



2018 Fare Change Proposal

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Metra Fare Principles (April 19, 2017)

- Consider regular fare adjustments that ensure a balanced budget, sustain service, keep pace with inflation, and avoid significant, infrequent fare increases.
- Allow no diversion of capital-eligible funds to the operating budget.
- Acknowledge the total value of providing services to the region's economy while recognizing that fares must cover a percentage of operating costs, as set by the RTA, and support Metra's capital program.
- Understand the short and long term impacts of fare changes on ridership and revenue as well as the time and resources needed to implement them.
- Improve fare collection by simplifying the overall process and transportation costs.
- Offer a fare structure and policies that are easy to use and understand by offering fare structure and products that are regionally equitable and appeal to current and prospective customers.
- Evaluate impacts of cooperative opportunities on fare structure, products, pricing and policies of our local transit partners and evaluate national peer programs that have stimulated ridership.

Proposed Fare Actions

- One-Way Tickets
 - Increase the base fare
 - Option 1: \$0.50
 - Option 2: \$0.25
- 10-Ride Tickets
 - Change discount to 5%
 - 10 rides for price of 9.5 One-Ways
- Monthly Ticket
 - Change discount
 - Priced at 29.0 one-way fares
- Weekend Tickets
 - Extend validity of Weekend Pass to include Friday evening
 - Increase price to \$10

Proposed Fare Actions (continued)

- Reduced fares
 - For seniors, individuals with disabilities, Medicare cardholders
 - Available on One-Way and 10-Ride tickets
 - For students (grade - high school)
 - Available on One-Way and 10-Ride tickets
 - All reduced fare Monthly Passes eliminated
- No changes for any other ticket types or in any ticket policies are proposed.

2018 Fare Proposal – Option 1: \$0.50

The following fare changes are proposed in 2018:

- Increase adult One-Way fares \$0.50 in all zones (4.7% to 13.3%)
- Increase adult 10-Ride fare multiplier to 9.5 One-Way fares (\$6.75 to \$10.25; 10.6% to 20.0%)
- Increase adult Monthly fare multiplier to 29.0 One-Way fares (\$16.25 to \$19.75; 6.4% to 15.2%)
- Increase reduced One-Way fares \$0.25 in all zones (4.8% to 14.3%)
- Increase reduced 10-Ride fare multiplier to 9.5 reduced One-Way fares (\$3.25 to \$5.00; 10.6% to 20.6%)
- Reduced Monthly Ticket eliminated
- Increase Weekend Pass to \$10.00 (\$2.00; 25.0%)

Proposed One-Way Fares – Option 1: \$0.50

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A | \$3.75 | \$4.25 | 13.3% | \$0.50 |
| B | \$4.00 | \$4.50 | 12.5% | \$0.50 |
| C | \$5.25 | \$5.75 | 9.5% | \$0.50 |
| D | \$6.00 | \$6.50 | 8.3% | \$0.50 |
| E | \$6.50 | \$7.00 | 7.7% | \$0.50 |
| F | \$7.00 | \$7.50 | 7.1% | \$0.50 |
| G | \$7.50 | \$8.00 | 6.7% | \$0.50 |
| H | \$8.00 | \$8.50 | 6.3% | \$0.50 |
| I | \$8.75 | \$9.25 | 5.7% | \$0.50 |
| J | \$9.25 | \$9.75 | 5.4% | \$0.50 |
| K | \$9.75 | \$10.25 | 5.1% | \$0.50 |
| L | \$10.25 | \$10.75 | 4.9% | \$0.50 |
| M | \$10.75 | \$11.25 | 4.7% | \$0.50 |

Customers who buy One-Way Tickets will pay 50 cents more per ticket. If these customers take the train 30 times a year, they will pay an additional \$15.00 annually to ride Metra.

Proposed Ten-Ride Fares – Option 1: \$0.50

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ticket | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A | \$33.75 | \$40.50 | 20.0% | \$6.75 | \$0.68 |
| B | \$36.00 | \$42.75 | 18.8% | \$6.75 | \$0.68 |
| C | \$47.25 | \$54.75 | 15.9% | \$7.50 | \$0.75 |
| D | \$54.00 | \$61.75 | 14.4% | \$7.75 | \$0.78 |
| E | \$58.50 | \$66.50 | 13.7% | \$8.00 | \$0.80 |
| F | \$63.00 | \$71.25 | 13.1% | \$8.25 | \$0.83 |
| G | \$67.50 | \$76.00 | 12.6% | \$8.50 | \$0.85 |
| H | \$72.00 | \$80.75 | 12.2% | \$8.75 | \$0.88 |
| I | \$78.75 | \$88.00 | 11.7% | \$9.25 | \$0.93 |
| J | \$83.25 | \$92.75 | 11.4% | \$9.50 | \$0.95 |
| K | \$87.75 | \$97.50 | 11.1% | \$9.75 | \$0.98 |
| L | \$92.25 | \$102.25 | 10.8% | \$10.00 | \$1.00 |
| M | \$96.75 | \$107.00 | 10.6% | \$10.25 | \$1.03 |

Customers who buy 10-Ride Tickets will pay \$6.75 to \$10.25 more per ticket or \$0.68 to \$1.03 more per trip.

