

MEMORANDUM

March 25, 2011

TO: County Council
FROM: Glenn Orlin, ^{GO}Deputy Council Staff Director
SUBJECT: **Introduction**—resolution to approve FY12 transportation fees, charges, and fares

According to Section 2-57A of the Montgomery County Code, 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 16-1410 adopted on June 22, 2010 and approved by the Executive on June 23, 2010.

On March 15, 2011 the Executive submitted his FY12 Operating Budget predicated on increasing the following (see ©1):

- raising the cost of the monthly Ride On pass from \$30 to \$45;
- in the Bethesda Parking Lot District (PLD), raising the fee for long-term parking from \$0.65/hour to \$0.75/hour, the monthly pass from \$120 to \$140, and associated daily and carpool passes;
- in the Bethesda PLD, expanding the parking charge hours to Saturdays from 7 am to 10 pm in lots and garages; and
- in the Silver Spring PLD, raising the fee for long-term parking from \$0.50/hour to \$0.60/hour, the monthly pass from \$95 to \$113, and associated daily and carpool passes.

On March 23, 2011 the Executive forwarded an additional recommendation to charge a fee of 10¢/square foot of gross floor area for commercial space in the unincorporated area of the Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District in order to begin the operation of that TMD in FY12. The new fee would raise an estimated \$100,000 in FY12 (©2-3).

In addition, some Councilmembers wish to solicit for public comment the potential, in areas outside of PLDs, to raise the fee for long-term parking from \$0.50/hour to \$0.60/hour, and for the monthly pass from \$95 to \$113: the same increases as the Executive is proposing for the Silver Spring PLD. Traditionally the parking fees in areas outside of PLDs have tracked with those in the Silver Spring PLD.

All these potential changes, which would go into effect on July 1, 2011, appear in Table 1 of the attached draft resolution (©4-11). The Council will hold a public hearing on these potential changes on Thursday, April 26, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Council Office Building's 3rd Floor Hearing Room. The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (T&E) Committee will review these potential changes; its worksession is tentatively scheduled for April 28. Council action will take place in May.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2011

TO: Valerie Ervin, President, County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Resolution on Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

Attached please find a revised resolution regarding parking fees and transit fares as proposed in my Fiscal Year 2012 Recommended Operating Budget. I recommend approval of this resolution. There are three changes in fees and fares in this resolution.

The first change will raise the long-term parking rates in both Bethesda and Silver Spring by 10 cents. This proposal is estimated to generate \$700,000 annually in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District (PLD) and \$650,000 annually in the Bethesda PLD.

The second change will allow the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to charge for parking in lots and garages in Bethesda on Saturdays. Currently MCDOT already charges for parking on-street on Saturdays. This proposal is estimated to generate an additional \$700,000 annually.

The third change in this resolution is an increase in the Ride On Monthly Pass from \$30.00 to \$45.00. The current Monthly Pass rate is deeply discounted, 50 percent from the SmartTrip daily rate assuming 20 round trips per month, to encourage the regular rider to continue using Ride On. The revised rate will still provide a 25 percent discount and is still much less expensive than the MetroBus Weekly Pass, which costs \$15. This proposal is estimated to generate \$598,630 annually.

Please contact Arthur Holmes, Jr., Director, Department of Transportation at 240-777-7167 if you have any questions.

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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2011

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TO: Valerie Ervin, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Modified Resolution on Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

I previously submitted a resolution that reflected changes in Ride On Fares and parking rates as part of my Fiscal Year 2012 Recommended Budget. Please find attached a modified resolution on transportation fees, charges, and fares. This modification would provide for TMD fees in the Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District (GSG TMD) by adding that TMD to the proposed resolution. Fees would be applied in the GSG TMD on the same terms as those in other TMDs and would be set at the same rate as proposed for all other TMDs, \$.10 per square foot of commercial development. Implementation of TMD fees in the GSG TMD will provide a dedicated funding stream to enable the TMD to become fully operational during FY12, as required for implementation of Stage 1 of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan.

The revenue from this fee is currently estimated at \$100,000 in FY12. My April budget amendment will include appropriation to expend the revenues generated.

The GSG TMD was established by County Council by Resolution 15-1432, adopted May 2, 2006. Although that resolution included authority to collect TMD fees, fees for this area have not been included in the annual resolution adopting fees for each of the other TMDs. Consequently, no dedicated funding has been available to help implement this TMD.

