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Committee Review: At a future date
Staff: Carlos Camacho, Legislative Analyst
Purpose: To receive testimony – no vote expected
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AGENDA ITEM #5
April 13, 2021
Public Hearing

SUBJECT

FY22 Resolution on Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

- The County Council will hold a public hearing on a resolution authorizing changes to transportation fees, charges, and fares included in the County Executive's FY22 Recommended Operating Budget. The changes increase certain hourly, daily, and monthly parking fees in all three Parking Lot Districts (PLDs) and expand enforcement hours in the Silver Spring and Wheaton PLDs. The resolution also codifies two transit fares related to Metrorail to bus transfers.

SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- The current transportation fees, charges, fares were adopted by Council Resolution 19-441 on May 5, 2020 and approved by the Executive on May 13, 2020.
- In the Bethesda PLD, the recommended changes would increase maximum hourly rates in surface parking lots from \$1.50 to \$2.00 and in parking garages from \$1.25 to \$1.75. The daily maximum fee for all gated garages would increase from \$15.00 to \$22.50 and a lost ticket for a gated garage will assume the same fee of \$22.50. Daily Parking Permits are also increased from \$15.00 to \$22.50 per day. The fee for Monthly Access Cards for garages and for Parking Convenience Stickers (PCS) are increased from \$150.00 to \$195.00 per month.
- In the Silver Spring PLD, hours of parking enforcement for on-street parking would expand from 9:00am – 6:00pm to 9:00am – 10:00pm, Monday through Friday. Likewise, enforcement in surface parking lots and garages would expand from 7:00am – 7:00pm to 7:00am – 10:00pm, Monday through Friday. The daily maximum fee for all gated garages would increase from \$15.00 to \$18.75 and a lost ticket for a gated garage will assume the same fee of \$18.75. Daily Parking Permits would also increase from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per day.
- In the Wheaton PLD, hours of parking enforcement for on-street parking would expand from 9:00am – 6:00pm to 9:00am – 10:00pm, Monday through Saturday. Likewise, enforcement in surface parking lots and garages would expand from 9:00am – 6:00pm to

7:00am – 10:00pm, Monday through Saturday. The fee for Parking Convenience Stickers (PCS) are increased from \$113.00 to \$132.00 per month. The changes would also implement a maximum hourly rate of \$1.25 for on-street parking and \$1.00 for garages and surface lots.

- In FY21, WMATA reduced the maximum fare for Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfers with a SmartTrip card from \$1.75 to \$1.50 and the maximum fare for Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with a SmartTrip card from \$4.00 to \$3.75. The resolution codifies these changes for FY22.
- Changes are expected to be phased-in gradually at each facility over an approximately six-month period beginning July 1, 2021.
- As a result of the changes in fees, charges, and fares, DOT expects revenues to increase by \$900,000 in Bethesda, \$1,050,000 in Silver Spring, and \$450,000 increase in Wheaton.
- A T&E Committee worksession is scheduled to be held on April 30.

This report contains:

County Executive’s Transmittal Memo
Draft Resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2021

TO: Tom Hucker, President, County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive 

SUBJECT: FY22 Resolution on Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit for introduction by the County Council a resolution authorizing changes to transportation fees and charges that are included in my FY22 Recommended Operating Budget. My recommended budget includes the following changes to the parking districts:

Bethesda Parking Lot District

Increase the maximum hourly rates:

- In Lots from \$1.50 to \$2.00
- In Garages 40, 47, and 57 from \$1.25 to \$1.75
- In other Garages from \$1.00 to \$1.50

Also, increase the Parking Convenience Sticker from \$150 to \$195 per month.

Silver Spring Parking Lot District

- Increase the hours of parking enforcement for On-Street Parking from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm to 9:00 am – 10:00 pm
- Increase the hours of parking enforcement for Lots and Garages from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm to 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Wheaton Parking Lot District

- Implement a maximum hourly rate of \$1.25 for On-Street Parking and \$1.00 for Garages and Surface Lots
- Increase the Parking Convenience Sticker from \$113 to \$132 per month
- Increase the hours of parking enforcement for On-Street Parking from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm to 9:00 am – 10:00 pm
- Increase the hours of parking enforcement for Lots and Garages from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm to 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

