

AGENDA ITEM #16
December 1, 2009
Public Hearing/Action

MEMORANDUM

November 25, 2009

TO: County Council
FROM: Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director
SUBJECT: **Public Hearing/Action**—resolution to amend transportation fees, charges, and fares

All fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect. The fees, charges, and fares currently in effect are those in Council Resolution 16-951 adopted on May 13, 2009 and approved by the Executive on May 20, 2009.

As part of his FY10 Savings Plan the County Executive recommended increasing the price of the monthly Ride On pass by \$5, from \$25 to \$30. As he pointed out, a \$30/month pass still represents a significant discount for regular users. If a pass-holder were to commute to and from work 20 times a month with a SmarTrip Card, the cost would be \$50 ($\$1.25 \times 2 \text{ times/day} \times 20 \text{ days}$), so a \$30 pass would represent a 40% discount. If the same commuter were using cash, the cost would be \$54 ($\$1.35 \times 2 \text{ times/day} \times 20 \text{ days}$), in which case a \$30 pass would represent a 44.5% discount.

The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee reviewed the transportation portion of the Savings Plan on November 10 and unanimously recommended its approval, with a few changes—reducing the cut in Bikeway Maintenance, reducing the cuts in North Bethesda and Friendship Heights Super Fare Share, increasing the cut in Roadway and Related Maintenance—but including all other cuts and the \$87,500 revenue increase from increasing the cost of the Ride On monthly pass by \$5. Should the Council not wish to increase the bus pass fare, the effect of the Savings Plan will be reduced by \$87,500.

A draft resolution reflecting this increase is on ©1-7.

Resolution: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting transportation fees, charges, and fares

Background

1. With the enactment of Bill 16-04, as of July 22, 2004 all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect.
2. The fees, charges, and fares currently in effect are those in Council Resolution 16-951 adopted on May 13, 2009 and approved by the Executive on May 20, 2009.
3. On October 28, 2009 the County Executive, as part of his FY10 Savings Plan, recommended increasing the price of the monthly Ride On pass by \$5, from \$25 to \$30.
4. A public hearing on this resolution was advertised and held on December 1, 2009.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 16-951 are amended as described in Table 1, attached, and the increase to the Ride On monthly pass goes into effect on January 1, 2010.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Date

Approved

Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES**I. Transit Fares**

Regular cash fare or token	\$1.35
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$1.25
Route 70 cash fare or token	\$3.10
Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip	\$3.00
Bethesda 8 (Route 92) and VanGo (Route 28) shuttles	Free
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Kids Ride Free Program (2-7 pm weekdays)	Free
Code Red days	Free
Give and Ride Program	Free
Senior/Disabled with identification card	
attendant accompanying customer	Free
with Attendant-Eligible card	Free
MetroAccess Certified Customer with ID	Free
MetroAccess – companion	Free
Children under age 5	Free
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer	\$0.75
Senior/Disabled transfer	Free
Metrobus weekly pass	Free
MARC weekly and monthly passes	Free
MTA Commuter Bus Pass	Free
Regional One Day bus pass	\$3.00
Ride On Monthly Pass	[\$25.00] \$30.00
Youth Cruiser pass	\$10.00 Per Month
Summer Youth Cruiser pass (for 3-month period of June, July, and August)	\$15.00
‘C’ Pass (for current County employees)	Free
‘U’ Pass (for Montgomery College fee-paying students)	Free

II. Parking Fees (Note: No payment is required for motorcycles in spaces or areas where only motorcycle parking is permitted. No payment is required for any vehicle at all public parking spaces on County holidays.)

A. Bethesda Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday, and in garages from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 3 hours)	\$1.00 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	\$0.65 Per Hour

2. Garage 49

Daily Maximum	\$10.50 Per Day
Lost Ticket	\$10.50 Per Day

3. Special Permits
 - a. Parking permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$120.00 Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	\$10.50 Per Day
“AM/PM” Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
 - b. Carpool Permits

2 Persons	\$90.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$50.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$13.00 Per Month
 - c. Townhouse Resident Permit

	\$2.00 Per Month
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B. Silver Spring Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday, and in garages (except Garages 60 and 61) from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday

Short-Term (First 3 hours)	\$0.75 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 3 hours)	\$0.50 Per Hour

2. Special Permits
 - a. Parking permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$95.00 Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	\$6.00 Per Day
“AM/PM” Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
 - b. Carpool Permits

2 Persons	\$65.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$35.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$5.00 Per Month
 - c. Townhouse Resident Permit

	\$2.00 Per Month
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3. Garages 60 and 61

	\$0.75 Per Hour
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C. Wheaton Parking Lot District

- 1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in garages from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday
 - Short-Term (First 3 hours) \$0.50 Per Hour
 - Long-Term (More than 3 hours) \$0.50 Per Hour
- 2. Special Permits
 - Parking Convenience Sticker \$95.00 Per Month
 - Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month

