

County Council Approves Change to Ride On Fares

For Immediate Release:

To keep Ride On bus fares consistent with rates approved by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Montgomery County Council approved the following transit rate changes that begin June 25, 2017. The new fares are shown below.

- Ride On fare paid with SmarTrip® Card, cash or token - \$2.00
- Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer with SmarTrip® Card - \$1.50
- Route 70 bus fare paid with SmarTrip® Card, cash, or token - \$4.25
- Metrorail-to-Route 70 bus transfer with SmarTrip® Card - \$3.75
- Senior* with identification card (except from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and Saturday, when free)
 - with SmarTrip® Card, cash fare or token - \$1.00
 - Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip® only) - \$0.50
 - Local bus transfer within 2 hours of initial trip (SmarTrip® Card only) - Free (no change)
- Senior* with identification card for express Route 70 (except from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, when free)
 - with SmarTrip® Card, cash fare or token - \$2.10
 - Metrorail to Route 70 bus with SmarTrip® Card - \$1.60
 - Local bus to Route 70 bus with SmarTrip® Card - \$1.10
 - Boarding with weekly or monthly pass with SmarTrip® Card - \$1.10

Ride On's Monthly pass, which allows for unlimited rides during the month, remains unchanged and is a bargain at only \$45.

Also, a real value for those 18 and younger is the Summer Youth Cruiser pass, good for unlimited rides on Ride On buses from June 1 – August 31 for \$18.

Other rates that will remain the same:

- Kids Ride Free Program 2 to 8 p.m. weekdays – Free
- VanGo Route 28 and Route 94 MARC shuttles - Free
- Local bus-to-Route 70 bus transfer with SmarTrip® Card - \$2.25

- Boarding Route 70 with weekly or monthly pass - \$2.25
- 'U' Pass (for Montgomery College students who pay the transportation fee) - Free
except for express bus Route 70 - \$2.25
- MetroAccess Certified and/or Conditional Customer with identification card - Free
- MetroAccess companion of Certified and/or Conditional customer with identification card - Free
- Children under age 5 (Limit two per paying passenger) - Free
- Local bus to bus transfer (SmarTrip Card only, see transfer rules) - Free
- Metrobus regional weekly pass accepted on board - Free (The cost of the pass is unchanged at \$17.50)
- MARC weekly, monthly, TLC passes transfer to Ride On - Free
- MTA Commuter Bus Pass transfer to Ride On - Free
- Youth Cruiser Pass - \$11 per month
- Youth Cruiser SmarTrip® Card (one-time fee) - \$2.00
- 'C' Pass (for current County employees) - Free
- Senior* with identification card from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and Saturday- Free

Beginning Saturday, September 2, 2017, the hours for Seniors Ride Free* are Monday through Friday 9:30 am – 3:00 pm and Saturday 8:30-4:00 pm

* With identification card. Also, includes persons with disabilities who have identification cards.

For more information on Ride On, go to www.rideonbus.com, call MC311 by dialing 311 from within the County, 240-777-0311 from outside the County, or use the MC311 website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311.