

Public Hearing

Hearings will be held on proposed changes in fares and crossing charges, levels of service and partial or complete closings of subway stations or of means of public access to stations. Proposed changes are summarized below and pertain, as applicable, to MTA New York City Transit (NYCT), the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MaBSTOA), MTA Staten Island Railway (SIR), MTA Long Island Rail Road (LIRR), MTA Metro-North Railroad (MNR), MTA Bridges and Tunnels (B&T), MTA Long Island Bus (LI Bus) and MTA Bus.

Space limitations prevent newspaper publication of each proposed new fare or crossing charge and of details of proposed changes at stations or in level of service. For more complete descriptions of these potential changes, please consult information posted at MTA stations and on the MTA website, www.mta.info or call 212-878-7483. Please note: other service adjustments and cost-reduction steps are under consideration that may also affect operation of subway, bus and rail lines, bridges and tunnels, staffing of stations and general provision of service. Although these possible changes do not require public hearing, they are described in informational material available on the MTA website.

Proposed Changes in Fares and Crossing Charges

A variety of increases in fares, crossing charges, and/or other modifications in fare structure are proposed in order to achieve a projected revenue increase from MTA-system fares and crossing charges of up to 23%, plus additional revenue increases associated with changes in paratransit and LI Bus fares. The size of individual proposed adjustments may vary substantially; increases to particular fares or crossing charges may be greater or less than 23%. Following hearings, one or more of these proposed changes could be adopted:

- **NYCT, MaBSTOA, MTA Bus, SIR:** Increase subway, local bus and SIR base fare to as much as \$3 for cash fare on buses, single-ride ticket and/or Pay-Per-Ride MetroCard; as an alternative for Pay-Per-Ride MetroCard, establish separate fare in amount not to exceed \$2.50 per ride. Increase express bus fare to as much as \$6.25. Increase minimum purchase for new Pay-Per-Ride MetroCard to amount not to exceed \$6. Increase threshold purchase amount for bonus-eligible MetroCard purchases from \$7 to amount not greater than \$12.50. Adjust bonus on eligible MetroCard purchases to as high as 35% or as low as 0% of purchase amount. Increase the price of Unlimited Ride MetroCards to as much as \$9.50 for a 1-day card, \$32 for a 7-day card, \$60 for a 14-day card and \$105 for a 30-day card. Increase the price of the 7-day Express Bus MetroCard to as much as \$51. Discount policies remain unchanged for senior citizen/student reduced fares except for the following proposed changes: (i) eliminate student reduced fare on all MTA Bus express bus service and (ii) change MTA Bus off-peak eligibility period for discounted fares for senior citizens and disabled customers on Northeast Bronx express routes (BxM6, 7, 7A, 7B, 9, 10) to begin at 10 am (instead of 9 am) on weekdays, to be consistent with all other MTA Bus and NYCT express service. Increase fare for NYCT paratransit service (Access-a-Ride) to as much as \$6 per trip. Implement fare collection at SIR Tompkinsville station.
- **LI Bus:** Increase local bus base fare to as much as \$3.50 for cash fare on buses, single-ride tickets and/or Pay-Per-Ride MetroCard; as an alternative for Pay-Per-Ride MetroCard, establish separate fare in amount not to exceed \$3.25 per ride. Increase LI Bus paratransit service (Able-Ride) to as much as \$7 per trip. Increase price of LI Bus Able-Ride 20-Trip Ticket book to as much as \$140. Accept magnetic stripe paper transfers for bus-to-bus transfers between all LI Buses and NYCT/MTA Buses. Eliminate 25 cent transfer charge for cash fares. Eliminate acceptance of Unlimited Ride MetroCards for travel on LI Bus or implement new NYCT Unlimited Ride MetroCard prices as proposed above. Implement same NYCT bonus policies as proposed above. Implement charge for transfer to LI Bus from another transit system in an amount up to the fare differential, if any. Align age for senior discount with standard age 65 eligibility used by NYC transit services. Other discount policies remain unchanged (e.g., student discounts).
- **LIRR and MNR:** Increase prices from 0 to 29% for all ticket types, except as noted. Increase one-way, round-trip and ten-trip fares between MNR East of Hudson intermediate stations from 0 to 33%, subject to a cap no greater than 50 cents per ride if the increase is in excess of 29%. Increase all MNR West of Hudson fares from 0 to 33%, subject to a cap no greater than 50 cents per ride if the increase is in excess of 29%; except that some fares for travel between MNR West of Hudson stations and intermediate New Jersey Transit (NJT) stations (i.e. NJT stations other than Hoboken, Penn Station NY and Secaucus Junction) may increase by as much as 75%. Increases for certain MNR New Haven Line stations may be implemented in two stages. Reduce Mail & Ride fare discount on joint monthly commutation/monthly Unlimited Ride MetroCard to no less than 4%. Increase CityTicket price for one-way weekend travel within NYC by as much as 75 cents. Increase connecting Hudson Rail Link, Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry and Newburgh-Beacon Ferry one-way fares by as much as \$1. Increase weekly UniTicket fare by as much as \$2.50 and monthly UniTicket fare by as much as \$8 for connecting local NYC bus service (including Hudson Rail Link). Increase weekly UniTicket fare by as much as \$2.50 and monthly UniTicket fare by as much as \$10 for connecting MNR ferries. Increase weekly UniTicket fare by as much as \$7.25 and monthly UniTicket fare by as much as \$26 for connecting LI Bus service. Eliminate monthly UniTicket for X25 service or increase price by as much as \$63. Increase family fare paid at station by as much as 25 cents and on-board family fare by as much as \$1. Increase on-board one-way fare differential to as much as \$6.50. Other discount calculations continue to apply (e.g., senior citizen/disabled persons/child fare discounts). Rates for travel to/from or within CT are under review by State of Connecticut (but reduction in discount on joint MetroCard ticket noted above will apply).
- **B&T:** Increase crossing charges to as much as \$7 in each direction for passenger vehicles, or as much as \$14 where crossing charges for passenger vehicles are collected in one direction only. Additional charges will apply to crossing charges for other vehicle types. Consider reduction or elimination of E-ZPass discounts for accounts managed outside of New York Customer Service Center. Eliminate Rockaway/Broad Channel residents' rebate program.

