



PROPOSED FARE INCREASE

Effective: Thursday, September 1, 2016

Metro is seeking to implement a fare increase effective Thursday, September 1, 2016. Metro staff will develop an in-depth fare equity analysis in accordance with FTA Circular 47.02.1B, as part of the fare change proposal.

The purpose of the analysis is to ensure that the adverse effects of a fare change are not borne disproportionately by riders that are low-income or from communities of color.

Metro Transit's official policies on making this determination are as follows:

Disparate Impact to Communities of Color

If a planned transit fare adjustment results in more than a 5.0% increase to a fare type that has been identified as being most used by communities of color, as compared to the lowest proposed percentage increase of a fare type that is not most used by a community of color, then it will be considered a disparate impact.

If an increase to a particular fare type is determined to cause a disparate impact to communities of color, staff will look at alternative proposals to minimize or eliminate the negative impact entirely.

Low-Income Disproportionate Burden Policy

If a planned transit fare adjustment results in more than a 5.0% increase to a fare type that has been identified as being most used by a low income population, as compared to the lowest proposed percentage increase of a fare type that is not considered low-income, then the resulting effective will be considered a low-income disproportionate burden.

If an adjustment is considered to cause a disparate income on low-income customers, then staff will look at alternative proposals to minimize or eliminate the negative impact entirely.

Determining Disparate Impacts on Communities of Color and Low-Income Customers

Metro staff are currently processing recently collected onboard data to determine which fare types would be considered most used by communities of color and/or low-income riders.

Once that determination is made, staff will review the findings of the fare analyses at a future Transit and Parking Commission meeting. At this same meeting, staff will submit a fare increase proposal that does not have disparate impact on communities of color or low-income riders - as according to Metro's policies above.

Staff will then make a request to hold a public hearing in Spring of 2016 to discuss the official fare increase proposal.