

## Docket B10-2

### **PROPOSED FY2011 FARE ADJUSTMENTS FOR METRORAIL, METROBUS AND METROACCESS, PROPOSED CHANGES IN PARKING RATES AND FEES AND OTHER CHANGES**

#### **I. METRORAIL**

##### **1. Proposed Metrorail Peak Fare Changes**

- a. Increase the base boarding charge, which covers the first three composite miles from \$1.65 by up to \$0.35 for a maximum of \$2.00.
- b. Increase the peak period mileage charge, covering travel over three composite miles and up to six composite miles from \$0.26/composite mile by up to \$0.055/composite mile for a maximum of \$0.315/composite mile.
- c. Increase the peak period mileage charge, covering travel over six composite miles from \$0.230/composite mile by up to \$0.049/composite mile for a maximum of \$0.279/composite mile.
- d. Increase the maximum peak period fare of \$4.50 by up to \$0.95 for a maximum of \$5.45.

##### **2. Proposed Metrorail Off-Peak Fare Changes**

- a. Increase the base boarding charge, which covers a trip of up to seven composite miles of the trip, from \$1.35 by up to \$0.30 for a maximum of \$1.65.
- b. Increase the 1<sup>st</sup> Tier fare, which covers trips over seven composite miles and up to 10 composite miles, from \$1.85 by up to \$0.40 for a maximum of \$2.25.
- c. Increase the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier fare, which covers trips over 10 composite miles, from \$2.35 by up to \$0.50 for a maximum of \$2.85.

##### **3. Proposed Metrorail Weekend and Late Night Fare Changes**

- a. Change the late-night fare from the current off-peak tiered mileage charge to peak period fares on weekends from 12:01 a.m. until closing on Friday and Saturday nights, except national holidays, or
- b. Implement a flat fare of up to \$4.00 on weekends from 12:01 until closing on Friday and Saturday nights, except national holidays.

##### **4. Other Proposed Metrorail Fare Policy Changes**

- a. Implement a price differential of up to \$0.50 per trip for peak-of-the-peak pricing. This charge would be in effect on the rail system from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except national holidays.
- b. Implement a \$0.05 surcharge on entry and exit at up to two stations in each jurisdiction (Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia) for the purpose of

- funding station-specific capital improvements at the stations where the surcharge is levied.
- c. Implement a price differential of up to \$0.50 per trips for rail trips not paid for with the SmarTrip® card. This charge would be up to \$0.25 for trips up to \$2.50 paid for with a farecard and up to \$0.50 for trips over \$2.50 paid for with a farecard, and would be in addition to the relevant Metrorail fare and would be in effect at all times.
  - d. Decrease the age children can ride Metrorail for free from under five years of age to under three years of age.

## **II. METROBUS**

### **1. Proposed Metrobus Fare Changes**

- a. Increase the SmarTrip® boarding charge of \$1.25 by up to \$0.35, for a maximum of \$1.60 all day.
- b. Increase the cash boarding charge of \$1.35 by up to \$0.35, for a maximum of \$1.70 all day.

### **2. Proposed Metrobus Express Service Fare Changes**

- a. Increase the SmarTrip® boarding charge of \$3.00 by up to \$1.00 for a maximum of \$4.00.
- b. Increase the cash boarding charge of \$3.10 by up to \$1.00 for a maximum of \$4.10.
- c. Increase the Senior and People with Disabilities boarding charge of \$0.60 by up to \$1.40 for a maximum of \$2.00.

### **3. Proposed Metrobus Service Changes for Airport Shuttles**

- a. Increase the SmarTrip® boarding charge of \$3.10 by up to \$2.90 for a maximum of \$6.00 on the 5A-Dulles and B30-BWI/Thurgood Marshall Airport Shuttles.

### **4. Proposed Metrobus Weekend Changes**

- a. Implement free bus-to-rail transfers on weekends.

### **5. Other Proposed Metrobus Fare Policy Changes**

- a. Implement a peak period price differential of up to \$0.50 on high-ridership Metrobus routes; ridership greater than 5,000 riders per day. This includes the following routes:

	State	Reg./ Non Reg.	Line		Weekday Ridership
1	DC	R	52 53 54	14TH STREET	14,414
2	DC	R	90 92 93	U ST-GARFIELD	14,325
3	DC	R	S2 S4	SIXTEENTH STREET	14,059
4	MD	R	C2 C4	GBLT-TWINBROOK	13,803
5	DC	R	X2	BENNING RD-H ST	13,042
6	DC	R	32 36	PENNSYLVANIA AVE	12,709
7	DC	R	70 71	GA AVE-7TH STREET	12,188
8	DC	R	A2,6,7,8,42,46,48	ANAC-CONG HGTS	11,537
9	MD	R	Q2	VEIRS MILL RD	10,145
10	DC	R	80	NORTH CAPITOL ST	8,443
11	MD	R	F4 F6	PR GEO-SIL SPRING	7,891
12	DC	R	42	MOUNT PLEASANT	7,546
13	DC	R	H2 H3 H4	CROSSTOWN	7,425
14	DC	R	B2	BLAD RD-ANACOSTIA	7,300
15	MD	R	Y5 Y7 Y8 Y9	GEORGIA AVE-MD	7,300
16	VA	R	16ABDEFJP	COLUMBIA PIKE	7,132
17	MD	R	K6	NEW HAMP AVE-MD	6,531
18	DC	R	D1 D3 D6	SIBLEY-STAD ARM	6,468
19	DC	R	E2 E3 E4	MIL RD-CROSSTOWN	6,425
20	MD	R	J1 J2 J3	BETHESDA-SIL SPR	6,337
21	MD	R	P12	EASTOVER-ADDISON	5,978
22	DC	R	79	GEORGIA AVE METRO X	5,819
23	VA	R	28A 28B	ALEX-TYSON CORNER	5,634
24	DC	NR	U8	CAP HTS-BENN HTS	5,503
25	DC	R	W4	DEANWOOD-ALAB AVE	5,121
26	DC	R	96 97	EAST CAP-CARDOZO	5,041

- b. Implement a price differential of up to \$0.50 per trip for peak-of-the-peak pricing on Metrobus. This charge would be in effect on the bus system from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except national holidays or alternatively, implement a peak directional surcharge on Metrobus during periods of high demand.
- c. Increase the differential between the Metrobus cash boarding fare and the SmarTrip® fare from the current fare differential of \$0.10 up to a fare differential of \$0.25 for non-express Metrobus routes.
- d. Eliminate the SmarTrip® discount on Metrobus. The SmarTrip® discount currently provides for a SmarTrip® boarding fare of \$1.25 on Metrobus, \$0.10 less than the cash boarding fare of \$1.35.

- e. Decrease the age children can ride Metrobus for free from under five years of age to under three years of age.

### **III. CHANGES TO METRORAIL AND METROBUS TRANSFER PROCEDURES**

#### **1. Proposed Rail-to-Bus Transfers**

- a. Reduce the time that a SmarTrip® rail-to-bus transfer is valid within the WMATA Compact zone from the current period of three hours to two hours. Rail-to-bus transfers are currently valid for transfers between Metrorail and Metrobus and between Metrorail and Ride-On, D.C. Circulator, The Bus, Fairfax Connector, DASH, ART and Fairfax City CUE.
- b. Increase the value of the SmarTrip® rail-to-bus transfer discount by up to \$0.75. The SmarTrip® transfer discount is currently valued at \$0.50 for transfers between Metrorail and Metrobus and between Metrorail and Ride-On, D.C. Circulator, The Bus, Fairfax Connector, DASH, ART and Fairfax City CUE.
- c. Decrease the value of the SmarTrip® rail-to-bus transfer discount by up to \$0.25. The SmarTrip® transfer discount is currently valued at \$0.50 for transfers between Metrorail and Metrobus and between Metrorail and Ride-On, D.C. Circulator, The Bus, Fairfax Connector, DASH, ART and Fairfax City CUE.
- d. Implement free rail-to-bus transfers on weekends.

#### **2. Proposed Bus-to-Rail Transfers**

- a. Reduce the time that a SmarTrip® bus-to-rail transfer is valid within the WMATA Compact zone from the current period of three hours to two hours. Bus-to-rail transfers are currently valid for transfers between Metrobus and Metrorail and between Ride-On, D.C. Circulator, The Bus, Fairfax Connector, DASH, ART and Fairfax City CUE and Metrorail.
- b. Increase the value of the SmarTrip® bus-to-rail transfer discount by up to \$0.75. The SmarTrip® bus-to-rail transfer discount is currently valued at \$0.50 for transfers between Metrobus and Metrorail and between Ride-On, D.C. Circulator, The Bus, Fairfax Connector, DASH, ART and Fairfax City CUE and Metrorail.
- c. Decrease the value of the SmarTrip® bus-to-rail transfer discount by up to \$0.25. The SmarTrip® transfer discount is currently valued at \$0.50 for transfers between Metrobus and Metrorail and between Ride-On, D.C. Circulator, The Bus, Fairfax Connector, DASH, ART and Fairfax City CUE and Metrorail.
- d. Implement free bus-to-rail transfers on weekends.

#### **3. Proposed Bus-to-Bus Transfers**

- a. Retain a free SmarTrip® Bus-to-Bus transfer between Metrobus services.

- b. Reduce the time that a SmarTrip® bus-to-bus transfer is valid within the WMATA Compact zone from the current period of three hours to two hours. Bus-to-bus transfers are currently valid for bus-to-bus transfers on Metrobus and between Metrobus and Ride-On, D.C. Circulator, The Bus, Fairfax Connector, DASH, ART and Fairfax City CUE.

## **IV. FARE MEDIA - PASSES**

### **1. Proposed Changes to Metrorail/Metrobus Fare Media**

- a. Increase the price of all Metrobus and Metrorail passes by an amount up to the equivalent value of the increase in the bus and rail fares.
- b. Eliminate selected rail passes, including the Metrorail Weekly Short Trip Pass, the Metrorail Weekly Fast Pass, the Metrobus Weekly Pass, The Transit Link Card on for travel on MARC and VRE, and the Transit Link Card on MTA.
- c. Institute a loyalty reward program for pass holders using Metrobus and Metrorail. This program would reward the loyalty of consistent patrons who use a rail or bus pass by providing one free pass after 11 consecutive pass purchases.

