

Update on Fare and Toll Changes

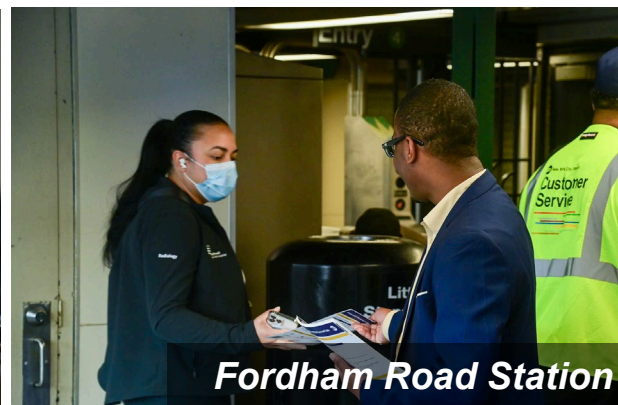
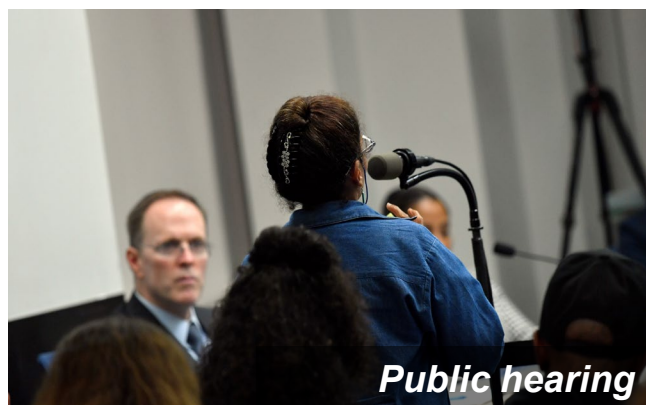
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Today's presentation

- Recap public engagement and comment period
- Discuss adjustments to proposals based on customer feedback
- Summarize all proposals

We met and heard from riders from across the region



In the 6-week comment period, we received over 1,350 comments

- ✓ 3 hybrid public hearings
- ✓ 22 comment sessions at different transit hub locations across the service region
- ✓ Written comments via portal, mail, and e-mail
- ✓ 90% of comments received through the comment portal and 10% received at public hearings
- ✓ With more ways to engage, 4x more comments received than in 2023



Three themes emerged from the public comments

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Clarify the operating versus capital budgets

Many commenters sought a better understanding of the MTA's capital and operating budgets

- Other than fares, where does MTA's funding come from?
- Other than service, what does the MTA spend money on?



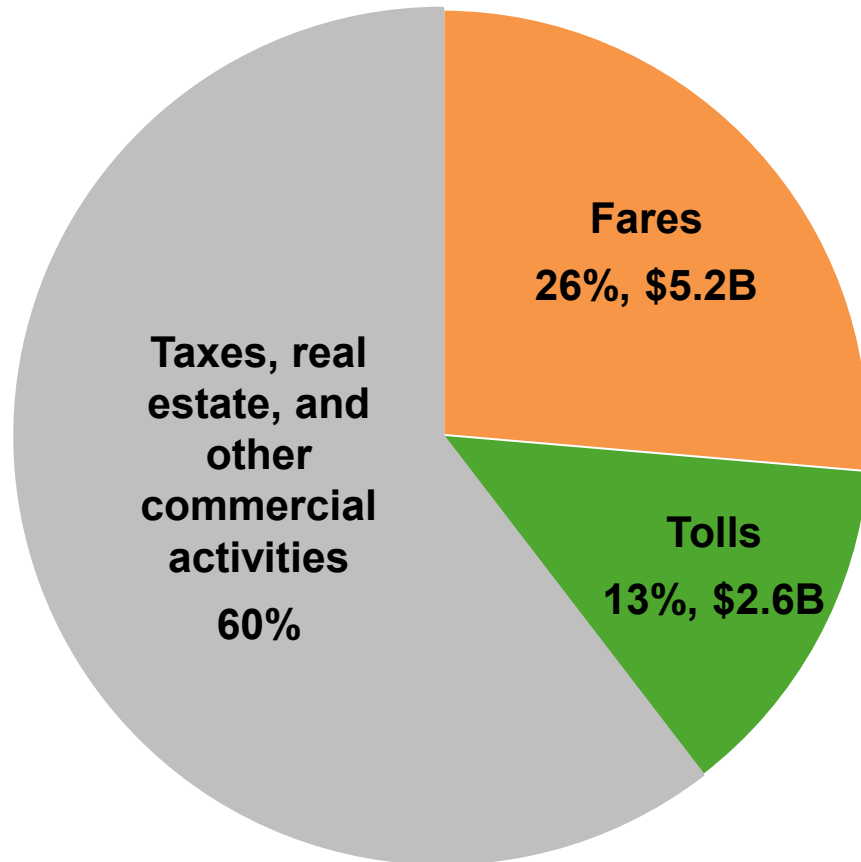
A dedicated capital budget funds new and improved infrastructure

