

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

FY2013 Fare recommendations

PURPOSE:

To obtain approval for public hearings on proposed fare changes for FY2013

DESCRIPTION:

FY2013 proposed fare changes have been included in the FY2013 Proposed Operating Budget presentation. Before the Board can consider any fare increase, the WMATA Compact requires public hearings to obtain comment from the public. This action is to request the Board to authorize the required public hearings.

FUNDING IMPACT:

This action will provide direction to staff in obtaining public input on fare changes to finalize the FY2013 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to hold public hearings on FY2013 proposed fare changes.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED FY2013 FARE ADJUSTMENTS

2012-01
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provides Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess services to the residents of the region; and

WHEREAS, These systems combine to provide about 365 million passenger trips annually; and

WHEREAS, The Washington metropolitan region has come to rely on the services of the Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess systems to provide safe and reliable service to respond to the mobility and accessibility travel needs of the region for work and discretionary activities; and

WHEREAS, The cost of Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess services is funded in part by passenger revenues and in part by subsidies provided by the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, local jurisdictions in Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager/Chief Executive Officer's proposed FY2013 budget calls for balancing the budget with increased subsidies from the supporting jurisdictions and additional fare revenue from fare adjustments; and

WHEREAS, There is a desire to consider a \$0.05 station-specific surcharge on entry and exit to provide additional funds for improvements at that station for up to 2 stations in each Compact jurisdiction located within the WMATA Transit Zone and subject to further Board approval of the proposed improvements; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager/Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board of Directors conduct a public hearing on the proposed FY2013 Capital Improvement Program in conjunction with the hearings on the proposed fare agreements; and

WHEREAS, Any increase in fares requires a public hearing pursuant to the WMATA Compact; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with Section 62 of the WMATA Compact, the Board of Directors will conduct a series of public hearings to solicit public comment on a

Motioned by Mrs. Hudgins, seconded by Mr. Acosta

Ayes: 8 - Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Downs, Mr. Downey, Mrs. Hampshire-Cowan, Mr. Dyke, Ms. Bowser, Mr. Acosta and Ms. Porter

proposed fare increase and other rate adjustments as shown on Attachment A to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors expressly reserves judgment on whether any of the proposed fare increases or other rate adjustments, are appropriate or justified; and be it further

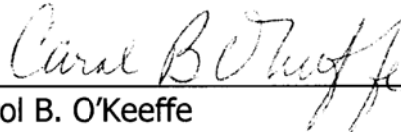
RESOLVED, That Staff is directed to develop and implement an outreach program that will invite public input through a number of ways including town hall meetings, public hearings, online surveys, written or e-mail submissions, and web site postings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors directs the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to include the proposed FY2013 Capital Improvement Program and federal grant applications for federal fiscal year 2012 in the public hearings being held in connection with the proposed fare increase; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to report on the findings of the public hearings and that the Board of Directors shall consider these findings and public comments in its deliberations on a proposed fare increase or other rate adjustments as well as in its decision on the FY2013 Capital Improvement Program; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