Last May, County Council adopted the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan, which provides for a wide range of life sciences and related mixed use development. Before Stage I of that plan can be implemented the GSG TMD is required to be funded and operating. Developments located in the GSG TMD have been approved prior to Stage I with the assumption TMD programs and services will be available to assist them in achieving the traffic mitigation goals for this area. While the Department of Transportation has been providing some services to developments and employers in the GSG TMD area as part of its Commuter Services operations, these efforts have been limited by constraints in staffing and operating budget. Adoption of TMD fees would provide a dedicated revenue stream to undertake a consistent, targeted effort in this TMD.

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Portions of the municipalities of Rockville and Gaithersburg are included within the boundaries of the GSG TMD. The resolution establishing the GSG TMD expressed the intent that it be multi-jurisdictional. I am inviting the municipalities to coordinate with the County on funding and implementation of this TMD to support provision of services to developments located within their boundaries. However, additional work will be necessary to bring that coordination to fruition, and I do not believe we should delay implementation as that effort proceeds.

The proposed modified resolution would establish TMD fees on commercial development within the unincorporated portions of the GSG TMD. TMD programs and services initially would be provided by the TMD only to developments within those unincorporated areas. Once agreements have been reached with the municipalities of Rockville and/or Gaithersburg regarding funding and provision of programs and services for developments within their boundaries, expansion of GSG TMD activities to include those areas can occur.

It is important that the GSG TMD be implemented in an expeditious manner, especially in view of the ambitious non-auto mode share goals established for that area and the important role the TMD's success plays in staging of development under the adopted Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan, including the Life Sciences Center. Providing a dedicated funding stream will enable resources to be dedicated to the GSG TMD so that assistance can be provided both to new and existing developments in that area. I urge County Council to adopt the proposed modified resolution.

My staff will be available to assist in any way needed as the Council and its staff consider this proposal.

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Attachment

cc: Councilmembers
Arthur Holmes, Jr., Director

Resolution: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting transportation fees, charges, and fares

Background

1. According to Section 2-57A of the Montgomery County Code, 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 16-1410 adopted on June 22, 2010 and approved by the Executive on June 23, 2010.
3. As part of the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2012 Recommended Operating Budget the cost of the Ride On Monthly Pass will increase from \$30.00 to \$45.00.
4. Included in the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2012 Recommended Operating Budget is an increase in the long-term parking rates in Bethesda from \$.65 to \$.75/hour, and in Silver Spring from \$.50 to \$.60/hour, with corresponding increases in the monthly Parking Convenience Sticker, Daily Parking Permit and Carpool Permits. This budget also assumes parking enforcement hours in Bethesda garages and lots expanding to Saturdays from 7am to 10pm.
5. On March 23, 2011 the County Executive recommended charging a fee of 10¢/square foot of gross floor area for commercial space in the unincorporated area of the Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District in order to begin the operation of that TMD in FY12.
6. The Council is soliciting for public comment an increase to the long-term parking rate in areas outside Parking Lot Districts from \$.50 to \$.60/hour, with a corresponding increase in the monthly Parking Convenience Sticker.
7. A public hearing on this resolution will be advertised and held.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 16-1410 are amended as described in Table 1, attached. The amendments increase the Ride On Monthly Pass, increase long-term parking rates in Bethesda, Silver Spring, and areas outside of Parking Lot Districts, expand parking enforcement in Bethesda lots and garages to Saturdays, and established fees for the Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District. These changes will go into effect July 1, 2011.

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	\$1.70
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$1.50
Route 70 cash fare or token	\$3.85
Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip	\$3.65
Bethesda 8 [(Route 92)] and VanGo (Route 28) shuttles	Free
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Give and Ride Program	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	\$1.00
Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer	\$3.15
Local bus-to-Route 70 transfer	\$2.15
Metrobus weekly pass	Free
MARC weekly and monthly passes	Free
MTA Commuter Bus Pass	Free
Ride On Monthly Pass	[\$30.00] <u>\$45.00</u>
Boarding Route 70 with weekly or monthly pass	\$2.15
Youth Cruiser pass	\$11.00 Per Month
Summer Youth Cruiser pass (for 3-month period of June, July, and August)	\$18.00
‘C’ Pass (for current County employees)	Free
‘U’ Pass (for Montgomery College fee-paying students)	Free
Senior* with identification card from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays	Free
Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays	
with cash fare or token	\$0.85
with SmarTrip card	\$0.75
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	\$0.25
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Senior* with identification card for Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays	
with cash fare or token	\$1.90
with SmarTrip card	\$1.80
Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.30
Local bus-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.05
Boarding with weekly or monthly pass	\$1.05

* For the purposes of this resolution, a person with disabilities not certified for MetroAccess service is treated the same as a senior.