- The capital budget for the next 5 years was approved earlier this year with funding sources secured.
- A dedicated capital budget helps build and maintain \$1.5 trillion worth of infrastructure like tracks, new train cars, and megaprojects (IBX, Second Ave Subway).
- External and MTA sources support the capital budget including MTA bonds, direct appropriations, grants, and innovative funding mechanisms like Congestion Pricing.

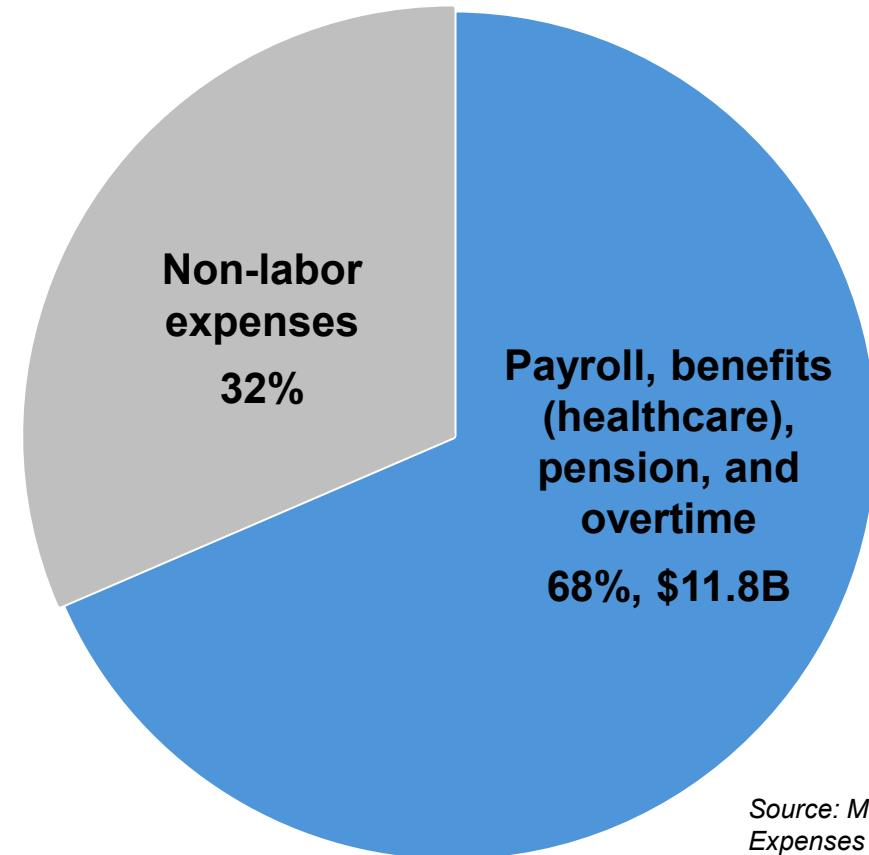


Two-thirds of MTA's operating expenses go to labor costs

Where the money comes from



Where the money goes



*Source: MTA 2025 Adopted Budget.
Expenses exclude debt service*

Fare increases fund regular wage increases for ~70,000 employees who keep service running 24/7