Proposed Monthly Fares – Option 1: \$0.50

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ticket | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A | \$107.00 | \$123.25 | 15.2% | \$16.25 | \$0.38 |
| B | \$114.00 | \$130.50 | 14.5% | \$16.50 | \$0.38 |
| C | \$149.75 | \$166.75 | 11.4% | \$17.00 | \$0.40 |
| D | \$171.00 | \$188.50 | 10.2% | \$17.50 | \$0.41 |
| E | \$185.25 | \$203.00 | 9.6% | \$17.75 | \$0.41 |
| F | \$199.50 | \$217.50 | 9.0% | \$18.00 | \$0.42 |
| G | \$213.75 | \$232.00 | 8.5% | \$18.25 | \$0.42 |
| H | \$228.00 | \$246.50 | 8.1% | \$18.50 | \$0.43 |
| I | \$249.50 | \$268.25 | 7.5% | \$18.75 | \$0.44 |
| J | \$263.75 | \$282.75 | 7.2% | \$19.00 | \$0.44 |
| K | \$278.00 | \$297.25 | 6.9% | \$19.25 | \$0.45 |
| L | \$292.25 | \$311.75 | 6.7% | \$19.50 | \$0.45 |
| M | \$306.50 | \$326.25 | 6.4% | \$19.75 | \$0.46 |

Customers who buy Monthly Passes will pay \$16.25 to \$19.75 more per month, about 38 to 46 cents more per trip and \$195 to \$237 more annually to ride Metra.

2018 Fare Proposal – Option 2: \$0.25

The following fare changes are proposed in 2018:

- Increase adult One-Way fares \$0.25 in all zones (2.3% to 6.7%)
- Increase adult 10-Ride fare multiplier to 9.5 One-Way fares (\$4.25 to \$7.75; 8.0% to 12.6%)
- Increase adult Monthly fare multiplier to 29.0 One-Way fares (\$9.00 to \$12.50; 4.1% to 8.4%)
- Increase reduced One-Way fares \$0.00 to \$0.25 (0.0% to 14.3%)
- Increase reduced 10-Ride fare multiplier to 9.5 reduced One-Way fares (\$1.00 to \$5.00; 5.6% to 20.6%)
- Reduced Monthly Ticket eliminated
- Increase Weekend Pass to \$10.00 (\$2.00; 25.0%)

Proposed One-Way Fares – Option 2: \$0.25

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A | \$3.75 | \$4.00 | 6.7% | \$0.25 |
| B | \$4.00 | \$4.25 | 6.3% | \$0.25 |
| C | \$5.25 | \$5.50 | 4.8% | \$0.25 |
| D | \$6.00 | \$6.25 | 4.2% | \$0.25 |
| E | \$6.50 | \$6.75 | 3.8% | \$0.25 |
| F | \$7.00 | \$7.25 | 3.6% | \$0.25 |
| G | \$7.50 | \$7.75 | 3.3% | \$0.25 |
| H | \$8.00 | \$8.25 | 3.1% | \$0.25 |
| I | \$8.75 | \$9.00 | 2.9% | \$0.25 |
| J | \$9.25 | \$9.50 | 2.7% | \$0.25 |
| K | \$9.75 | \$10.00 | 2.6% | \$0.25 |
| L | \$10.25 | \$10.50 | 2.4% | \$0.25 |
| M | \$10.75 | \$11.00 | 2.3% | \$0.25 |

Customers who buy One-Way Tickets will pay 25 cents more per ticket. If these customers take the train 30 times a year, they will pay an additional \$7.50 annually to ride Metra.

Proposed Ten-Ride Fares – Option 2: \$0.25

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ticket | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A | \$33.75 | \$38.00 | 12.6% | \$4.25 | \$0.43 |
| B | \$36.00 | \$40.50 | 12.5% | \$4.50 | \$0.45 |
| C | \$47.25 | \$52.25 | 10.6% | \$5.00 | \$0.50 |
| D | \$54.00 | \$59.50 | 10.2% | \$5.50 | \$0.55 |
| E | \$58.50 | \$64.25 | 9.8% | \$5.75 | \$0.58 |
| F | \$63.00 | \$69.00 | 9.5% | \$6.00 | \$0.60 |
| G | \$67.50 | \$73.75 | 9.3% | \$6.25 | \$0.63 |
| H | \$72.00 | \$78.50 | 9.0% | \$6.50 | \$0.65 |
| I | \$78.75 | \$85.50 | 8.6% | \$6.75 | \$0.68 |
| J | \$83.25 | \$90.25 | 8.4% | \$7.00 | \$0.70 |
| K | \$87.75 | \$95.00 | 8.3% | \$7.25 | \$0.73 |
| L | \$92.25 | \$99.75 | 8.1% | \$7.50 | \$0.75 |
| M | \$96.75 | \$104.50 | 8.0% | \$7.75 | \$0.78 |

Customers who buy 10-Ride Tickets will pay \$4.25 to \$7.75 more per ticket or \$0.43 to \$0.78 more per trip.