D. Montgomery Hills Parking Lot District

- 1. Meters on-street from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday
 - Short-Term (First 3 hours) \$0.25 Per Hour
 - Long-Term (More than 3 hours) \$0.25 Per Hour
- 2. Special Permits
 - Parking Convenience Sticker \$45.00 Per Month
 - Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month

E. Areas Outside Parking Lot Districts

- 1. Meters on-street and in lots from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday
 - Short-Term (First 3 hours) \$0.75 Per Hour
 - Long-Term (More than 3 hours) \$0.50 Per Hour
- 2. Special Permits
 - Parking Convenience Sticker \$95.00 Per Month

III. Parking Fines and Other Charges (with County Code Section Citations)**A. Motor vehicles, traffic control and highways, generally**

31-6(b)(2)	Snow emergency – Parked in Right-of-Way	\$75.00
31-7	Unregistered vehicle/parking prohibited	\$50.00
31-8	Impeding traffic, threaten public safety	\$50.00

B. Parking regulations generally – on-street

31-11(b)	Emergency/Temporary no parking sign	\$50.00
31-12	Violation of official sign (except residential permit parking)	\$50.00
31-12	Residential permit parking violation	\$40.00
31-13	Parking of vehicle – snow accumulation	\$50.00
31-14	Parking of heavy commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, or buses	\$75.00
31-16	Over 24 hours	\$50.00
31-17	Within 35 feet of intersection	\$50.00
31-18	Posted time limit	\$50.00
31-19	Obstructing driveways (within 5 feet)	\$50.00
31-20	No person will:	
	(a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not:	
	(1) Impeding traffic	\$50.00
	(2) On a sidewalk	\$50.00
	(3) Within an intersection	\$50.00
	(4) On a crosswalk	\$50.00
	(5) Alongside street repair	\$50.00
	(6) On bridge/ in tunnel	\$50.00
	(7) On any highway ramp	\$50.00
	(8) Official school board/Montgomery College sign	\$50.00
	(9) Rush hour restriction	\$50.00
	(10) Behind Official sign in Right-of-Way	\$50.00
	(b) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger:	
	(1) within 15 feet of fire hydrant	\$50.00
	(2) within 20 feet of painted crosswalk	\$50.00
	(3) within 30 feet of traffic control signal/device	\$50.00
	(4) at a firehouse entrance clearance	\$50.00
	(5) at a No Standing sign	\$50.00
	(6) double parking	\$50.00
	(7) at a posted/marked fire lane	\$250.00
	(8) in front of theaters, posted	\$50.00
	(9) more than 12 inches from curb	\$50.00
	(10) opposite the flow of traffic	\$50.00
	(11) blocking another vehicle	\$50.00
	(12) not within designated parking space	\$50.00
	(13) at a posted bus stop	\$50.00
	(14) at a posted taxi stand	\$50.00
	(15) in a handicapped parking space	\$250.00

(c) Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passenger:

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| (1) | within 50 feet of a railroad crossing | \$50.00 |
| (2) | at an official No Parking sign | \$50.00 |

C. Off-street public parking regulations

31-26	(a) No person shall park a vehicle on a public parking facility:	
	(1) in violation of an official sign	\$50.00
	(2) in a No Parking zone	\$50.00
	(3) not within a designated parking space	\$50.00
	(4) in or on driving aisle/driveway/signwalks	\$50.00
	(5) at a bagged meter/temporary sign/barricade	\$50.00
	(6) blocking another vehicle	\$50.00
	(7) over 24 hours where not authorized	\$50.00
	(8) vehicle unregistered/inoperative	\$50.00
	(9) in violation, front-in-only, posted	\$50.00
	(10) straddling marked parking spaces	\$50.00
	(11) unattended/running	\$50.00
	(12) impeding traffic	\$50.00
31-27	(b) Prohibited vehicle/weight/size/type	\$50.00
31-30(c)	(c) Snow/ice emergency	\$50.00

D. Parking meters generally

31-35	Expired parking meter	\$35.00
31-36	Overtime parking at parking meter	\$40.00
31-37	More than 3 feet from parking meter	\$35.00
31-38	More than 1 vehicle in parking space except motorcycles	\$35.00

E. Administration, enforcement, penalties, and collection

31-62 (c)	Impoundment or immobilization fee	\$115.00
31-52 (e)	Fee for withholding the registration of a vehicle	\$10.00
31-57(a)	First late penalty for failure to fully pay fine or appeal citation within 15 days	\$25.00
31-59	Second late penalty for failure to fully pay the original fine and penalties within 45 days of the original issuance of the citation	\$25.00

F. Residential Parking Permits

31-48(h)	Biennial fee	\$35.00
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IV. Transportation Management District (TMD) annual fees

In this section Gross Floor Area (GFA) is defined as described in Section 52-47 of the County Code.

A. Bethesda Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA

B. Friendship Heights Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA

C. North Bethesda Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA

D. Silver Spring Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA

* Between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.