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Attachment: Resolution – FY22 Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

c: Richard S. Madaleno, Chief Administrative Officer
Jennifer Bryant, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Michael Coveyou, Director, Department of Finance
Christopher Conklin, Director, Department of Transportation

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: March 23, 2021
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Setting Transportation Fees, Charges, and Fares

Background

1. Under Section 2-57A of the Montgomery County Code, as of July 22, 2004, all fees, charges, and fares for any transportation or transportation-related service or product provided by the Department of Transportation must be set by Council resolution adopted after a public hearing and approved by the Executive, unless any law expressly requires a different process. If the Executive disapproves a resolution within 10 days after it is adopted and the Council readopts it by a vote of six Councilmembers, or if the Executive does not act within 10 days after the Council adopts it, the resolution takes effect.
2. The fees, charges, and fares currently in effect are those in Council Resolution 19-441 adopted on May 5, 2020 and approved by the Executive on May 13, 2020.
3. The County Executive recommends increasing certain hourly, daily, and monthly parking fees in the Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Wheaton Parking Lot Districts.
4. The dates for the Traffic Management District charges have been updated to include the current period this resolution will be in effect.
5. A public hearing on this resolution was held on April __, 2021.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

Transportation fares, fees, and charges in Resolution 19-441 are amended as described in Table 1, attached. Effective dates for Traffic Management District charges have been updated. These changes become effective July 1, 2021.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Mendy Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council

Date

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

TABLE 1: TRANSPORTATION FARES, FEES, AND CHARGES

I. Transit Fares	
Regular cash fare or token	\$2.00
Regular fare paid with SmarTrip	\$2.00
Route 70 cash fare or token	\$4.25
Route 70 fare paid with SmarTrip	\$4.25
Federal employees and contractors during a partial or general shutdown, upon presentation of a valid federal photo ID. This provision would be in effect only if authorized by the County Executive.	Free
VanGo Route 28 and Route 94 shuttle[s]	Free
Designated routes in Free-Wheeling Days promotion	Free
Kids Ride Free Program [(2-8 pm weekdays)]	Free
Give and Ride Program	Free
MetroAccess Certified and/or Conditional Customer with ID	Free
MetroAccess – Companion of Certified and/or Conditional customer with ID Free Children under age 5	Free
Local bus-to-bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer with SmarTrip	up to <u>\$1.50</u>
Metrorail-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	up to <u>\$3.75</u>
Local bus-to-Route 70 transfer with SmarTrip	\$2.25
MARC weekly, monthly, TLC passes transfer to Ride On	Free
MTA Commuter Bus Pass transfer to Ride On	Free
Ride on Monthly Pass	\$45.00
Boarding Route 70 with weekly or monthly pass	\$2.25
Youth SmarTrip Card (one-time fee)	\$2.00
‘C’ Pass (for current County employees)	Free
‘U’ Pass (for Montgomery College transportation fee-paying students)	Free
except express Route 70 bus	\$2.25
Senior* with identification card from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays and 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Saturdays	Free
Senior* with identification card except from 9:30 am-3:00pm weekdays and 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Saturdays	
with cash fare or token	\$1.00
with SmarTrip card	\$1.00
Metrorail-to-Ride On bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	\$0.50
Local bus transfer (SmarTrip only)	Free
Senior* with identification card for express Route 70 except from 9:30 am-3:00 pm weekdays and 8:30 am-4:00 pm Saturdays with cash fare or token	\$2.10
with SmarTrip card	\$2.10
Metrorail-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.60
Local bus-to-Route 70 with SmarTrip	\$1.10
Boarding with weekly or monthly pass with SmarTrip	\$1.10
* For the purposes of this resolution, a person with disabilities not certified for Metro Access is treated the same as a senior.	