Proposed Monthly Fares – Option 2: \$0.25

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ticket | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A | \$107.00 | \$116.00 | 8.4% | \$9.00 | \$0.21 |
| B | \$114.00 | \$123.25 | 8.1% | \$9.25 | \$0.22 |
| C | \$149.75 | \$159.50 | 6.5% | \$9.75 | \$0.23 |
| D | \$171.00 | \$181.25 | 6.0% | \$10.25 | \$0.24 |
| E | \$185.25 | \$195.75 | 5.7% | \$10.50 | \$0.24 |
| F | \$199.50 | \$210.25 | 5.4% | \$10.75 | \$0.25 |
| G | \$213.75 | \$224.75 | 5.1% | \$11.00 | \$0.26 |
| H | \$228.00 | \$239.25 | 4.9% | \$11.25 | \$0.26 |
| I | \$249.50 | \$261.00 | 4.6% | \$11.50 | \$0.27 |
| J | \$263.75 | \$275.50 | 4.5% | \$11.75 | \$0.27 |
| K | \$278.00 | \$290.00 | 4.3% | \$12.00 | \$0.28 |
| L | \$292.25 | \$304.50 | 4.2% | \$12.25 | \$0.28 |
| M | \$306.50 | \$319.00 | 4.1% | \$12.50 | \$0.29 |

Customers who buy Monthly Passes will pay \$9.00 to \$12.50 more per month, about 21 to 29 cents more per trip and \$108 to \$150 more annually to ride Metra.

Peer One-Way Fares in Selected Zones

| | Zone Pair - Distance | | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | A-C | A-E | A-G | A-I |
| Peer Railroads | 10-15 miles | 20-25 miles | 30-35 miles | 40-45 miles |
| LIRR | \$10.25 | \$12.69 | \$14.50 | \$17.80 |
| MNR | \$9.91 | \$12.25 | \$14.00 | \$16.75 |
| NJT | \$6.62 | \$9.71 | \$13.88 | \$15.63 |
| SEPTA | \$5.73 | \$6.41 | \$7.38 | --- |
| MBTA | \$7.07 | \$9.28 | \$10.44 | \$11.50 |
| Proposed Metra Option 1: \$0.50 | \$5.75 | \$7.00 | \$8.00 | \$9.25 |
| Proposed Metra Option 2: \$0.25 | \$5.50 | \$6.75 | \$7.75 | \$9.00 |

Peer Monthly Fares in Selected Zones

| | Zone Pair - Distance | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | A-C | A-E | A-G | A-I |
| Peer Railroads | 10-15 miles | 20-25 miles | 30-35 miles | 40-45 miles |
| LIRR | \$226 | \$278 | \$318 | \$375 |
| MNR | \$220 | \$268 | \$311 | \$369 |
| NJT | \$187 | \$287 | \$393 | \$448 |
| SEPTA | \$163 | \$190 | \$204 | --- |
| MBTA | \$229 | \$293 | \$334 | \$363 |
| Proposed Metra Option 1: \$0.50 | \$166.75 | \$203.00 | \$232.00 | \$268.25 |
| Proposed Metra Option 2: \$0.25 | \$159.50 | \$195.75 | \$224.75 | \$261.00 |

FTA Title VI Requirements

Under FTA Title VI guidelines, transit agencies must:

- Establish disparate impact and disproportionate burden policies to establish thresholds used for equity analyses of proposed fare (and major service) changes (completed Sept. 2013);
- Evaluate the impacts of any proposed fare change to determine whether or not the proposed change would create a discriminatory effect on riders based on race, color, national origin, or poverty status;
- Demonstrate their respective governing body's consideration, awareness, and approval of any required equity analyses.

Operating Discussion

- Cost Actions
 - Efficiencies
 - Service Actions
 - Advertising/Marketing
 - Personnel Reductions/Freeze
 - Other
- Revenue Actions
 - Option 1: \$0.50 or Option 2: \$0.25
 - Discounts – 10-Ride & Monthly
 - Weekend ticket
 - Reduced fare
- Metra Farebox Revenues for Capital
 - Approximately \$25M to \$35M



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