

Memorandum



Date: April 5, 2005

Supplement to
Agenda Item No. 7 (A)

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George J. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Supplemental Information: Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 99-138 to
Increase Transit Rates, Fares and Charges

In addition to the amendments made by the Regional Transportation Committee on March 10, 2005, which reduced the proposed base fare from \$1.60 to \$1.50 and kept the Special Transportation Services (STS) fee at the current \$2.50, further staff review of the rate structure chart determined that additional adjustments would be required as a result of those amendments. These adjustments will not impact any existing fare policies relating to STS, Golden Passport, or the Patriot Passport.

Federal Transit Administration Rule 609.23 Reduced Fares states that "rates charged to elderly and handicapped persons...will not exceed one half of the rate generally applicable to other persons at peak hours." The proposed reduced fare of \$.80 must be reduced to \$.75 to comply with this Federal regulation. Reduced fares apply to:

- Youth through grade 12 with proper student identification;
- Persons with disabilities as defined by Federal law that do not qualify for STS; and
- Seniors 65 and over who are not a resident of Miami-Dade County and do not have a Golden Passport but have a Medicare card or other government issued photo identification.

The impact of the revision of the Reduced Fares from \$.80 to \$.75 is approximately \$300,000 for the 17 months contemplated in the ordinance, bringing the additional total revenues generated by this ordinance to \$25.1 million from the estimated \$25.4 million. A revised rate schedule is attached.

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Assistant County Manager

ATTACHMENT 1

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND CHARGES

I. Cash Fares¹

		Base <u>Fare</u>	Reduced <u>Fare</u> ²	Miami-Dade County Senior <u>Citizens</u> ³	<u>Tokens</u>
A.	Metrobus or Metrorail	\$1.50	\$.75	Free	One
B.	Metromover	Free	Free	Free	N/A
C.	Transfer from bus to bus bus to rail, or rail to bus	\$0.50	\$0.25	Free	N/A
D.	Transfer from bus to mover	Free	Free	Free	N/A
E.	Transfer from mover to bus	\$1.50	\$.75	Free	One
F.	Transfer from rail to mover	Free	Free	Free	N/A
G.	Transfer from mover to rail	\$1.50	\$.75	Free	One
H.	Metrobus Express/Special	\$1.85	\$0.90	Free	One+ \$0.25
I.	Metrobus Shuttle	\$0.25	\$0.10	Free	N/A
J.	Parking fee-daily maximum	\$4.00*	4.00*	4.00*	Two + \$1.00
K.	Parking fee-special events and Non-transit patron daily maximum	\$10.00*	10.00*	10.00*	N/A

* The Golden Pass and Patriot Passport holders are entitled to purchase a monthly parking. The reduce fare patrons must purchase a discount monthly pass in order for them to buy a monthly parking permit.

II. Special transportation Service Fares Rate Equal to \$2.50

Minimum Per Trip	\$2.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
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III. Tokens

Package of ten tokens	\$14.50
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IV. Prepaid Passes⁵

A.	Monthly Transit Pass ⁴	\$75.00
B.	Discount Monthly Transit Passes ¹¹	\$37.50
C.	Monthly Group Discount – 1 to 4 passes ⁶	\$70.00
D.	Monthly Group Discount – 5 to 99 passes ⁶	\$67.50
E.	Monthly Group Discount – 100 or more Passes ⁶	\$65.00
F.	Monthly College Student Pass ⁷	\$56.25
G.	Monthly Parking Permit ⁸	\$ 6.25
H.	Weekly Transit Pass ⁹	\$19.00
I.	Discount Weekly Transit Pass ¹¹	\$ 9.50
J.	Daily Passes ¹⁰	

V. Permits

Reduced Fare Permit ²	\$ 0.65
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VI. Special Event Fares-round trip fare is payable in advance. This service is free to patrons who present a Monthly Transit Pass or a Golden Passport. Discount fares do not apply.

A. Park and Ride	
1. 0 to 4.0 miles	\$ 5.00
2. 4.1 or more miles	\$ 8.75
3. Sleep and Ride Service	\$18.75
B. Special Event Shuttle -- Round Trip	\$ 1.25

VII. Charter Fares

A. Non-Holiday Rate	
1. First four hours	\$340.00
2. Hourly rate for each additional hour	\$ 56.00
B. Holiday Rate	
1. First four hours	\$500.00
2. Hourly rate for each additional hour	\$ 87.50
C. Special Event Rate	
1. First eight hours	\$1,125.00
2. Hourly rate for each additional hour	\$ 87.50

VIII. MDT may establish other rates based on costs; promotional discounts may be authorized by the Miami-Dade Transit Director as limited by Section 2-150 (c) of the Miami-Dade County Code.

Footnotes:

¹ Under certain circumstances, lower fares may be charged on public bus transit service development and transit corridor projects if they comply with provisions of Florida Statutes, Section 341.052(2)(b).

² Applicable at all times on Metrobus and on Metrorail when using the Monthly Discount Fare Permit. Those patrons entitled to reduced fares are: a) youths through grade 12 with proper student identification, b) persons with disabilities as defined by MDT rules and have a MDT Reduced Fare Permit, and c) seniors 65 and above who do not have a Golden Passport, but have a Medicare card (not Medicaid) or MDT Reduced Fare Permit or government-issued photo identification.

³ Applicable at all times to permanent Miami-Dade County citizens age 65 and above who display a valid Golden Passport. Replacement of a Golden Passport costs \$5 for the first replacement, \$20 for the second replacement and \$50 for the third or more replacement. Fees are waived when a police report listing the Golden Passport as stolen is submitted. Golden Passports are issued only to Miami-Dade County citizens age 65 and above. Misuse of a Golden Passport will result in forfeiture of its use for one year.

⁴ Promotional discounts may be authorized by the Transit Agency Director as limited by Section 2-150(c) of the Miami-Dade County Code.

⁵ MDT may issue other prepaid media with price and rules determined from other portions of this rate schedule.

- ⁶ As restricted by Ordinance 86-45.
- ⁷ Sold only in bulk quantities to participating colleges, universities, or vocational/technical education centers within Miami-Dade County for individual sale to full-time students only, as restricted by Ordinance 88-83.
- ⁸ Available only when purchased in combination with a monthly pass except for Patriot Pass, Golden Passport and MDT employees who may purchase monthly parking permits without purchase of monthly pass.
- ⁹ When weekly passes sold to hotels as part of a promotional effort, hotels will be allowed to retain \$3 per weekly pass sold and \$1.50 per discount weekly pass sold.
- ¹⁰ Daily Passes sold to students up to Grade 12 will be \$1.50; non-students or students above Grade 12 will be \$3.00.
- ¹¹ Available to any Medicare recipient (must show Medicare card at time of purchase), qualified people with disabilities, and Miami-Dade youth in grades 1-12 (with a valid permit/ID)