

## **Proposed Fare Changes**

Fares will remain at the FY2025 levels in the FY2026 Proposed Budget.

### **Adding Open Payment as an Option**

To expand payment options for customers, Metro is preparing to introduce an Open Payment fare system to Metrorail, Metrobus, and parking facilities during the next calendar year. Open Payment would allow customers to have the option to use their contactless credit/debit card (e.g., Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover), mobile wallet, or linked smartwatch for fare payment without the need to use a SmarTrip® card.

As proposed, Open Payment – the ability to pay with a credit/debit card, mobile wallet, or linked smartwatch -- would be a new payment methodology without a fee.