

Ride On User Guide



Transit Services

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WELCOME ABOARD

About The Division of Transit Services

The Division of Transit Services accomplishes an essential mobility mission of Montgomery County by connecting people, communities, workplaces, educational institutions, recreational opportunities and many other essential destinations. To the extent that transit reduces the number of vehicles on the roads in Montgomery County, especially during the rush periods, transit increases the efficiency of the infrastructure. Moreover, transit plays a key role in the viability of the local economy and in the livability of our neighborhoods.

RIDING THE BUS

For your comfort and safety:

- Have your fare ready when boarding the bus and understand how to insert the fare correctly.
- Move to the rear of the bus so others may board quickly.
- Allow seniors and disabled persons to occupy priority seating.
- Please do not occupy more than one seat when others need seating.
- Close strollers and have children seated for their own safety.
- Refrain from smoking, eating, drinking, or spitting.
- Use headphones at low volume when playing audio devices.
- Stay behind the safety line on the bus when you are standing (Federal Law).
- Allow the operator to drive the bus safely by not speaking with the operator while the bus is moving.
- As a courtesy, exit from the rear and hold the rear door open for the person behind you when exiting.

ACCESSIBILITY

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and directives from the Federal Transit Administration, Ride On will make every effort, to the maximum extent feasible, to ensure that a person with a disability has access to, and benefits from, its services. All buses are low floor and accessible.

FARES

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| Description | FEE |
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| Regular Fare, Token, or SmarTrip® | \$2.00 |
| Seniors age 65 years or older with valid Metro Senior ID Card <u>or</u> with valid Medicare Card and Photo ID <u>from 9:30AM - 3PM Monday - Friday</u> <u>and 8:30AM - 4PM Saturday</u> | FREE |
| Person with disability with Metro Disabled Identification Card <u>from 9:30AM - 3PM Monday - Friday and 8:30AM - 4PM Saturday</u> Person with disability with Metro Disability ID Card - Attendant Eligible Attendant rides half fare or free depending on time | FREE |
| Seniors and persons with disability with valid ID except during free periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior/Disabled SmarTrip® or Cash \$1.00 • Senior/Disabled SmarTrip® Transfer from Metrorail \$.50 | |
| Seniors and persons with disability Express Fares (Route 70) except during free periods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior/Disabled SmarTrip® or Cash \$2.10 • Senior/Disabled SmarTrip® Transfer from Metrorail \$1.60 • Senior/Disabled SmarTrip® Transfer from local bus \$1.10 • Senior/Disabled Boarding with Weekly Pass – Additional Paid with cash \$1.10 | |
| MetroAccess Certified Customer with ID <i>MetroAccess - Companion</i> | FREE |
| Kids Ride Free with ID <u>from 2:00PM-8:00PM Monday-Friday</u> | FREE |
| Kids Ride Free with ID - Express Route 70 | FREE |
| Children under age 5 Limit 2 children per paying passenger | FREE |
| Local Bus Transfer with SmarTrip® | FREE |
| Metrorail-to-Ride On Bus Transfer | \$1.50 (see "TRANSFERS" section for more information) |
| Express Fare - Route 70 SmarTrip® or Cash | \$4.25 |
| Express Fare - Transferring to Route 70 from Metrorail with SmarTrip® | \$3.75 |
| Express Fare - Boarding Route 70 with 7-Day Regional Bus Pass, Ride On monthly pass, or TLC pass need to pay additional cash | \$2.25 |
| Express Fare - Route 70 Transferring from local bus to Route 70 with SmarTrip® | \$2.25 |
| Ride On Monthly Pass | \$45.00 |
| Monthly Youth Pass | \$11.00 |
| Summer Youth Pass (June - July - August) must be purchased annually | \$18.00 |
| VanGo Shuttle -Route 28 - Downtown Silver Spring | FREE |

TRIP PLANNING RESOURCES

Montgomery County Ride On is pleased to announce the availability of the following online trip planning tools. These tools make it easy to plan your trip while at home, work, or on the go. Please note that these tools are constantly being improved and may not always provide the best solution for your trip. You may prefer to contact the MC311 Information Center for trip planning assistance by dialing 311 within Montgomery County or 240-777-0311 from outside the County.

