

AGENDA ITEM #13
April 23, 2019
Public Hearing

MEMORANDUM

April 19, 2019

TO: County Council

FROM: Glenn Orlin, Deputy Director ⁶⁰
Gene Smith, Legislative Analyst ^{JS}

SUBJECT: Resolution to approve FY20 transportation fees, charges, and fares

PURPOSE: Public hearing

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 19-37 adopted on February 12, 2019 and approved by the Executive on February 25, 2019.

The County Executive recommends increasing certain hourly and daily parking fees in the Bethesda and Silver Spring Parking Lot Districts, increasing charging hours in the Wheaton Parking Lot District, and introducing charges for temporarily removing or bagging parking meters (©1-2). Councilmember Glass recommends expanding Kids Ride Free to all bus service hours every day (©3). The dates for the Traffic Management District charges have been updated to include the current period this resolution will be in effect. The draft adoption resolution is on ©4-10.

The Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment (T&E) Committee will review the resolution on April 25. Council action will take place in May.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2019

TO: Nancy Navarro, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive *Marc Elrich*

SUBJECT: FY20 Resolution on Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit the proposed resolution authorizing changes to transportation fees and charges that are included in my FY20 Recommended Operating Budget. My recommended budget includes the following changes to the parking districts:

- In Bethesda, increase the demand based-parking rates in parking spaces within the right-of-way of public streets to a maximum of \$4.00 per hour to increase parking availability and reduce traffic congestion and increase the cost of the parking permit to \$15.00 per day;
- In Silver Spring, implement a daily maximum fee of \$15 for lost ticket charges and parking for garages and increase the cost of the parking permit to \$12 per day. Increase the cost of the Monthly Access Card to \$195 per month and increase the cost of the Parking Convenience Sticker 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. The increase in revenues will allow continued capital improvements to the Silver Spring Parking District. On-street parking rates in Fenton Village will remain the same as in FY19;
- In Wheaton, expand collection hours for on-street meters and lots to 10pm, Monday through Saturday, and increase the enforcement hours of Garage 45 to 10pm, Monday through Friday; and
- For temporary parking meter removal and bagging, I am recommending that we implement a fee of \$350 per meter that is requested to be removed or re-installed. In addition, I am recommending implementing a bagging fee of \$100 per meter for the first hour plus \$2 per meter per hour for each additional hour that a parking meter is bagged for construction related activity. These measures are in response to the inconvenience residents are experiencing due to the lack of available parking.

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Nancy Navarro, President, County Council
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The proposed resolution updates the effective dates of the Transportation Management Districts consistent with the period this resolution will be in effect. I recommend the Council adopt this resolution as part of its deliberations on the FY20 Operating Budget.

ME:brg

Attachment: Resolution – FY20 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

c: Andrew Kleine, Chief Administrative Officer
Richard S. Madaleno, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Alexandre A. Espinosa, Director, Department of Finance
Al Roshdich, Director, Department of Transportation



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

EVAN GLASS
COUNCILMEMBER
AT-LARGE

TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE;
LEAD FOR HOMELESSNESS AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

February 27, 2019

County Executive Marc Elrich
Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Expansion of Kids Ride Free Program

County Executive Elrich,

I appreciate your strong support for sustainable and affordable transportation options throughout our region. Montgomery County's long history of prioritizing public transportation is evident by the fact that Ride On is now the D.C. region's second largest bus system by ridership. This investment in alternative transportation has allowed Montgomery County to be a place where residents can thrive, regardless of economic status.

Transportation access has also emerged as a leading indicator of a person's ability to escape poverty. From fiscal year 2004 through fiscal year 2018, poverty in Montgomery County increased by 46% and the number of public-school students receiving Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) rose from 23% to 35% of the student population. Access to reliable transportation is spread unevenly across Montgomery County. Our lowest income areas have nearly double the number of carless households than our higher income areas.

As a former non-profit director working with low income youth, I saw the power of transit to connect students with after school activities. And on my second day as a Councilmember, high school students spoke to me about the negative impacts of limited affordable transportation options. Economic status should not determine our student's ability to get to the library, Metro, or back to their homes.

While county leadership moves to evaluate our budget through an equity lens, expanding access to transit must be a top priority. To achieve this goal, I urge you to make the Kids Ride Free program available all day, seven days a week to every Montgomery County Public School student. Inequality of mobility leads to inequality of opportunity. I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evan Glass".

Evan Glass
Councilmember
At-Large Montgomery
County Council

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CC: Transportation and Environment Committee, Director Al Roshdieh, Dr. Glenn Orlin

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
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 19-37 adopted on February 12, 2019 and approved by the Executive on February 25, 2019.
3. The County Executive recommends increasing certain hourly and daily parking fees in the Bethesda and Silver Spring Parking Lot Districts, increasing charging hours in the Wheaton Parking Lot District, and introducing charges for temporarily removing or bagging parking meters. Councilmember Glass recommends expanding Kids Ride Free to all service hours every day. The dates for the Traffic Management District charges have been updated to include the current period this resolution will be in effect.
4. A public hearing on this resolution was held on April 23, 2019.

Action

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

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 19-37 are amended as described in Table 1, attached. These changes become effective July 1, 2019.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Megan Davey Limarzi, Clerk of the Council

Date

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES**I. Transit Fares**

Regular cash fare or token	\$2.00
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$2.00
Route 70 cash fare or token	\$4.25
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 shuttles	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	\$1.50
Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	\$3.75
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) except express Route 70 bus	Free \$2.25
Senior* with identification card from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays and Saturdays	Free
Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00pm weekdays and Saturdays	
with cash fare or token	\$1.00
with SmarTrip card	\$1.00
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	\$0.50
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Senior* with identification card for express Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays with cash fare or token	\$2.10
with SmarTrip card	\$2.10
Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$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 [\$2.25] \$4.00 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
4. Special Permits
 - a. Parking permits
 - Parking Convenience Sticker \$150.00 Per Month
 - Daily Parking Permit [\$12.00] \$15.00 Per Day
 - "AM/PM" Parking Permit \$20.00 Per Month
 - b. Carpool Permits
 - 2 Persons \$107.00 Per Month
 - 3 and 4 Persons \$58.00 Per Month
 - 5 or More Persons \$15.00 Per Month
 - c. Townhouse Resident Permit \$2.00 Per Month
5. Bethesda Library parking lot \$1.00 Per Hour

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 [\$0.70] \$1.25 or Less Per Hr.
[(Except for Garage 60 and 61)]
*Rates in Fenton Village will remain the same as in FY19

2. All Gated Garages

<u>Daily Maximum</u>	<u>\$15.00 Per Day</u>
<u>Lost Ticket</u>	<u>\$15.00 Per Day</u>

3. A Garage Specific
Monthly Access Card [\$123.00] \$195.00 or less Per Month
[Except for Garages 60 and 61]

4. [Garages 60 and 61] [\$1.00 Per Hour]
[Monthly Permit] [\$189 Per Month]

5. Special Permits

- a. Parking Permits
Parking Convenience Sticker [\$123.00] \$132.00 or less Per Month
Daily Parking Permit [\$7.80] \$12.00 Per Day
"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
- 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

C. Wheaton Parking Lot District

1. Meters on-street from 9 am to [6] 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots
from 9 am to [6] 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in garages from 9 am
to [6] 10 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 \$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

E. Temporary Parking Meter Removal and Bagging

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, 2019 and June 30, 2020, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.