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 and garages from 7 am to 10 pm, Monday through [Friday] Saturday [, 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~~] \$0.75 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~~] \$140.00 Per Month
 - Daily Parking Permit [~~\$10.50~~] \$11.25 Per Day
 - “AM/PM” Parking Permit \$20.00 Per Month
 - b. Carpool Permits
 - 2 Persons [~~\$90.00~~] \$100.00 Per Month
 - 3 and 4 Persons [~~\$50.00~~] \$55.00 Per Month
 - 5 or More Persons [~~\$13.00~~] \$14.00 Per Month
 - c. Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month

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~~] \$0.60 Per Hour
2. Special Permits
 - a. Parking permits
 - Parking Convenience Sticker [~~\$95.00~~] \$113.00 Per Month
 - Daily Parking Permit [~~\$6.00~~] \$7.20 Per Day
 - “AM/PM” Parking Permit \$20.00 Per Month
 - b. Carpool Permits
 - 2 Persons [~~\$65.00~~] \$80.00 Per Month
 - 3 and 4 Persons [~~\$35.00~~] \$45.00 Per Month
 - 5 or More Persons [~~\$5.00~~] \$10.00 Per Month
 - c. Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month
3. Garages 60 and 61
 - Monthly Permit \$0.75 Per Hour
\$140.00 Per Month

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~~] \$0.60 Per Hour
- 2. Special Permits
 - Parking Convenience Sticker [~~\$95.00~~] \$113.00 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	\$85.00
31-7	Unregistered vehicle/parking prohibited	\$60.00
31-8	Impeding traffic, threaten public safety	\$60.00

B. Parking regulations generally – on-street

31-11(b)	Emergency/Temporary no parking sign	\$60.00
31-12	Violation of official sign (except residential permit parking)	\$60.00
31-12	Residential permit parking violation	\$50.00
31-13	Parking of vehicle – snow accumulation	\$60.00
31-14	Parking of heavy commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, or buses	\$75.00
31-16	Over 24 hours	\$60.00
31-17	Within 35 feet of intersection	\$60.00
31-18	Posted time limit	\$60.00
31-19	Obstructing driveways (within 5 feet)	\$60.00
31-20	No person will:	
	(a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not:	
	(1) Impeding traffic	\$60.00
	(2) On a sidewalk	\$60.00
	(3) Within an intersection	\$60.00
	(4) On a crosswalk	\$60.00
	(5) Alongside street repair	\$60.00
	(6) On bridge/ in tunnel	\$60.00
	(7) On any highway ramp	\$60.00
	(8) Official school board/Montgomery College sign	\$60.00
	(9) Rush hour restriction	\$60.00
	(10) Behind Official sign in Right-of-Way	\$60.00
	(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	\$60.00
	(2) within 20 feet of painted crosswalk	\$60.00
	(3) within 30 feet of traffic control signal/device	\$60.00
	(4) at a firehouse entrance clearance	\$60.00
	(5) at a No Standing sign	\$60.00
	(6) double parking	\$60.00
	(7) at a posted/marked fire lane	\$250.00
	(8) in front of theaters, posted	\$60.00
	(9) more than 12 inches from curb	\$60.00
	(10) opposite the flow of traffic	\$60.00
	(11) blocking another vehicle	\$60.00
	(12) not within designated parking space	\$60.00
	(13) at a posted bus stop	\$60.00
	(14) at a posted taxi stand	\$60.00
	(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 | \$60.00 |
| (2) | at an official No Parking sign | \$60.00 |

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	\$60.00
	(2) in a No Parking zone	\$60.00
	(3) not within a designated parking space	\$60.00
	(4) in or on driving aisle/driveway/signwalks	\$60.00
	(5) at a bagged meter/temporary sign/barricade	\$60.00
	(6) blocking another vehicle	\$60.00
	(7) over 24 hours where not authorized	\$60.00
	(8) vehicle unregistered/inoperative	\$60.00
	(9) in violation, front-in-only, posted	\$60.00
	(10) straddling marked parking spaces	\$60.00
	(11) unattended/running	\$60.00
	(12) impeding traffic	\$60.00
31-27	(b) Prohibited vehicle/weight/size/type	\$60.00
31-30(c)	(c) Snow/ice emergency	\$60.00

D. Parking meters generally

31-35	Expired parking meter	\$45.00
31-36	Overtime parking at parking meter	\$50.00
31-37	More than 3 feet from parking meter	\$45.00
31-38	More than 1 vehicle in parking space except motorcycles	\$45.00

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

E. Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District

<u>Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2011 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval</u>	<u>\$0.10/square foot GFA</u>
<u>Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2011*</u>	<u>\$0.10/square foot GFA</u>

* Between July 1, [2010] 2011 and June 30, [2011] 2012, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.