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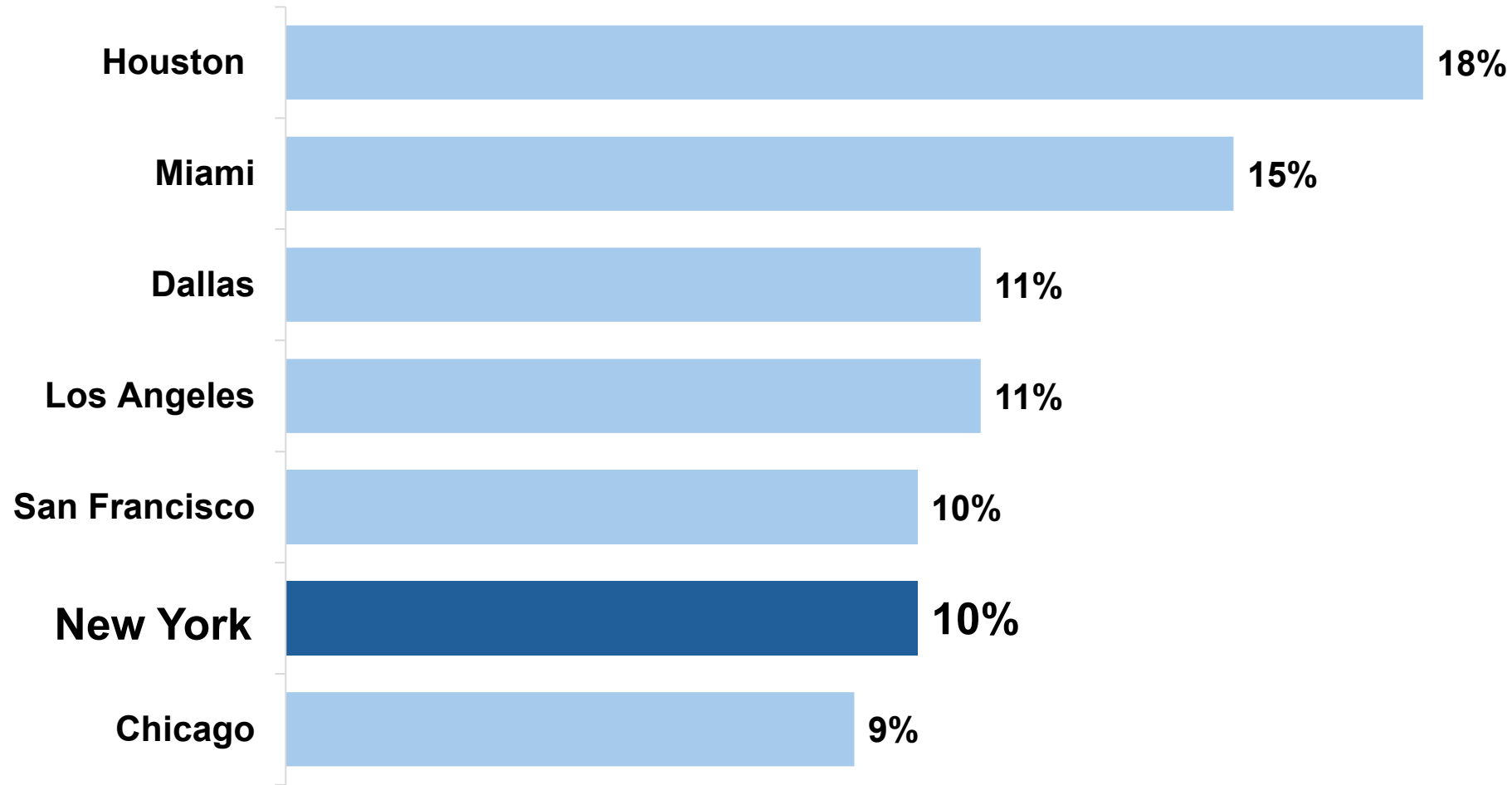
Many commenters have concerns about citywide affordability