- **Google Maps** - <https://www.google.com/maps/>
- **Metro's Trip Planner** - <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/>

Please note that when snow, storms or other special circumstances occur that affect Ride On's ability to follow normal weekday schedules, bus service may operate under the '[S](#)' [Service Plan](#), '[S](#)' [Service Plan](#) - (Spanish version).

SYSTEM MAP

Please visit www.RideOnBus.com - "Trip Planning" page to view Ride On's electronic version of the system map.

For a list of Ride On Routes/Schedules and how to read the schedules please visit www.RideOnBus.com - "Ride On Schedules" page.

SmarTrip® Card

The SmarTrip® card works on Ride On! SmarTrip® is a permanent, rechargeable fare card. It's plastic like a credit card and embedded with a special computer chip that keeps track of the value of the card.

This convenient electronic card makes travel on transit in the region seamless and saves you money. With SmarTrip®, travelers can pay for Metrorail, Metrobus, Ride On and parking at Metro stations, all with the convenient touch of a card. Customers can check balances and add money to the card on buses as well as at Metro stations.



SmarTrip® Card (cont'd)

Points to Remember:

- SmarTrip® card is rechargeable and can hold up to \$300.
- Add selected bus and rail passes to your SmarTrip® card online. The card can hold up to two passes at once.
- For customer service, call 1-888-SMARTRIP (762-7874) or email smartrip@wmata.com. Cards must be registered for customer service assistance.

Adding value to your card:

- Use a Farecard or Pass machine in a Metrorail station, Ticket Vending Machine in a MTA Metro Subway, a **bus farebox**, or at a participating retail outlet (find locations at wmata.com).

Adding value using a Farecard or Pass machine:

- Touch your card to the target and follow the prompts
- Insert money or a farecard (with a value of \$20 or less). You may also use a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, JCB or ATM card (each transaction must be done separately).
- Press the plus (+) or minus (-) button until the amount displayed is the new value you want your card to have. If adding value with a farecard, the added value cannot be less than the trade-in value of the farecard.
- Touch your card to the target a final time. This updates the card and shows the new balance.



You can also add a 1-Day or 7-Day Metrorail pass at the farecards and passes machine.

Paying your fare with your SmarTrip® Card:

- Touch your card to the target on the top of a Metrorail faregate and a **bus farebox**, and the top of a Metrorail station parking entrance/exit machine.
- The correct fare is automatically deducted from SmartBenefits, stored value or the ride is verified for a pass product transaction.
- A minimum fare of \$2.00 (\$1.00 for senior/disabled) is required for entry into the Metrorail system.

NOTE: Manage your account online at smartrip.com.

TRANSFERS

- Ride On no longer issues or accepts paper transfers.
- You must use a SmarTrip® card to get free transfers from bus-to-bus, including Metrobus or Ride On.
- The time limit for transferring between buses is 2 hours.
- SmarTrip® users receive a \$.50 discount on their rail fare when transferring from Ride On to Metrorail.
- SmarTrip® users receive a \$.50 discount transferring from Metrorail trains to Ride On. This means that the bus fare for SmarTrip users will be \$1.50 after riding the train.

Using a SmarTrip® card has many benefits:

- Saves you \$1.00 roundtrip when you use bus and Metrorail
- You can recover the balance of your money if your SmarTrip® is lost or stolen. You must register your card ahead of time to take advantage of this.

Express Route 70:

- An express fare is charged on the Route 70.
 - Express Fare - Route 70 - SmarTrip® or Cash = \$4.25.
 - Riders with SmarTrip® will get free transfers to other local routes and a \$.50 discount going to or coming from Metrorail. Riders transferring from a local regular route to an Express will have the difference of \$2.25 automatically deducted from their SmarTrip® card.
- Ride On's Monthly Pass, Metro's Weekly Pass, or TLC will be good for \$2.00 credit toward an express fare.

TITLE VI

Montgomery County assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1987, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity. For more information please visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/titlevi.html>.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS & COMPLAINTS

To make a MCDOT service request, compliment or complaint, call 311. When dialing outside of the county, call 240-777-0311 or submit via MC311's website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mc311/>

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