the Hearing and/or Docket Number shown on the front of this document in your submission.

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		Current Fare	New Fare
MetroRail Fares			
Peak	Increase boarding charge by 30 cents	\$1.35	\$1.65
	Increase charge for composite miles between 3 and 6 by 5 cents	\$0.22	\$0.27
	Increase charge for composite miles over 6 by 4.5 cents	\$0.195	\$0.24
	Increase maximum regular fare by 80 cents	\$3.90	\$4.70
	Increase the charge for senior/disabled to one-half regular fare	\$0.65 - \$1.95	\$0.80-\$2.35
Off Peak	Charge for first 7 composite miles remains the same	\$1.35	\$1.35
	Charge for composite miles between 7 and 10 remains the same	\$1.85	\$1.85
	Charge for composite miles greater than 10 remains the same	\$2.35	\$2.35
Passes	After one year transition, rail-to-bus transfers issued on Smartcards only		
	Increase price of the one day pass	\$6.50	\$7.80
	Increase price of the weekly short trip pass	\$22.00	\$26.40
	Increase price of the weekly fast pass	\$32.50	\$39.00
	Eliminate the metro passport	15.00-\$30.00	
	Increase the price of the SmartStudent pass	\$22.00	\$26.00
	Increase price of transit link card on MARC and VRE	\$65.00	\$80.00
	Increase price of transit link card on MTA	\$110.00	\$135.00
Other Rail	Increase the charge for DC student farecards/ 10 trips	\$6.50	\$8.00
Metrobus Fares and Fees			
	Increase cash boarding charge by 10 cents	\$1.25	\$1.35
	Increase cash boarding charge for express bus by 10 cents	\$3.00	\$3.10
	Boarding charge with SmarTrips remains the same	\$1.25	\$1.25
	Charge for senior / disabled remains the same	\$0.60	\$0.60
	After one year transition, bus-to-bus transfers issued on Smartcards only		
	Extend bus-to-bus transfer period from two to three hours		
	Increase all special fares by 25 cents	Varies	Varies
Other Bus	Eliminate regional one day pass	\$3.00	
	Price of the weekly flash pass remains the same	\$11.00	\$11.00
	Price of the weekly senior flash pass remains the same	\$6.00	\$6.00
	Price of the weekly disabled flash pass remains the same	\$6.00	\$6.00
	Eliminate regular Metrobus tokens		
	Charge for DC student tokens remains the same	\$6.25	\$6.25
MetroAccess Fares			
	MetroAccess fare remains the same	\$2.50	\$2.50
	Supplemental zone fares remain the same	\$1.00-\$4.00	\$1.00-\$4.00
Parking Fees			
	Increase parking fee by \$1.15	Varies	Varies
	Increase monthly reserved parking fee by \$10.00 and add 3,500 spaces	\$45.00	\$55.00
	Increase the rate for parking meters to \$1.00 for 60 minutes	\$0.25	\$1.00
	Increase New Carrollton county garage base and surcharge fees	\$55.00/\$10.00	\$70.00/\$15.00
	Extend the non-Metro parking fee to all Metrorail stations		
	Eliminate the \$25.00 Redskins game day fee at Morgan Blvd. and Largo		
Other Fees			
	Bicycle locker rental rate remains the same	\$70.00	\$70.00
	Increase bus contract and bus charter rates by 20 percent	Varies	Varies