

Peak Fares for Regional Events

Riders' Advisory Council

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Support for Regional Events

- Metro plays a vital role in transporting riders during regional events
- Ridership demand during regional events is strong, requiring peak service levels
- To accommodate the need Metro provides rush-hour service levels throughout the day for these events
- Peak service support also required – operations, customer service and transit police

Regional Events

- Examples requiring peak service levels
 - Independence Day
 - Papal Visit – September 2015
 - Presidential Inauguration – January 2017*
 - Women's March – January 2017
 - March for Our Lives – March 2018
- Metro's capacity to provide support is impacted by limits on annual regional subsidy contributions
- Without a Rainy Day Fund, Metro needs to recover service delivery costs for regional special events to stay within subsidy limits

*Peak fares are currently in effect on Inauguration Day

Regional Special Fares

- Special fares would allow Metro to charge peak rail fares when Metro operates peak service levels to support regional events – Metrobus would remain at \$2.00
- Peak fares for regional events would help Metro to recover some, but not all, additional costs
- Additional fare revenue from regional events will enable Metro to reduce its reliance on the region for operating funding support
- Special fares would not be in effect when additional service is paid for by event sponsors

Next Steps

- Return to the Board with a Compact Public Hearing Staff Report and a recommendation on adoption of the proposal