



Summer 2014

## Game-Day Express train tickets now on sale at 20 percent discount

Tickets for Game-Day Express, the RTA's Music City Star train service to Riverfront Station for Tennessee NFL home games, are now on sale online for the 2014 regular season.

For the fourth straight year, customers can receive a 20 percent savings on Game-Day Express tickets if they purchase single-game tickets online between Aug. 4 and Sept. 1. During this time, tickets are available online for \$12 instead of the regular \$15 advance purchase price. Cost is \$20 on the train on game day.

Season Passes also are available online through Sept. 1 for \$90. In addition, the RTA is offering a Friends/Family Pass, which is good for up to four people per game and costs \$300.

The Game-Day Express train travels to all regular season home games, beginning with the Sept. 14 game against Dallas. Service will operate for all of the games listed to the right.

Parking is free at all of the outlying stations. Please note that regular weekday Music City Star tickets are not valid on the Game-Day Express train.

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	KICKOFF
Sunday	Sept. 14	Dallas	noon
Sunday	Oct. 5	Cleveland	noon
Sunday	Oct. 12	Jacksonville	noon
Sunday	Oct. 26	Houston	noon
Monday	Nov. 17	Pittsburgh	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 7	N.Y. Giants	noon
Sunday	Dec. 14	N.Y. Jets	3:05 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 28	Indianapolis	noon

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**2014**

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## MTA/RTA jointly record nearly 10.7 million passenger trips for FY 2014

The Nashville MTA and RTA have jointly recorded more than 10 million passenger trips in a fiscal year for the third straight year.

In fiscal year 2014, which ended on June 30, MTA provided nearly 9.8 million passenger trips to residents, visitors, students, and tourists within Metro Nashville on its buses and vans. RTA recorded more than 850,000 passenger trips on its train, buses, and vans. Together, they provided nearly 10.7 million passenger trips in the Middle Tennessee region, up nearly 2 percent over the previous fiscal year.

"The last three years is proof that Nashvillians and people in the Middle Tennessee area understand the importance of mass transit," MTA Interim CEO Ed Oliphant said. "We believe this trend will continue and will help improve our air quality as well as the overall environmental impact on our region."

Ridership on regional buses has grown rapidly, up 13.2 percent over fiscal year 2013. Average regional bus ridership is 1,675 passenger trips per weekday.

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# Stephen G. Bland begins work as Nashville MTA/RTA CEO on August 25

Stephen G. Bland, who has earned widespread praise from transportation professionals, business and community leaders, and transit boards for leading successful teams to overhaul and modernize transit systems, will begin his new position as Chief Executive Officer of the Nashville MTA and the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) on August 25.



Stephen G. Bland

During his 28-year transit career, Bland has held senior management roles in several agencies of various sizes, including a seven-year tenure in Pittsburgh, which is a multi-modal system with 1,000-plus vehicles, an annual operating budget of \$350 million, an average capital budget of \$140 million and 66 million annual passenger trips. Under his leadership, his transit team completed a \$500 million New Starts Light Rail subway extension.

Currently employed at Michael Baker International, Bland

is serving as the program director of CTfastrak, a 9.5 mile advanced bus rapid transit system between New Britain and Downtown Hartford, Conn.

Prior to the CTfastrak assignment, he was the assistant director/general superintendent of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey's PATH Rail System.

"I appreciate the board's confidence in me and am looking forward to working with each member, Mayor Karl Dean, the Metro Council, transit riders, other community stakeholders, and the transit employees," Bland said. "Together, we will make Nashville's transit system an even greater one as we continue building upon the significant accomplishments that have been made over the past 12 years. My family and I are truly looking forward to living and working in Music City."

MTA's former CFO Ed Oliphant is serving as the interim CEO of the Nashville MTA and RTA. Bland will serve as CEO of both organizations as well.

The board initiated a national search to replace Paul J. Ballard whose last day at the authority was on March 31. Ballard is now heading up the Fort Worth Transportation Authority as president and CEO.

## NEWS & NOTES

### Connecting to MTA buses

If you ride any of our RTA services to downtown Nashville and find that you need to transfer to a Nashville MTA bus in order to complete your commute to work or school, you will need a proximity card. This card will allow you to finalize your commute by utilizing MTA buses at no charge. The proximity card should only be used for your morning and afternoon commutes. To request a proximity card, please call our Customer Care department at (615) 862-5950.

### Happy Anniversary

The Music City Star will celebrate its eighth anniversary on September 18, 2014. In addition to the Star providing transportation to commuters along the east corridor from Lebanon to Downtown, the Star also provides a fun and hassle-free way to enjoy special events, such as the New Year's Eve Bash on Broadway, 4th of July Celebration and the Wilson County Fair. The train is also a great way to enjoy all that downtown Nashville has to offer on Friday nights with evening service to and from Riverfront Station.

### July 4th train success

Once again, RTA's special Music City Star train to the July 4th celebration at Nashville's Riverfront Park was a success. All 950 tickets available to the general public were sold out within the first few weeks of going on sale. Passengers conveniently avoided traffic and parking hassels by riding the train, which stopped at all outlying stations.

## Game-Day Express

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Passengers are welcome to tailgate at the outlying train stations prior to the game and also tailgate on the train. In addition, they may bring small coolers onboard and leave them on the train upon arrival at Riverfront Station.



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