Proposed Changes in Level of Service

Following hearings, one or more of the following proposed changes in level of service could be implemented:

- **MTA Subways:** Terminate **G** at Court Square at all times. Operate **N** via Manhattan Bridge late nights. Eliminate **V**, extend **C** to Astoria during the hours the **V** operates, and operate **N** local in Manhattan north of Canal St. Eliminate **M** between Broad St and Bay Pkwy, eliminate **Z** and **Z** skip-stop service, and operate **J** trains local between Jamaica Center and Myrtle Ave.
- **MTA Bus Services** (routes may appear in more than one of the categories described below):
 - **Manhattan:** Eliminate all service on M6, 8, 10, 18, 27, 30 and X25. Eliminate weekend service on M21, 22 and 50. Eliminate overnight service on M1, 2, 16, 22, 23, 42, 50, 66, 79, 96, 102, 103 and 104. Reduce operating hours on M11, 20, 21, 100 and 116. Reroute or eliminate portion of M1 (weekends only), M9, 15, 21 and 104.
 - **Brooklyn:** Eliminate all service on the B23, 25, 37, 39, 51 and 75. Eliminate weekend service on B2, 4, 7, 16, 24, 48, 57, 65, 69, 71, X27 and X28. Eliminate overnight service on B7, 14, 31, 45, 48, 57, 64, 65, 67 and 77. Reduce operating hours on B2, 4, 9, 11, 13, 16, 69, 70 and 71. Eliminate portion of B13 route.
- **Bronx:** Eliminate all service on Bx4, 14, 20, 34, BxM7B and the Barretto Park Pool Shuttle. Eliminate weekend service on Bx8 (Sun only), 18, 30 and 33. Eliminate overnight service on Bx10. Reduce operating hours on Bx33. Reroute or eliminate portion of Bx26, 28 and 30.
- **Queens:** Eliminate all service on Q26, 56, 74, 75, 84, QM22, QM23 and X32. Eliminate weekend service on Q14, 31, 76 and 79. Eliminate overnight service on Q30. Reduce operating hours on Q42, 48 and 79. Eliminate portion of Q24 route.
- **Staten Island:** Eliminate weekend service on S42, 54, 57, 60, and 76. Reduce operating hours of weekday service on S54, 57, 60 and 66.
- **Nassau County:** Eliminate all service on N51, 53, 65, 66, 67, 80, 87 and 93. Discontinue weekday peak period N2 extension to Jamaica.
- **LIRR:** Eliminate weekend service on West Hempstead branch. Reduce weekday off-peak and weekend service on the Port Washington branch from half-hourly to hourly. Eliminate service to Belmont station except for day of the Belmont Stakes.

