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AGENDA ITEM #12
April 21, 2020
Public Hearing

SUBJECT

Resolution to approve FY21 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Action is scheduled for early May, 2020.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

This resolution sets the fees, charges, fines, and fares for transit and parking services under the responsibility of the County Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

The Executive proposes to increase the cost of the Monthly Access Card to \$195 per month and increase the cost of the Monthly Permit to \$132 per month. Increase the demand-based parking rates in parking spaces within right-of-way of public street to a maximum of \$2.25 per hour, increase rates for surface parking lots to a maximum of \$1.25 per hour, and increase rates in garages to a maximum of \$1.25 per hour, and increase Daily Parking Permits to \$12.00 per day. The increase in revenues will allow continued capital improvements to the Silver Spring Parking Lot District.

The resolution also includes changes to Ride On fares to mirror the Metrobus fares proposed by the General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Once the WMATA Board approves the Metrobus fares for FY21, the Ride On fares may be revised.

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Resolution No.:

Introduced:

March 31, 2020

Adopted:

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

Background

1. Under 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 19-115 adopted on May 16, 2019 and approved by the Executive on May 23, 2019.
3. The County Executive recommends increasing certain hourly, daily, and monthly parking fees in the Silver Spring Parking Lot District.
4. The dates for the Traffic Management District charges have been updated to include the current period this resolution will be in effect.
5. The revised Ride On fares in Section I, below, mirror the fares proposed for Metrobus by the General Manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Once the WMATA Board of Directors approves the Metrobus fare schedule for FY21, these Ride On fare changes will be re-evaluated.
6. A public hearing on this resolution was held on April 21, 2020.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 19-115 are amended as described in Table 1, attached. Effective dates for Traffic Management District charges have been updated. These changes become effective July 1, 2020. Transit fare changes become effective June 28, 2020.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

Date

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES

I.

I. Transit Fares

Regular cash fare or token	<u>[\$2.00] up to \$2.25</u>
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$2.00
Route 70 cash fare or token	<u>[\$4.25] up to \$4.50</u>
Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip	\$4.25
Federal employees and contractors during a partial or general shutdown, upon presentation of a valid federal photo ID. This provision would be in effect only if authorized by the County Executive.	Free
VanGo Route 28 and Route 94 shuttle[s]	Free
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Kids Ride Free Program [(2-8 pm weekdays)]	Free
Give and Ride Program	Free
MetroAccess Certified and/or Conditional Customer with ID	Free
MetroAccess – Companion of Certified and/or Conditional customer with ID	Free
Children under age 5	Free
Local bus-to-bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer with SmarTrip	<u>up to \$1.50</u>
Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	<u>up to \$3.75</u>
Local bus-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	\$2.25
[Metrobus Weekly pass	Free]
MARC weekly, monthly, TLC passes transfer to Ride On	Free
MTA Commuter Bus Pass transfer to Ride On	Free
Ride on Monthly Pass	\$45.00
Boarding Route 70 with weekly or monthly pass	\$2.25
[Youth Cruiser Pass	\$11.00 Per Month]
Youth SmarTrip Card (one-time fee)	\$2.00
[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 transportation fee-paying students)	Free
except express Route 70 bus	\$2.25
Senior* with identification card from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays and 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Saturdays	Free
Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00pm weekdays and 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Saturdays	
with cash fare or token	<u>[\$1.00] up to \$1.25</u>
with SmarTrip card	\$1.00
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	<u>up to \$.50</u>
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free

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Senior* with identification card for express Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays and 8:30 am-4:00 pm Saturdays with cash fare or token	[\$2.10] up to \$2.35
with SmarTrip card	\$2.10
Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	up to \$1.60
Local bus-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.10
Boarding with weekly or monthly pass with SmarTrip	\$1.10

* For the purposes of this resolution, a person with disabilities not certified for Metro Access 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 Sundays and County holidays.)

A. Bethesda Parking Lot District

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

a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets	\$3.25 or Less Per Hr.
b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot	\$1.50 or Less Per Hr.
c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage	\$1.25 or Less Per Hr.

2. All Gated Garages

Daily Maximum	\$15.00 Per Day
Lost Ticket	\$15.00 Per Day

3. A Garage Specific

Monthly Access Card	\$150.00 or Less Per Month
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4. Special Permits
 - a. Parking permits

[Parking Convenience Sticker]	
Monthly Permit (PCS)	\$150.00 Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	\$15.00 Per Day
"AM/PM" Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
 - b. Carpool Permits

2 Persons	\$107.00 PerMonth
3 and 4 Persons	\$58.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$15.00 PerMonth
 - c. Townhouse Resident Permit

	\$2.00 PerMonth
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5. Bethesda Library parking lot

	\$1.00 Per Hour
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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 and garages from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday.

a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets	[\$1.00] \$2.25 or Less Per Hr.
b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot	[\$0.80] \$1.25 or Less Per Hr.
c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage [(Except for Garage 60 and 61)]	[\$0.70] \$1.25 or Less Per Hr.

2. All Gated Garages

Daily Maximum	\$15.00 Per Day
Lost Ticket	\$15.00 Per Day

3. A Garage Specific Monthly Access Card

[Except for Garages 60 and 61]	[\$123.00] <u>\$195.00 or less Per Month</u>
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4. [Garages 60 and 61]

[Monthly Permit]	[\$1.00 Per Hour] [\$189 Per Month]
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5. Special Permits
 - a. Parking Permits

[Parking Convenience Sticker]	
<u>Monthly Permit (PCS)</u>	[\$123.00] <u>\$132.00 or less Per Month</u>
Daily Parking Permit	[\$7.80] <u>\$12.00 Per Day</u>
"AM/PM" Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
 - b. Carpool Permits

2 Person	\$87.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$49.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$11.00 Per Month
 - c. Townhouse Residential Permits

	\$2.00 Per Month
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 - d. Permit in Garages 9 and 16 for residents in the area bounded by Blair Mill Road, Eastern Avenue and Georgia Avenue

	\$95.00 Per Month
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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 4 hours)	\$0.75 Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 hours)	\$0.60 or Less Per Hour
2. Special Permits

[Parking Convenience Sticker]	
<u>Monthly Permit (PCS)</u>	\$113.00 Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month

D. Area Outside Parking Lot Districts

1. Meters on-street and in lots not to exceed 7am to 10pm, seven days

Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$2.00 or less Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 Hours)	\$0.65 Per Hour
2. Special Permits

Parking Convenience Sticker	\$123.00 Per Month
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E. Temporary Parking Meter Removal and Bagging

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| 1. Temporary parking meter removal or re-installation | \$350 per meter |
| 2. Parking Meter Bagging Fee related to construction activity | \$100 per meter |
| for the first hour plus \$2 per meter per hour for each additional hour of meter bagging | |

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:	
(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

31-25	(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/sidewalks	\$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) Annual fee	\$20.00
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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

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2011 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, 2011*	\$0.10/square foot GFA

F. White Oak Transportation Management District

Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2015 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, 2015*	\$0.10/square foot GFA

* Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.