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MTA Announces Dates and Locations for Public Hearings on Fare and Toll Changes

Additional Information on Fare Proposals Now Online at [MTA.INFO](#)

[More Information on Fare and Toll Proposals](#)

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced the dates and locations for eight public hearings that will be held throughout the region to solicit public input on proposed fare and toll increases. Hearing notices will also be published in regional newspapers this week and posted throughout the MTA's transportation network and online at www.mta.info.

In addition to the eight hearings, the public can provide comments at an interactive public engagement workshop, an online web forum (webinar), MTA Board and committee meetings from October through December 2007, and email or letter submissions. All public comments and feedback will help inform the MTA Board's decision-making process. At the December 2007 Board meeting, it is anticipated that the Board will consider the proposals, or variations of them, and determine which ones, if any, to adopt. More information on the proposed fare and toll changes is also now available on the MTA website.

"There are more opportunities for public input than ever before, and the MTA is committed to an expanded public process," said Elliot G. Sander, MTA Executive Director and CEO. "We have put forward some new ideas and I look forward to not only hearing what our customers think but engaging in a productive two-way dialogue."

Dates and locations for the eight public hearings are listed below. More information, including registration details and directions to each venue is available at www.mta.info:

Monday, November 5, 2007, 6 p.m.
Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge
Grand Ballroom
333 Adams Street, Brooklyn

Monday, November 5, 2007, 6 p.m.
Palisades Center
Raso Community Room, 4th floor
1000 Palisades Center Drive, West Nyack

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6 p.m.
Farmingdale State College
Roosevelt Hall - Little Theater
2350 Broadhollow Road, Farmingdale

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6 p.m.
Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel
Ballroom
135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, Queens

Thursday, November 8, 2007, 6 p.m.
Westchester County Center
East Wing, 1st floor
198 Central Avenue, White Plains

Thursday, November 8, 2007, 6 p.m.
Hotel Pennsylvania
Ball Room, 2nd floor
401 7 Avenue (West 32 and West 33 Streets), Manhattan

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 6 p.m.
Michael J. Petrides Educational Complex

Auditorium, Building C
715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 6 p.m.
Lehman College
Speech and Theater Building
Lovinger Theatre, 1st floor
250 Bedford Park Boulevard, Bronx

Public Engagement Workshop

On November 17, the MTA will hold a first-ever public engagement workshop to discuss the various fare and toll options and MTA priorities over the next five to ten years. An online web forum (webinar) will be scheduled soon after November 17 to allow additional public discussion of those issues. Details about the workshop and the webinar will be published on the MTA website later in October.