

Proposed Changes to MTA Fares

Public hearings will be held on proposed changes in fares virtually via Zoom and in person at the locations, dates and times noted below. The public is invited to comment on the proposed changes, which are summarized below and pertain, as applicable, to the fares of the New York City Transit (NYCT) and its subsidiary, the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MaBSTOA), the MTA Bus Company (MTA Bus), and the Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority (SIR); Long Island Rail Road (LIRR); and Metro-North Railroad (Metro-North).

The fare proposals allow for a range of options to be considered and fare increases may be less than the maximum amounts specified. Following the hearings, after considering public comment, the Board of the MTA and its affiliated and subsidiary agencies will determine the fare changes to adopt.

For more details on the proposed changes, please visit <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings>, consult information posted at MTA stations and on digital display boards, or call the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777.

The following proposed changes may be implemented in or after January 2026.

NYCT, MaBSTOA, MTA Bus, SIR

Fares for Subway (NYCT), Local Bus (NYCT, MaBSTOA, and MTA Bus), and SIR:

- Base Fare (currently \$2.90):
- Increase the base fare by 10¢.
- Single Ride Ticket (currently \$3.25):
- Increase Single Ride Ticket on non-reusable ticket stock by 25¢.
- Fare Cap and Unlimited Rides:
- Make permanent a 7-Day Rolling Fare Cap that entitles a rider to an unlimited number of free trips in a 7-day period after the rider has paid for 12 trips in a 7-day period.
 - Increase the 7-Day Rolling Fare Cap to 12 times the Base Fare, to \$36.00.

Fares for Express Bus (NYCT and MTA Bus):

- Single Ride (currently \$7.00):
- Increase the single ride Express Bus fare to \$7.25.

Fares for Paratransit Services (currently \$2.90):

Increase the NYCT Access-A-Ride Paratransit Service one-way fare by up to the amount of the increase, if any, of the Subway Base Fare.

MetroCard Fare Media:

No longer sell MetroCard fare media. This fare media includes the prepaid 7-Day, 30-Day, and 7-Day Express Bus Plus Unlimited Ride MetroCards.

Discount Policies:

Seniors/Customers with disabilities/Paratransit Zero Fare discount policies remain unchanged.

LIRR and Metro-North

Monthly, Weekly, and Other Ticket Types:

- Increase the Monthly and Weekly ticket price up to 4.5%.
 - Increase the price for all other tickets up to 8%.
 - Special discounted fares, supplemental step-up on-board fares, and ride extension fares may be subject to percentage increases higher than the otherwise maximum authorized increases to base fares due to rounding.
- ##### UniTicket and One-Way Connecting Fares:
- Increase weekly connecting fares for Hudson Rail Link by 50¢.
 - Increase monthly connecting fares for Hudson Rail Link by \$2.00 and for Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry by 75¢.
 - Increase one-way fares for the Hudson Rail Link by 10¢, one-way connecting fares for the Haverstraw-Ossining Ferry by 25¢, and increase Seniors/Customers with Disabilities fares for these trips by 5¢.
 - Increase weekly fare for connecting local NYC bus service (NYCT, MaBSTOA and MTA Bus) by 75¢ and monthly fare by up to \$4.25.
 - Increase weekly fare for Nassau Inter-County Express (NICE) Bus UniTicket by up to 75¢ and monthly fare \$5.25.

Other Fare and Policy Proposals:

- Increase the surcharge by \$2 on all tickets purchased on board trains.
- Make the Peak City Ticket and Far Rockaway Ticket permanent fare products.

The following proposed changes may be implemented once the MetroCard is no longer accepted for fare payment.

Fares for Subway (NYCT), Local Bus (NYCT, MaBSTOA, and MTA Bus), and SIR:

On-Board Local Bus Fare:

Continue to accept cash at card vending machines and OMNY retailers, and end acceptance of bus on board fare payment by coin for single ride Local Bus fare.

