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New Fares and Tolls to Take Effect on December 30

New Rates Follow MTA Board Votes in October

New fare and toll policies on MTA subways, buses, railroads, bridges and tunnels will take effect on December 30. Despite a \$900 million budget gap due to downturns in tax revenue and cuts to State assistance, the MTA was able to stick to the revenue increase of 7.5%, which had been agreed upon with the Legislature in 2009, through unprecedented cost cutting initiatives.

Details of the fare and toll policy changes follow.

Subways, Buses and Staten Island Railway

The base fare for individual rides on New York City Transit's buses, subways and Access-A-Ride vehicles remains at \$2.25. For subway and bus trips only, the reduced fare for seniors and the disabled is \$1.10. However, the single-ride ticket, available in vending machines only, is now priced at \$2.50. These tickets must be used within two hours of purchase. Fares on express buses remain at \$5.50 with an off-peak reduced fare of \$2.75. The 7-Day Unlimited Ride MetroCard is now priced at \$29, while the 30-Day Unlimited Ride MetroCard is priced at \$104. All pay-per-ride MetroCards will continue to function after the fare change. For time-based MetroCards purchased before December 30, customers must activate them by January 10, 2011, in order to receive their full validity periods. A \$1 surcharge for purchasing a new MetroCard will go into effect in 2011 at a date to be announced. Customers are urged to pick up the New Fare Information brochure, which outlines the new fare structure and even helps you decide which MetroCard is right for you. More information about New York City Transit fares can be found on MTA.info by following this link: <http://bit.ly/ebpEJ5>

Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad

Most railroad tickets will increase between 7.6% and 9.4%, depending on ticket type and distance traveled. One-way, round-trip and ten-trip ticket increases take effect on December 30, while Monthly and weekly ticket increases will take effect on January 1. There are a number of changes related to ticket validity periods, new refund policies, ticket exchanges and onboard ticket sales policies. Separate press releases with full details about new railroad fares and policy changes are available here:

- Long Island Rail Road: <http://bit.ly/g7YkAq>
- Metro-North Railroad: <http://bit.ly/hNAA1V>

Bridges and Tunnels

Tolls on the MTA's seven bridges and two tunnels will increase at 2 a.m. on Thursday, December 30. Tolls are rising to \$6.50 at most crossings for cash customers and increasing 23¢ to \$4.80 at most crossings for E-ZPass customers. A separate press release with full details about bridge and tunnel toll increases is available here: <http://bit.ly/eAeU1>