- Riders want to be rewarded for frequent travel
- Current Fair Fares eligibility threshold is not high enough



Transportation costs are lower in NYC than other major cities

Average household transportation costs as a share of income



Note: Transportation cost burden refers to transportation costs divided by income before taxes for the average household.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Expenditure Survey; OSC analysis; 2022 – 2023

Car ownership is 4x more expensive than transit

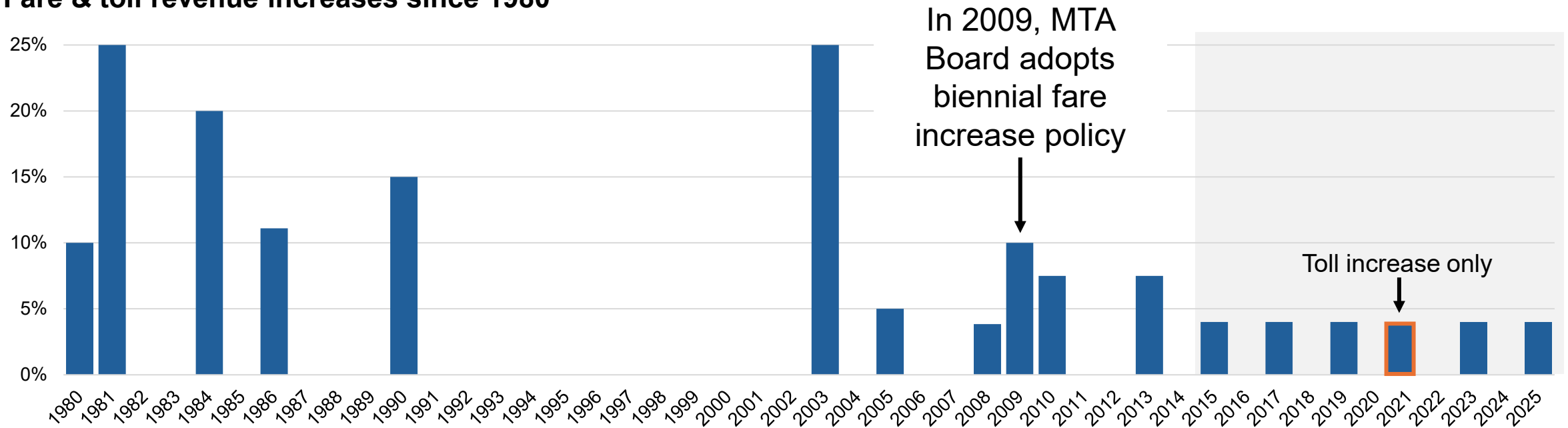
Average annual costs for NYC households on transportation



