

## Metro Paratransit Fare Increase

### ADA Paratransit Eligible Rider

- ADA limits the paratransit fare to no more than twice the fare charged to an individual paying full fare (without regard to discounts) for a trip on fixed route bus service
- Fixed route fare is currently \$2.00
- Paratransit fare is currently \$3.25
- Proposed paratransit fare increase to \$4.00 would be the maximum allowed

### Companion to ADA Paratransit Eligible Rider

- ADA establishes that fares for individuals accompanying ADA paratransit eligible individuals are permitted to be the same as for the eligible paratransit rider they are accompanying
- Current paratransit fare for any accompanying rider is No Charge
- Proposed paratransit fare increase to \$4.00 would apply to Companions

### Personal Care Attendant

- ADA establishes that a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) accompanying ADA paratransit eligible individuals on their ride shall pay no fare
- Current paratransit fare for any accompanying rider is No Charge
- Paratransit fare for PCA would remain No Charge

### Companion and PCA Distinctions

- PCAs differ from Companions
- A PCA would be someone designated or employed specifically to help the eligible individual meet their personal needs
- PCAs assist riders with one or more daily life activities such as personal care, performing manual tasks, or providing assistance with mobility or communication
- A Companion does not count as a PCA unless the ADA paratransit eligible individual regularly makes use of a PCA and the Companion is actually acting in the capacity of a PCA