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### New Fare Information Prices Change For Unlimited Ride Metrocards on Sunday, March 2nd

*Base fare remains \$2.00*

On Sunday, March 2nd 2008 at 12:01 a.m., prices of Unlimited-ride MetroCards will change, as part of an overall restructuring of fares and tolls across MTA operating agencies in order to generate a 3.85 percent increase in revenue from these sources as part of the 2008 MTA Budget.

The new Unlimited-ride MetroCard fare structure at NYC Transit is as follows:

- 1-Day Fun Pass \$7.50
- 7-Day card \$25 (Reduced-Fare \$12.50)
- 14-Day card NEW \$47 (Reduced-Fare \$23.50)
- 30-Day card \$81 (Reduced-Fare \$40.50)

Balance Protection, for credit, debit and ATM card purchases at MetroCard Vending Machines, is now available for the 7-Day Express Bus Plus and the new 14-Day card.

Unlimited Ride MetroCards currently being used for travel will be valid for the full 7 or 30 days, even if some of those days are after the fare change. In addition, customers who purchase an Unlimited Ride MetroCard prior to the fare change can take advantage of a "grace period," allowing these cards to be used after March 2nd. NYC Transit will monitor the number of cards in circulation and announce at a later date the exact duration of the grace period. The MTA and NYC Transit assure customers that, at a minimum, cards bought for normal, personal use will be valid for their full duration (1, 7 or 30 days) as long as the first day of travel is not later than March 10, 2008.

In addition, the bonus for the pay-per-ride MetroCard will be 15-percent, which is added automatically with the purchase or addition of \$7 or more. A \$7 card with the bonus will actually have \$8.05 value, equaling 4 rides but will have a remaining balance of \$0.05. Similarly, a \$10 card will actually have \$11.50 in value or 5 rides and a remaining value of \$1.50 while a \$20 card will have \$23 in value and 11 rides with a leftover balance of \$1. In these cases, riders are urged to refill the card to use any remaining balance.

To avoid leftover balances on pay-per-ride cards, riders can purchase a \$10 card at a MetroCard Vending Machine, refill it three times - at \$10 each - and get 23 rides and have no balance. Riders can also purchase a \$20 MetroCard, refill it once with another \$20, get 23 rides and have no leftover balance. At local MetroCard out-of-system sales locations, riders can purchase one of two new fare cards sold only at merchant locations:

- \$17.39 MetroCard, 10 subway or local bus rides, a \$20 value
- \$52.17 MetroCard, 30 subway or local bus rides, a \$60 value

Riders can also avoid left over balances by signing up for the EasyPayXpress MetroCard - the MetroCard that never runs out of rides. EasyPayXpress can be used for local bus, subway and express bus trips. Riders can log on to [www.easypaymetrocard.com](http://www.easypaymetrocard.com) and sign up for the program using a debit or credit card for the pay-per-ride bonus card that refills automatically and is protected even if it is lost or stolen. Once signed up, riders can view their account on line or opt to receive a monthly statement.

As a reminder, the base fare for a single local bus and subway ride remains \$2 (reduced fare \$1), and the base fare for an Express bus ride remains \$5 (reduced-fare \$2.50 off peak only), while the price of the 7-day Express Bus Plus pass remains at \$41. Also, fares for Paratransit trips taken on Access-A-Ride remain the same.

For more fare change information, riders are urged to take a look at Subway and Bus posters or pick up a New Fare Information Take One. Customers with additional questions can also ask Station Agents posted in full time Station Booths, or Station Customer Assistants posted in stations, for assistance.