Keep mass transit affordable

Fare and toll increases are small and predictable

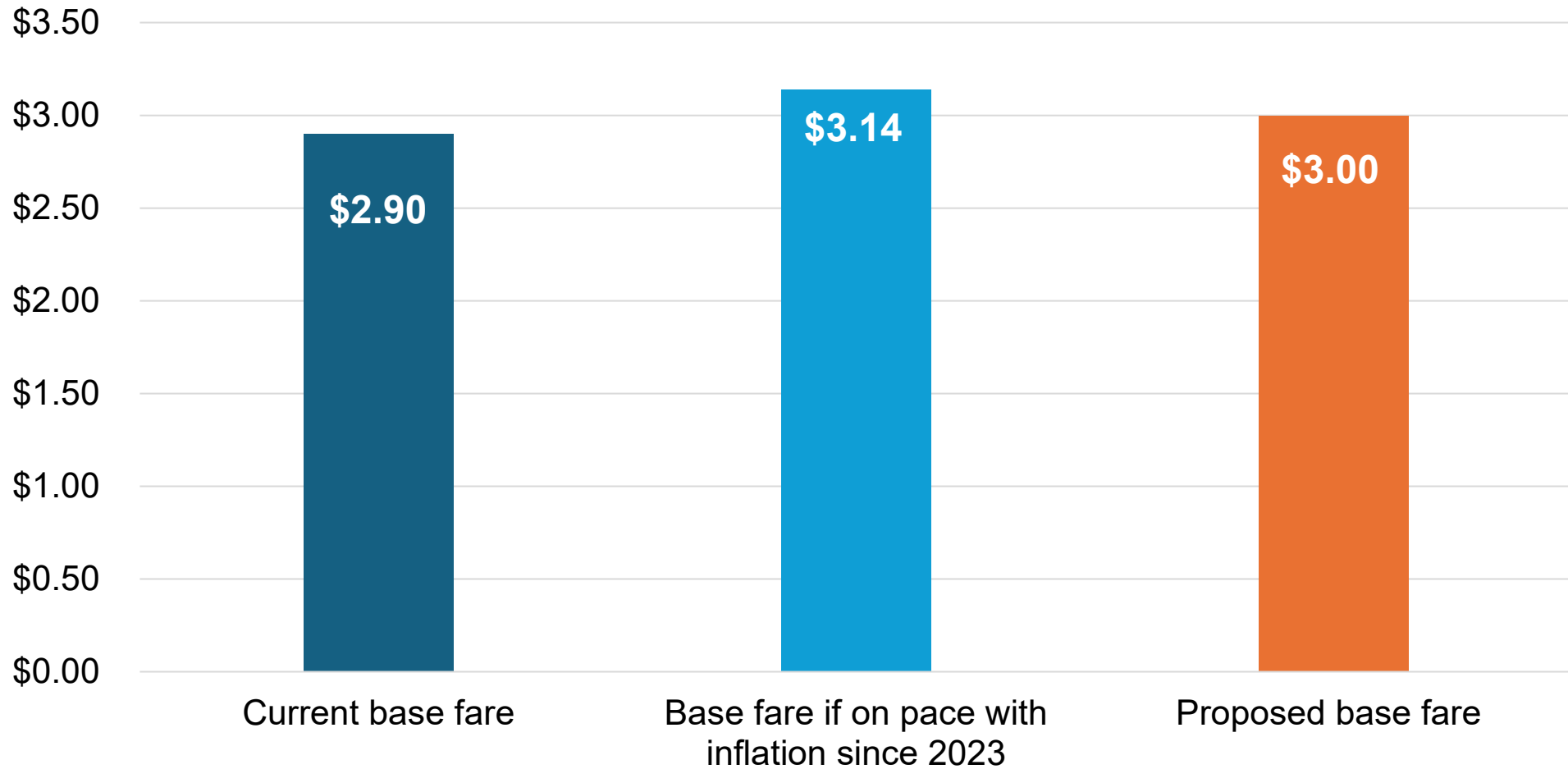
Fare & toll revenue increases since 1980



- 4% biennial fare increases:**
- Avoids double-digit increases for customers
 - Addresses growth in expenses
 - Provides fiscal stability to ensure reliable public transit

NYCT base fare is rising slower than inflation

Base fare vs. inflation-adjusted base fare vs. proposed fare



Inflation rate based on Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U, New York for 2023 and 2024 and the S&P Global May 2025 Forecast for 2025.