Proposed Changes at Subway Stations

Proposed subway station changes under consideration: elimination or reduction in the hours of 42 subway station booths; late night closing of 4 stations and certain entrances at 3 other stations in association with the re-routing of late night **N** service; discontinuation of staffing of Station Customer Assistants at 158 locations. See listing and illustrations of affected stations at www.mta.info or call 212-878-7483.

Time and Place of Hearings

(All hearings begin at 6 p.m. Registration closes at 9 p.m.)

Wed Jan 14, 2009

Hilton NY, Trionon Ballroom
1335 Ave of the Americas, Manhattan
Directions: **E** **V** to 5 Av/53 St; **B** **D** **F** **V** to 47 - 50th Sts/ Rockefeller Ctr.; M5, 6, 7

Tues Jan 20, 2009

Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel
Phoenix Ballroom, 135-20 39th Ave, Flushing, Queens
Directions: **7** to Flushing-Main St;
Q12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20A, 20B, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 44, 48, 58, 65, 66, QBx1, N20 or 21;
LIRR to Flushing-Main St.

Wed Jan 21, 2009

The Garden City Hotel, The Grand Ballroom
45 Seventh St, Garden City
Directions: LIRR to Garden City; LIRR to Mineola, then N40/41 (SB); LIRR to Freeport, then N40/41 (NB)

Mon Jan 26, 2009

College of Staten Island
CSI Center for the Arts, Springer Concert Hall
2800 Victory Blvd, Staten Island
Directions: X10 and 11; S62, 92, 53 (transfer to S62 or 92 at Victory Blvd and Clove Rd), or S93.
Shuttle Bus will be provided between College of Staten Island bus stop and Springer Concert Hall

Wed Jan 28, 2009

Westchester County Center
Rooms A - C, 198 Central Ave, White Plains
Directions: MNR to White Plains, then any of these Bee-Line buses: 1W, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 20, 40

Wed Jan 28, 2009

NY Marriott at the Bklyn Bridge
333 Adams St, Brooklyn
Directions: **A** **C** **F** to Jay St-Borough Hall, **M** **R** to Lawrence St, or **2** **3** **4** **5** to Borough Hall; B25, 26, 37, 38, 41, 45, 51, 52, 54, 57, 61, 65, 67, 75 or 103

Mon Feb 2, 2009

Palisades Center, Raso Community Room
1000 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack
Directions: MNR to Tarrytown, then Tappan ZExpress Bus to Palisades Center; Community Center is next to ice rink.

Wed Feb 4, 2009

Lehman College, CUNY, Lovinger Theatre
250 Bedford Park Blvd West, Bronx
Directions: **4** to Bedford Park Blvd - Lehman College or **B** **D** to Bedford Park Blvd; Bx2, 10, 22, 28; BxM4A, 4B

Registration to speak will be open until 9 p.m. on the dates of the hearings. Oral testimony is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. To register to speak in advance of the hearings, for more information, or to comment in writing contact Douglas Sussman, Dir, MTA Community Affairs, 347 Madison Ave, NY, NY 10017, (212) 878-7483. Additional information can be found at www.mta.info. Comments may also be made on the MTA website. In accordance with applicable legal requirements notices are being posted at appropriate locations throughout the MTA system with respect to the proposals under consideration. All public hearing locations are accessible to the mobility impaired. Interpreter services will be available for the hearing impaired.

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