

STAFF SUMMARY

Subject MTA 2024 Temporary Fare Promotions: In-City Railroads Monthly Pass Fare Pilot						Date April 29, 2024			
Department Office of the Chief Financial Officer									
Department Head Name Kevin Willens, Chief Financial Officer									
Department Head Signature									
Project Manager Name Jai Patel, Deputy Chief Financial Officer									
Project Manager Signature									
Board Action						Internal Approvals			
Order	To	Date	Approval	Info	Other	Order	Approval	Order	Approval
1	Committee	4/29/2024				1	Chief Financial Officer		
2	Board	4/30/2024				2	Legal		
						3	Chief of Staff		
<p>Purpose: To obtain MTA Board approval to launch temporary fare pilot promotion pertaining to travel on MTA Railroads within New York City.</p> <p>Discussion: Congestion Pricing (formally known as the Central Business District Tolling Program) is planned to launch in June 2024. By charging vehicles a toll to enter the Congestion Relief Zone, defined as local streets and avenues in Manhattan at or below 60th Street, Congestion Pricing will encourage drivers to switch to transit (subways, buses, and railroads) into the Congestion Relief Zone and avoid the toll. The implementation of Congestion Pricing also presents an opportunity to attract riders to transit with additional options for travel into the Congestion Relief Zone that are affordable, fast, and convenient.</p> <p>As such, the MTA is proposing a temporary fare pilot promotion for railroad customers for a discount up to 10% (due to rounding) on monthly passes within the city zones as outlined below. This fare pilot promotion will start with the sale of monthly passes for July 2024. The duration of this fare pilot promotion would be at least 12 months and may continue until the next permanent fare change, provided continued funding from the Outer Borough Transportation Account (OBTA).</p>									

City Zone Monthly Ticket

Zone	LIRR Fare			Zone	MNR Fare		
	Current	Promotional	Variance		Current	Promotional	Variance
1 - 1	\$183.00	\$165.00	(\$18.00)	1 - 1	\$172.75	\$155.00	(\$17.75)
1 - 3	\$220.00	\$198.00	(\$22.00)	1 - 2	\$199.75	\$180.00	(\$19.75)
3 - 3	\$139.00	\$125.00	(\$14.00)	2 - 2	\$67.50	\$61.00	(\$6.50)
				1 - 311	\$199.75	\$180.00	(\$19.75)

City Zone Monthly School Ticket

Zone	LIRR Fare			Zone	MNR Fare		
	Current	Promotional	Variance		Current	Promotional	Variance
1 - 1	\$123.00	\$111.00	(\$12.00)	1 - 1	\$116.00	\$104.00	(\$12.00)
1 - 3	\$147.00	\$133.00	(\$14.00)	1 - 2	\$134.00	\$121.00	(\$13.00)
3 - 3	\$93.00	\$84.00	(\$9.00)	2 - 2	\$45.00	\$41.00	(\$4.00)
				1 - 311	\$134.00	\$121.00	(\$13.00)

Impact on Funding:

The funding from OBTA will provide for an additional ten percent discount on monthly fares for customers taking LIRR and MNR trips within New York City. The agreed upon discount and funding is the result of consultation with the houses of the legislature and is subject to the requirements of subdivision 3 of Section 1270-i of the Public Authorities law and MTA Approval.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the MTA Board approve this fare promotion.