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MTA to hold public meetings to present proposed fare, service changes *MTA Board moves to reduce cost of passes, make system improvements*

NASHVILLE – In their May meeting, the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Board of Directors moved to hold public meetings in the month of June to discuss this fall’s semi-annual system changes and Nashville Mayor Megan Barry’s State of Metro call to “eliminate transfer fees” for riders.

“We have four major service changes, as well as a reduction in fares that we are certain will be a valuable benefit to both our current and future riders,” MTA Board Chair Gail Carr Williams said. “A growing Nashville allows MTA to grow alongside it, and we are looking forward to gathering public feedback on these proposed improvements before final decision making in July.”

In her State of Metro address last month, Mayor Barry stated a subsidy would be included for MTA in her operation budget to eliminate transfer fares so riders would no longer need to pay for a second ride to complete their trips. The subsidy would also support the reduction in cost for other pass types, which would be adjusted to maintain consistent and effective per-ride cost for transit users throughout the fare structure. The fare change is proposed to take effect August 2017, and the new fare structure can be found in the chart on page two.

Proposed major service changes to be discussed will include the extension of the free Music City Circuit from downtown along Jefferson Street ending at Tennessee State University, frequency improvements to Route 22 Bordeaux, extension of the Route 19 Herman, and service adjustments to Route 18 Airport/Downtown Hotels. MTA is also proposing minor adjustments to other routes, including 23 Dickerson Road and 35X Rivergate Express. The system changes are proposed to take effect in October 2017.

All proposed changes are subject to Metro Council’s approval of Mayor Barry’s budget and approval of the MTA Board. These improvements are expected to provide meaningful benefits to our existing riders and to future riders.

Public meetings to gather feedback on the proposed changes and to answer questions will take place in mid-June. Listed below are the locations and times for the public meetings and the bus routes that serve the meeting location.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Music City Central (Community Meeting Room) 400 Charlotte Ave. <i>(All bus routes except 21, 72, 76 & 77)</i>	Thursday June 15	11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Music City Central (Community Meeting Room) 400 Charlotte Ave. <i>(All bus routes except 21, 72, 76 & 77)</i>	Tuesday June 20	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend either of the two scheduled meetings. If unable to attend, comments may be submitted to the MTA Planning Department, Attn: Public Meeting Comments, 430 Myatt Drive, Nashville, TN 37115; fax comments to (615) 862-6208; call Customer Care at (615) 862-5950; or email comments to mta.publicmeetings@nashville.gov through July 7, 2017. Attendance at the meetings is not required in order to comment.

Proposed Fare Changes			
	Current	Proposed	Reduction
Adult			
Single Ride Pass	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$0
2nd Ride (<i>within 2 hours</i>)	\$1.70	\$0	(\$1.70)
Express Service	\$2.25	\$1.70	(\$0.55)
All-Day Pass	\$5.25	\$3.25	(\$2.00)
7-Day Pass	\$24.00	\$16.00	(\$8.00)
20-Ride Local	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$0.00
20-Ride Express	\$42.00	\$32.00	(\$10.00)
31-Day Pass	\$84.00	\$55.00	(\$29.00)
Annual Pass	\$1,000.00	\$600.00	(\$400.00)
Youth (ages 19 and younger)			
Youth (<i>ages 4 and younger</i>)	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Youth (<i>ages 19 and younger</i>)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
2nd Ride Transfer (<i>within 2 hours</i>)	\$1.00	\$0.00	(\$1.00)
All-Day Youth Pass (<i>ages 19 and younger</i>)	\$3.50	\$2.25	(\$1.25)
7-Day Youth Pass (<i>ages 19 and younger</i>)	\$16.00	\$10.00	(\$6.00)
31-Day Youth Pass (<i>ages 19 and younger</i>)	\$58.50	\$38.00	(\$20.50)
StrIDe pass (<i>MNPS students grades 9-12; valid 2016-2017 MNPS ID card required</i>)	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge
Seniors (ages 65 and older) & People with Disabilities			
1-Ride	\$0.85	\$0.85	\$0.00
2nd Ride Transfer (<i>within 2 hours</i>)	\$0.85	\$0.00	(\$0.85)
All-Day Pass	\$3.25	\$2.00	(\$1.25)
20-Ride Discounted Pass	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$0.00
31-Day Discounted Pass	\$44.00	\$29.00	(\$15.00)
AccessRide			
Single Ride	\$3.40	\$3.40	\$0.00

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