II. Parking Fees (Note: No payment is required for motorcycles in spaces or areas where only motorcycle parking is permitted. No payment is required for any vehicle at all public parking spaces on Sundays and County holidays.)	
A. Bethesda Parking Lot District	
1. Meters on-street from 9am to 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots and garages from 7am to 10 pm, Monday through Friday.	
a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets	\$3.25 or Less Per Hr.
b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot	[\$1.50] <u>\$2.00</u> or Less Per Hr.
c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage	[\$1.25] <u>\$1.75</u> or Less Per Hr.
2. All Gated Garages Daily Maximum Lost Ticket	
Daily Maximum	[\$15.00] <u>\$22.50</u> Per Day
Lost Ticket	[\$15.00] <u>\$22.50</u> Per Day
3. A Garage Specific	
Monthly Access Card	[\$150.00] <u>\$195.00</u> or Less Per Month
4. Special Permits	
a. Parking permit	
Monthly Permit (PCS)	[\$150.00] <u>\$195.00</u> Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	[\$15.00] <u>\$22.50</u> Per Day
AM/PM Parking Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
b. Carpool Permits 2 Persons	
3 and 4 Persons	\$107.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$58.00 Per Month
c. Townhouse Resident Permit	
	\$2.00 Per Month
5. Bethesda Library parking lot	
	\$1.00 Per Hour
A. Silver Spring Parking Lot District	
1. Meters on-street from 9 am to [6] 10 pm, Monday through Friday, and in lots and garages from 7 am to [7] 10 pm, Monday through Friday.	
a. Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets	\$2.25 or Less Per Hr.
b. Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot	\$1.25 or Less Per Hr.
c. Parking in spaces in a parking garage	\$1.25 or Less Per Hr.
2. All Gated Garages	
Daily Maximum	[\$15.00] <u>\$18.75</u> Per Day
Lost Ticket	[\$15.00] <u>\$18.75</u> Per Day
3. A Garage Specific	
Monthly Access Card	\$195.00 or less Per Month

4. Special Permits	
a. Parking Permits	
Monthly Permit (PCS)	\$132.00 or less Per Month
Daily Parking Permit	[\$12.00] <u>\$15.00</u> Per Day
“AM/PM” Permit	\$20.00 Per Month
b. Carpool Permits	
2 Person	\$87.00 Per Month
3 and 4 Persons	\$49.00 Per Month
5 or More Persons	\$11.00 Per Month
c. Townhouse Residential Permits	\$2.00 Per Month
d. Permit in Garages 9 and 16 for residents in the area bounded by Blair Mill Road, Eastern Avenue and Georgia Avenue	\$95.00 Per Month
C. Wheaton Parking Lot District	
1. Meters on-street from 9 am to [6] 10 pm, Monday through Saturday, and in lots and garages from [9] 7 am to [6] 10 pm, Monday through Saturday. [and in garages from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday.]	
[Short-Term (First 4 hours)]	\$0.75 Per Hour]
[Long-Term (More than 4 hours)]	\$0.60 or Less Per Hour]
a. <u>Parking in spaces within right of way of public streets</u>	<u>\$1.25 or Less Per Hr.</u>
b. <u>Parking in spaces on a surface parking lot</u>	<u>\$1.00 or Less Per Hr.</u>
c. <u>Parking in spaces in a parking garage</u>	<u>\$1.00 or Less Per Hr.</u>
2. Special Permits	
Monthly Permit (PCS).	[\$113.00] <u>\$132.00</u> or less Per Month
Townhouse Resident Permit	\$2.00 Per Month
D. Area Outside Parking Lot Districts	
1. Meters on-street and in lots not to exceed 7am to 10pm, seven days	
Short-Term (First 4 hours)	\$2.00 or less Per Hour
Long-Term (More than 4 Hours)	\$0.65 Per Hour
2. Special Permits	
Parking Convenience Sticker	\$123.00 Per Month
E. Temporary Parking Meter Removal and Bagging	
1. Temporary parking meter removal or re-installation	\$350 per meter
2. Parking Meter Bagging Fee related to construction activity	\$100 per meter for the first hour plus \$2 per meter per hour for each additional hour of meter bagging

