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Fare Increase June 25th

Legislatively Mandated Transit Fare Increase to Go into Effect June 25

Baltimore, MD (May 26, 2015) – As required by the Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013* (known as the gas tax bill), the Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) today announced that transit fares will increase on June 25. The legislatively mandated increase will occur prior to the July 1, 2015, deadline for implementing the new fares adjusted for inflation, as required by the General Assembly.

The fare increase was mandated by the passage of the 2013 law and requires MTA to adjust fares for core services, which includes Local Bus, Light Rail, Metro Subway and Mobility/Paratransit, every two years and for Commuter Bus and MARC Train every five years. As outlined in the law, the increase in core service fares (single-trip full fare) is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the past two years, rounded to the nearest dime. Fares for Commuter Bus and MARC Train will increase by the rise in the CPI during the last five years, rounded to the nearest dollar.

Commuter Bus fares will increase from 25 cents to \$1.25 depending on the distance people travel. The new multi-use fares (Day, Weekly and Monthly Passes) also will increase using the new base fare for the calculation.

For a complete list of fare changes, please visit http://mta.maryland.gov/new-fare-pricing.

For the latest information on MTA service, passengers are urged to check the MTA website at www.mta.maryland.gov. Customers also can call the MTA Transit Information Contact Center Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 410-539-5000 or TTY 410-539-3497. To sign up for email alerts about service modifications go to www.mta.maryland.gov/enotifications. Visit MTA's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/mtamaryland or Twitter feed at https://twitter.com/mtamaryland for more sources of updated information.

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