New Metro Bus, Rail Fares To Take Effect Jan. 1

 Revised Structure Includes New Metro Day Pass, Lower Cash Fare

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MTA will introduce a revised schedule of cash and Metro pass prices beginning Jan. 1, 2004. The schedule includes the introduction of a new Metro Day Pass for unlimited local travel and the lowering of the one-way cash fare on the Metro Bus and Rail System from \$1.35 to \$1.25.

"Despite rising costs for wages, fuel, equipment, security and other operating expenses, it has been more almost nine years since we have raised any of our fares," said Roger Snoble, MTA CEO. "While raising some fares was unavoidable, we also have simplified our fare structure, introduced additional convenience in the form of the Metro Day Pass and preserved the low fares for seniors, students and the disabled."

The following is a summary of the new fare structure:

Fare	Regular	Senior/Disabled/Medicare		
Base Fare Required for each boarding; Metro-to-Metro transfers and line continuation transfers are discontinued.	\$1.25	\$.45		
Tokens Valid for base fare; sold in bags of 10	\$1.10			
New! Metro Day Pass Good for all day unlimited local travel. Zone charges may apply on some Metro Bus lines.	\$3.00	\$1.50		
Weekly Pass	\$14.00			
Semi-monthly Pass	\$27.00			
Monthly Pass	\$52.00	\$12.00		
New! Metro-to-Muni Transfer Required for transfer to municipal lines. Not valid on Metro Bus and Metro Rail.	\$.25	\$.10		
Metro Bus Night Service 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.	\$.75	\$.35		
Freeway Express Zone Fares (Now just two zones)				
Zone 1	\$.50 additional	\$.25 additional		
Zone 2	\$1.00 additional	\$.50 additional		

The following fares remain unchanged:

Fare	Regular	Senior/Disabled/Medicare
Senior Monthly Pass		\$12.00

Freeway Express Stamp	\$15.00 per zone	
Student Stamp (K-12)	\$20.00	
College/Vocational Stamp	\$30.00	
EZ Transit Pass	\$58.00	\$29.00
EZ Premium Stamp	\$15.00 per zone	\$7.50 per zone

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