## **V. PARKING**

### **1. Proposed Changes to Daily Parking Rates**

- a. Increase daily parking rates by an amount up to \$1.15 at all Metrorail parking facilities.
- b. Increase the hours Metro charges for daily parking beyond the current schedule and implement parking fees up to 24 hours/day Monday through Friday.

### **2. Proposed Changes to Monthly Reserved Parking Rates**

- a. Increase the monthly parking rate for reserved parking from \$55.00 by up to \$10.00 per month for a maximum of \$65.00/month.
- b. Decrease the hours of the reserved parking program from Monday through Friday from opening until 10:00 a.m. to Monday through Friday from opening until 9:00 a.m.

### **3. Proposed Changes to Metered Parking Rates**

- a. Increase the rate for parking meters from the current rate of \$0.25 per 15 minute increments to up to \$0.30 per 15 minute increment.
- b. Alternatively, reduce the rate for parking meters to a rate that provides full utilization at most Metrorail stations.

## **VI. SENIOR CITIZEN AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FARES**

### **1. Proposed Changes to Senior Citizen and People with Disabilities Fares**

- a. Increase the Senior Citizen and People with Disabilities fare on Metrobus (including express buses) to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the boarding charge rounded down to the nearest five cents, all day.
- b. Maintain the Metrorail Senior Citizen and People with Disabilities fare at  $\frac{1}{2}$  the peak period rail fare, including any applicable peak-of-the-peak surcharges, which is not to exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  the maximum fare, rounded down to the nearest five cents, during peak periods.
- c. Maintain the Metrorail Senior Citizen and People with Disabilities fare at  $\frac{1}{2}$  the peak period rail fare, which is not to exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  the maximum fare, rounded down to the nearest five cents, during non-peak periods.

## **VII. METROACCESS**

### **1. Proposed MetroAccess Service Area and Fare Changes**

- a. Align MetroAccess service area to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile fixed route corridor limit as provided in the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations.
- b. The fare for trips with origin or destination more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile beyond the regular fixed route service area will be subject to supplemental zone fares.
  - i. The charge for one-way passenger trips that begin or end between 3/4 and 3.0 miles beyond regular fixed route service would increase from the current supplemental fare of \$1.00 to up to \$5.00.
  - ii. The charge for one-way passenger trips that begin or end between 3.1 and 6.0 miles beyond regular fixed route service would increase from the current supplemental fare of \$2.00 to up to \$10.00.
  - iii. The charge for one-way passenger trips that begin or end between 6.1 and 9.0 miles beyond regular fixed route service would increase from the current supplemental fare of \$3.00 to up to \$15.00.
  - iv. The charge for one-way passenger trips that begin or end beyond 9.0 miles from regular fixed route service would increase from the current supplemental fare of \$4.00 to up to \$20.00.
- c. Increase MetroAccess fares from the current fare of double the Metrobus SmarTrip® fare to twice the fixed route Metrobus and Metrorail fare. Free fares will be provided for authorized Personal Care Assistants traveling with the certified ADA-eligible person.

- d. Change the Free Ride Program to limit eligibility to only those MetroAccess-certified persons with conditional eligibility.

## **VIII. CHANGES TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STUDENT FARE, FARE MEDIA AND PASSES**

### **1. Metrorail**

- a. Increase the boarding charge for District of Columbia student for trips within the District of Columbia from the current fare of \$0.80 at all times to \$1.00 at all times.

### **2. Metrobus**

- a. Increase the price of the District of Columbia student tokens and Smartrip bus trips from the current fare of \$6.25 for 10 Metrobus rides to \$8.00 for 10 Metrobus rides.

### **3. SmartStudent Pass**

- a. Increase the price of the SmartStudent pass from the current price of \$26.00 per month for unlimited Metrobus and Metrorail trips to up to \$30.00 per month.

## **IX. OTHER ADJUSTMENTS AND FEES**

- a. Increase the bicycle locker annual rental fee from the current fee of \$80.00 to obtain and \$70.00 per year to renew to up to \$200 per year.
- b. The Metro Board is seeking a commitment from the WMATA Compact jurisdictions to continue the practice of fare buy-downs and special bus fares in selected jurisdictions. At the conclusion of each fiscal year, the actual revenue loss will from these special fares will be calculated and added to the relevant jurisdiction's audit adjustment.
- c. Institute a special fare of no more than five times the normal rate for fares and passes on Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess for special events such as a Presidential Inauguration or occasions of historic, political or national significance. This would include a special event parking charge of up to \$25.
- d. The Metro Board is requesting comments from the public on the use of capital monies to cover preventive maintenance which is currently funded in the operating budget.
- e. The Metro Board is also requesting comments on having the jurisdictions increase subsidy payment to Metro.