OMNY Card Fee:

Increase the fee for a new OMNY Card up to \$2.00.

Dates and Times of Hybrid Public Hearings

There will be three (3) hybrid Public Hearings to provide information and receive comments on the proposed changes to MTA fares at the dates and times below. Those interested in speaking will have two (2) minutes to speak.

- Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location of the Hearings

All public hearings will be held in-person at New York City Transit Authority, 130 Livingston Street, 1st Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201 and via Zoom and livestreamed at <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings>.

Subway: **A C F R** to Jay Street – MetroTech (accessible station), **R** to Court Street (accessible station), **2 3** to Borough Hall (accessible station), **4 5** to Borough Hall (accessible on Manhattan-bound only)

Bus: B25, B26, B38, B41, B45, B52, B57, B61, B62, B65, B67, B103

Registering for the Public Hearings

To register to speak at the hybrid public hearings, please register online at <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings> or call the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777. Telephone agents are available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Registration for each public hearing will open on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 and will close at the start of the hearing. All comments will be transcribed and made part of the permanent record.

You must pre-register to speak at a hybrid public hearing. Oral comments are limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. Hearings are scheduled for three (3) hours, but for each public hearing, registrants will be accepted up to 240 minutes (4 hours) of scheduled public speakers. If there are registered speakers remaining after the hearing reaches 240 minutes of public speaker comments, only the remaining registered speakers who have not previously spoken at another 2025 fare public hearing will be given the opportunity to speak. In addition, at all hearings, speakers who have not previously spoken at another 2025 fare public hearing will be given priority in speaking order.

Joining the Public Hearings Virtually

If you are registered to speak and joining the public hearings virtually, you may join the Zoom meeting at the scheduled hearing time either online or by phone following these instructions:

Join Zoom Online: To access the Zoom meeting online, visit the website: <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings>. You can also enter the URL zoom.us/join and enter the Meeting ID 830 8013 3172.

Join Zoom by Phone: To access the Zoom meeting by phone, please call (646) 518-9805. Then enter Meeting ID 830 8013 3172 followed by the pound (#) sign.

View-Only Online: Members of the public who wish only to view the hearings may access the event live at <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings>.

To submit questions during the hearings, you must join the hearing through the Zoom online platform. You may submit questions at any other time in the ways listed below (see “Additional Ways to Comment or Request Information”). Questions about the proposed fare changes may be responded to by staff during or after the hearing.

Additional Ways to Comment or Request Information

Online: <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings>

Mail: MTA Government & Community Relations,

Attn: Fare Hearings, 2 Broadway, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10004

Phone: (646) 252-6777, telephone agents are available from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

Additional testimony will be taken at Customer Service Centers, mobile sales vehicles, and other locations around the transit system. Visit <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings> for more information.

Accessibility and Language Assistance Services

American Sign Language and CART Captioning Services will be available.



Members of the public who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing can use their preferred relay service or the free 711 relay service and ask to be connected to the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777 to speak with an agent.

Members of the public who are Blind or have Low Vision can request accommodations at least five (5) business days before the first scheduled hearing date by submitting a request online at <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings> or by calling the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777.

If language assistance or any other accommodations are required, please submit a request at least five (5) business days before the scheduled hearing date in one of the following ways: online at <http://mta.info/2025-fare-hearings>, by calling the Public Hearing Hotline at (646) 252-6777, or by sending a letter to MTA Government & Community Relations, Attn: Fare Hearings, 2 Broadway, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

For those who request language assistance, the MTA will provide translated information about the hearing process and ensure that any public comments received in a language other than English are translated, included in the hearing transcript, and summarized for the MTA Board.

Members of the public who do not have access to a computer or who do not have access to the Internet can listen to each of the hearings by calling the Zoom meeting at (646) 518-9805 (toll-free). Then enter Meeting ID 830 8013 3172, followed by the pound (#) sign.