



# 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 \$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
- No changes for any other ticket types or in any ticket policies are proposed.

# 2018 Fare Proposal – \$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 fare multiplier stays at 35 One-Way Reduced Fares (\$0.00 - \$8.75; 0.0% to 14.3%)
- Increase Weekend Pass to \$10.00 (\$2.00; 25.0%)

# Proposed One-Way Fares – \$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 – \$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 – \$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.



# Proposed Reduced One-Way Fares

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A         | \$1.75       | \$2.00        | 14.3%             | \$0.25          |
| B         | \$2.00       | \$2.00        | 0.0%              | \$0.00          |
| C         | \$2.50       | \$2.75        | 10.0%             | \$0.25          |
| D         | \$3.00       | \$3.00        | 0.0%              | \$0.00          |
| E         | \$3.25       | \$3.25        | 0.0%              | \$0.00          |
| F         | \$3.50       | \$3.50        | 0.0%              | \$0.00          |
| G         | \$3.75       | \$3.75        | 0.0%              | \$0.00          |
| H         | \$4.00       | \$4.00        | 0.0%              | \$0.00          |
| I         | \$4.25       | \$4.50        | 5.9%              | \$0.25          |
| J         | \$4.50       | \$4.75        | 5.6%              | \$0.25          |
| K         | \$4.75       | \$5.00        | 5.3%              | \$0.25          |
| L         | \$5.00       | \$5.25        | 5.0%              | \$0.25          |
| M         | \$5.25       | \$5.50        | 4.8%              | \$0.25          |

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



# Proposed Reduced Ten-Ride Fares

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ticket | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A         | \$15.75      | \$19.00       | 20.6%             | \$3.25            | \$0.33          |
| B         | \$18.00      | \$19.00       | 5.6%              | \$1.00            | \$0.10          |
| C         | \$22.50      | \$26.25       | 16.7%             | \$3.75            | \$0.38          |
| D         | \$27.00      | \$28.50       | 5.6%              | \$1.50            | \$0.15          |
| E         | \$29.25      | \$31.00       | 6.0%              | \$1.75            | \$0.18          |
| F         | \$31.50      | \$33.25       | 5.6%              | \$1.75            | \$0.18          |
| G         | \$33.75      | \$35.75       | 5.9%              | \$2.00            | \$0.20          |
| H         | \$36.00      | \$38.00       | 5.6%              | \$2.00            | \$0.20          |
| I         | \$38.25      | \$42.75       | 11.8%             | \$4.50            | \$0.45          |
| J         | \$40.50      | \$45.25       | 11.7%             | \$4.75            | \$0.48          |
| K         | \$42.75      | \$47.50       | 11.1%             | \$4.75            | \$0.48          |
| L         | \$45.00      | \$50.00       | 11.1%             | \$5.00            | \$0.50          |
| M         | \$47.25      | \$52.25       | 10.6%             | \$5.00            | \$0.50          |

Customers who buy 10-Ride Tickets will pay \$1.00 to \$5.00 more per ticket or \$0.10 to \$0.50 more per trip.



# Proposed Reduced Monthly Fares

| Fare Zone | Current Fare | Proposed Fare | Percentage Change | Change per Ticket | Change per Ride |
|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| A         | \$61.25      | \$70.00       | 14.3%             | \$8.75            | \$0.20          |
| B         | \$70.00      | \$70.00       | 0.0%              | \$0.00            | \$0.00          |
| C         | \$87.50      | \$96.25       | 10.0%             | \$8.75            | \$0.20          |
| D         | \$105.00     | \$105.00      | 0.0%              | \$0.00            | \$0.00          |
| E         | \$113.75     | \$113.75      | 0.0%              | \$0.00            | \$0.00          |
| F         | \$122.50     | \$122.50      | 0.0%              | \$0.00            | \$0.00          |
| G         | \$131.25     | \$131.25      | 0.0%              | \$0.00            | \$0.00          |
| H         | \$140.00     | \$140.00      | 0.0%              | \$0.00            | \$0.00          |
| I         | \$148.75     | \$157.50      | 5.9%              | \$8.75            | \$0.20          |
| J         | \$157.50     | \$166.25      | 5.6%              | \$8.75            | \$0.20          |
| K         | \$166.25     | \$175.00      | 5.3%              | \$8.75            | \$0.20          |
| L         | \$175.00     | \$183.75      | 5.0%              | \$8.75            | \$0.20          |
| M         | \$183.75     | \$192.50      | 4.8%              | \$8.75            | \$0.20          |

Customers who buy Monthly Passes will pay up to \$8.75 more per month, up to about 20 cents more per trip and up to \$105 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       |
| <b>Proposed Metra:<br/>\$0.25</b> | <b>\$5.50</b>        | <b>\$6.75</b> | <b>\$7.75</b> | <b>\$9.00</b> |

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|                                   | 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           |
| <b>Proposed Metra:<br/>\$0.25</b> | <b>\$159.50</b>      | <b>\$195.75</b> | <b>\$224.75</b> | <b>\$261.00</b> |

# 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.



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