Keep mass transit affordable

We've adjusted some proposals to keep mass transit affordable

Subways and local buses

- ▶ **Revise 7-day fare cap to \$35 (not \$36)**
 - ✓ Automatically reward the most frequent customers with free trips
 - ✓ Current monthly pass riders getting \$4 reduction from previous proposal

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LIRR and Metro-North

- ▶ **Increase the eligible age of the Family Fare from 11 to 17 and also allow trips in the morning peak**
 - ✓ Make the railroads more affordable for families
- ▶ **No increase to West of Hudson lines**

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Make paying the fare more convenient and transparent

Many commenters want to ensure it is easy to use and pay for transit

- Railroad riders have concerns about ticket auto-activation and validity periods
- Tap-and-ride customers want to more readily see their trip and charge history, including free unlimited rides and transfers



Make paying the fare more convenient

We're adjusting the commuter railroad ticket activation and validity proposals

▶ **Maintain manual activation**

- ✓ Activate tickets before boarding the train

▶ **All one-way tickets are valid until 4 a.m. the next calendar day**

- ✓ Allow riders to plan ahead and purchase tickets before upcoming trips
- ✓ Limit ability to reuse un-scanned tickets for a later trip

Make fare payment easier to manage

Subway and bus customers can now track their trip and charge history on OMNY.info

Trip and charge history

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Trip history

Current month, ...2037

Update filter

Aug. 22, 2025 6:38 PM Free Transfer	\$0.00	
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Fare cap progress to unlimited rides

Fare cap

7-Day Fare Cap

Progress toward free rides for:
Fri. Aug. 15 – Thu. Aug. 21

\$29.00 / \$34.00 spent

You won't be charged more than the cap amount on subway and local bus rides taken with the same card or device during the week.
[Learn more about fare capping](#)

Proposals for today's vote



Proposed fare rates: NYCT

Subways, Local Buses, and Paratransit

Fare Product	Current	Proposed
Base fare	\$2.90	\$3
Reduced fare	\$1.45	\$1.50
12-trip fare cap (Subways and Local Buses)	\$34	\$35

Express Bus

Fare Product	Current	Proposed
Base fare	\$7	\$7.25
Reduced fare (off peak)	\$3.50	\$3.60
7-day	\$64 (pre-pay)	\$67 (fare cap)

Fare policies on subways and buses

- ▶ Make the 7-day rolling fare-cap permanent
- ▶ Expand fare capping to Express Bus
- ▶ Retire the prepaid MetroCard 7-Day, 30-Day, and Express Bus Plus unlimited passes and replace with automatic unlimited ride fare cap for all riders
- ▶ Tap-and-ride required for fare payment on subway, local and express bus

Proposed fare rates: LIRR and Metro-North

One-Way Peak	Average 4.4% increase (excluding City zones)
Monthly & Weekly	Average 4.4% increase (\$500 cap remains) Monthly fares still lower than pre-pandemic
CityTicket & Far Rockaway Ticket	Peak: \$7.25 Off-Peak: \$5.25 All one-way tickets in the city zones reflect CityTicket prices or less Peak CityTicket and Far Rockaway Ticket become permanent
West of Hudson	No increase to West of Hudson fares

Ticketing policies on commuter railroads

- ▶ A reduced fare ticket for seniors, people with disabilities, and people on Medicare will be valid 24/7, even in the morning peak
- ▶ Allow children ages 5-17 to ride for \$1 when accompanied by a fare-paying adult, even in the morning peak
- ▶ Maintain manual activation on one-way tickets, valid until 4 a.m. the next day
- ▶ A new Day Pass for unlimited daily travel
- ▶ After 10 one-way trips, automatically get an 11th one-way ticket for free in 14 days
- ▶ Recurring late mobile ticket purchasers and late activators will be subject to a surcharge (just like paper tickets purchased onboard)

Proposed toll rates

E-ZPass, one-way passenger vehicle

Facility	Current	Proposed
RFK, Whitestone, Throgs Neck, Verrazzano Bridges Queens-Midtown, Hugh L. Carey Tunnels	\$6.94	\$7.46
Henry Hudson Bridge	\$3.18	\$3.42
Cross Bay and Marine Parkway Bridges	\$2.60	\$2.80

Staten Island residents can pay \$2.75 at the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge

Discounted tolls or a full rebate are available for Bronx residents at the Henry Hudson Bridge and Queens residents at the Marine Parkway and Cross Bay Bridges

Tolls by Mail rates for passenger vehicles can be up to 60% higher than E-ZPass depending on the facility

Discussion