III. Parking Fines and Other Charges (with County Code Section Citations)		
A. Motor vehicles, traffic control and highways, generally		
31-6(b)(2)	Snow emergency – Parked in Right-of-Way	\$85.00
31-7	Unregistered vehicle/parking prohibited	\$60.00
31-8	Impeding traffic, threaten public safety	\$60.00
B. Parking regulations generally -on-street		
31-11(b)	Emergency/Temporary no parking sign	\$60.00
31-12	Violation of official sign (except residential permit parking)	\$60.00
31-12	Residential permit parking violation	\$50.00
31-13	Parking of vehicle – snow accumulation	\$60.00
31-14	Parking of heavy commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, or buses	\$75.00
31-16	Over 24 hours	\$60.00
31-17	Within 35 feet of intersection	\$60.00
31-18	Posted time limit	\$60.00
31-19	Obstructing driveways (within 5 feet)	\$60.00
31-20	No person will:	
	(a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle whether occupied or not:	
	(1) Impeding traffic	\$60.00
	(2) On a sidewalk	\$60.00
	(3) Within an intersection	\$60.00
	(4) On a crosswalk	\$60.00
	(5) Alongside street repair	\$60.00
	(6) On bridge/ in tunnel	\$60.00
	(7) On any highway ramp	\$60.00
	(8) Official school board/Montgomery College sign	\$60.00
	(9) Rush hour restriction	\$60.00
	(10) Behind Official sign in Right-of-Way	\$60.00
	(b) Stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger:	
	(1) within 15 feet of fire hydrant	\$60.00
	(2) within 20 feet of painted crosswalk	\$60.00
	(3) within 30 feet of traffic control signal/device	\$60.00
	(4) at a firehouse entrance clearance	\$60.00
	(5) at a No Standing sign	\$60.00
	(6) double parking	\$60.00
	(7) at a posted/marked fire lane	\$250.00
	(8) in front of theaters, posted	\$60.00
	(9) more than 12 inches from curb	\$60.00
	(10) opposite the flow of traffic	\$60.00
	(11) blocking another vehicle	\$60.00

	(12) not within designated parking space	\$60.00
	(13) at a posted bus stop	\$60.00
	(14) at a posted taxi stand	\$60.00
	(15) in a handicapped parking space	\$250.00
	(c) Park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passenger:	
	(1) within 50 feet of a railroad crossing	\$60.00
	(2) at an official No Parking sign	\$60.00
C. Off-street public parking regulations		
31-25	(a) No person shall park a vehicle on a public parking facility:	
	(1) in violation of an official sign	\$60.00
	(2) in a No Parking zone	\$60.00
	(3) not within a designated parking space	\$60.00
	(4) in or on driving aisle/driveway/sidewalks	\$60.00
	(5) at a bagged meter/temporary sign/barricade	\$60.00
	(6) blocking another vehicle	\$60.00
	(7) over 24 hours where not authorized	\$60.00
	(8) vehicle unregistered/inoperative	\$60.00
	(9) in violation front-in-only posted	\$60.00
	(10) straddling marked parking spaces	\$60.00
	(11) unattended/running	\$60.00
	(12) impeding traffic	\$60.00
31-27	(b) Prohibited vehicle/weight/size/type	\$60.00
31-30(c)	(c) Snow/ice emergency	\$60.00
D. Parking meters generally		
31-35	Expired parking meter	\$45.00
31-36	Overtime parking at parking meter	\$50.00
31-37	More than 3 feet from parking meter	\$45.00
31-38	More than 1 vehicle in parking space except motorcycles	\$45.00
E. Administration, enforcement, penalties, and collection		
31-62(c)	Impoundment or immobilization fee	\$115.00
31-52(e)	Fee for withholding the registration of a vehicle	\$10.00
31-57(a)	First late penalty for failure to fully pay fine or appeal citation within 15 days	\$25.00
31-59	Second late penalty for failure to fully pay the original fine and penalties within 45 days of the original issuance of the citation	\$25.00
F. Residential Parking Permits		
31-48(h)	Annual fee	\$20.00

IV. Transportation Management District (TMD) annual fees	
In this section Gross Floor Area (GFA) is defined as described in Section 52-47 of the County Code.	
A. Bethesda Transportation Management District	
Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision of optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA
B. Friendship Heights Transportation Management District	
Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA
C. North Bethesda Transportation Management District	
Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA
D. Silver Spring Transportation Management District	
Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2006 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2006*	\$0.10/square foot GFA
E. Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District	
Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2011 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2011*	\$0.10/square foot GFA
F. White Oak Transportation Management District	
Commercial space occupied before July 1, 2015 where payment of TMD fee was a condition of subdivision or optional method approval	\$0.10/square foot GFA
Commercial space first occupied on or after July 1, 2015*	\$0.10/square foot GFA
* Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, 2.5 cents/sf GFA will be charged for each full quarter after a use and occupancy permit has been issued.	