FY13 Fare Proposals For Public Hearing

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Metrorail		
Peak Fares¹ Using SmarTrip[®]		
1 Boarding Charge	\$1.95	\$2.10
2 Increase mileage charge by 5.71%		
<i>Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles</i>	\$0.299	\$0.316
<i>Composite miles over 6 miles</i>	\$0.265	\$0.280
3A Maximum peak fare		
<i>Increase maximum peak fare to \$5.75</i>	\$5.00	\$5.75
<i>Peak charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare</i>	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$2.85
3B Maximum peak fare		
<i>Increase maximum peak fare to \$6</i>	\$5.00	\$6.00
<i>Peak charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare</i>	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00
4 Peak-of-the-peak surcharge ²	\$0.20	eliminate
Off-Peak Fares³ Using SmarTrip[®]		
5A Boarding charge, increase by 5.71%	\$1.60	\$1.70
5B Boarding charge, index to 90% of Peak Boarding Charge	\$1.60	\$1.90
6A Index Off-Peak Composite Miles to Peak Fares (Alternate 1)		
<i>Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles</i>	NA	\$0.237
<i>Composite miles over 6 miles</i>	NA	\$0.210
6B Index Off-Peak Composite Miles to Peak Fares (Alternate 2)		
<i>Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles</i>	NA	\$0.284
<i>Composite miles over 6 miles</i>	NA	\$0.252
6C Current Off-Peak Fare Structure		
<i>Charge for first 7 composite miles</i>	\$1.60	eliminate
<i>Charge for composite miles between 7 and 10 miles</i>	\$2.15	eliminate
<i>Charge for composite miles greater than 10 miles</i>	\$2.75	eliminate
7A Maximum off-peak fare of \$3.50	\$2.75	\$3.50
7B Maximum off-peak fare of \$4.00	\$2.75	\$4.00
8 Off-peak charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00
Paper Farecard⁴ Peak and Off-Peak Surcharges and Fares		
9A Non-SmarTrip [®] fare surcharge (Alternate 1)	\$0.25	\$1.00
9B Non-SmarTrip [®] fare surcharge (Alternate 2)	\$0.25	eliminate
10 Non-SmarTrip [®] fare surcharge for Senior/disabled(Alternate 1)	\$0.10	\$0.50
11 Full fare for paper cards outer zone per zone map	NA	\$6.00
12 Full fare for paper cards _inner zone per zone map	NA	\$4.00
13 Peak/Off-Peak charge for senior/disabled is one-half zone charge	NA	\$2.00 - \$3.00
14 Full fare for paper cards during peak periods	NA	\$6.00
15 Full fare for paper cards during off-peak periods	NA	\$4.00
16 Peak/Off-Peak charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak full fare	NA	\$3.00
Rail Passes		
17 One day pass, valid after 9:30 AM weekdays, all day weekend/holiday	\$9.00	eliminate
18 All day pass paper or SmarTrip [®]	NA	\$14.00
19A 7-Day Short Trip pass	\$32.35	eliminate
19B 7-Day Short Trip pass	\$32.35	\$35.00
20 7-day Fast pass	\$47.00	\$57.50
21 30-day DC SmartStudent pass, rail and bus within DC	\$30.00	\$32.00
22 DC Student farecards & SmarTrip [®] - 10 rail trips within DC	\$9.50	\$10.00

FY13 Fare Proposals For Public Hearing

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
23 Transit Link card on MARC and VRE ⁵	\$102.00	\$108.00
24 Transit Link card on MTA ⁵	\$157.00	\$166.00
25 28-day Fast Pass	NA	\$230.00
26 28-day Short Trip Pass	NA	\$140.00
Other		
27 \$0.05 surcharge on entry and exit for station improvements at 2 stations in each Compact jurisdiction located within the WMATA Transit Zone and subject to further Board approval of the proposed improvements	NA	\$0.05
Metrobus		
Regular Fares		
28 Local bus SmarTrip [®] boarding charge	\$1.50	\$1.60
29 Local bus SmarTrip [®] charge for senior/disabled	\$0.75	\$0.80
30 Local bus cash boarding charge	\$1.70	\$2.00
31 Local bus cash boarding charge for senior/disabled	\$0.85	\$1.00
32 Express bus cash boarding charge	\$3.85	\$4.00
33 Express bus cash boarding charge for senior/disabled including cash differential	\$1.90	\$2.00
34 Airport designated route boarding charge for senior/disabled including cash differential	\$1.90	\$3.00
Bus Passes		
35 7-Day Regional Bus pass	\$15.00	\$16.00
36 7-day Regional senior/disabled pass	\$7.50	\$8.00
37 DC student pass for Smartrip [®] (DC OneCard) - 10 trips	\$7.50	\$8.00
Other		
38 DC student tokens - 10 trips per pack	\$7.50	\$8.00
39 Package of 10 tokens for organizations	\$17.00	\$20.00
MetroAccess		
40 MetroAccess fare (within ADA 3/4 mile service corridor) ⁶	varies	varies
41 Maximum fare	\$7.00	\$7.40
Parking		
42 District of Columbia	\$3.25 - \$4.25	\$3.50 - \$4.50
43 Montgomery County	\$4.00 - \$4.75	\$4.25 - \$5.00
44 Prince George's County	\$4.25	\$4.50
45 Virginia	\$4.50	\$4.75
Other		
46 Bicycle locker rental	\$200.00 (annual)	\$120.00 (annual)

¹ Peak fares are in effect from opening through 9:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays, except on national holidays. Peak fares are in effect from midnight until closing Friday and Saturday nights.

² Peak-of-the-peak hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, except on national holidays.

³ Off-Peak fares are in effect during all other hours on weekdays, Saturday and Sunday and all national holidays.

⁴ Fare change for magnetic paper farecards on rail will be effective following the Labor Day holiday in September 2012.

⁵ Metro's portion of the Transit Link Cards on MARC, VRE and MTA.

⁶ MetroAccess fare is twice the equivalent fixed route SmarTrip[®] fare based on fastest trip. Effective February 27, 2011. No change in Supplemental Zone fares is being proposed.