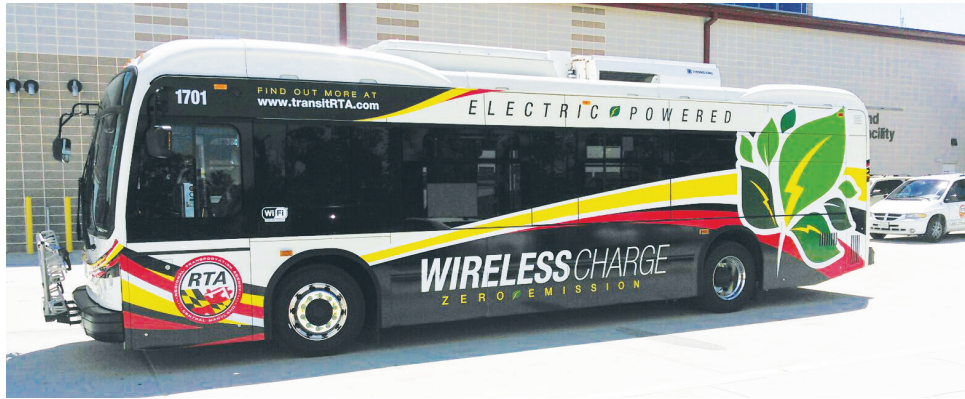


RTA Announcements



Catch the Bus with RouteShout 2.0 FREE Mobile App! Riders can access REAL-TIME data on a mobile device or by visiting www.transitRTA.com. App is available on Google Play and Apple Store.

Do You Need Transportation to or from the Howard County Circuit Court Building on Route 405? Call ahead for transportation and schedule a ride: 1-800-270-9553.

NOW HIRING CDL DRIVERS! For immediate consideration go to: RTA Operations Facility at 8800 Corridor Road, Annapolis Junction. Location is on RTA Route 409. To fill out an application visit our website www.transitRTA.com, download and send to consumer@transitRTA.com or call Human Resources at 410-796-6589, press 9.

March 22, 2018



Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission (CMTMC) gives notice of a Public Hearing regarding a proposed Fare Policy Change impacting all Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) service routes and RTA Mobility. A proposed service enhancement to Route 501 will also be discussed. Hearing will take place on **Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the RTA Administration Office, 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, Maryland. The RTA opens a 30-day public comment period on Monday, March 26th through Tuesday, April 24, 2018.**

Written comments can be submitted online, www.transitRTA.com, email, consumer@transitRTA.com, 7-1-1 MD Relay or mail, RTA Administration Office, 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, MD 20763. Proposed changes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, July 1, 2018.

For details, visit www.transitRTA.com. If you require special accommodations please contact Sue Poole, Director of Communications, Regional Transportation Agency 301-957-3604, sue.poole@transitRTA.com, or Victor Jimenez, Manager of RTA Mobility at 301-957-3608, victor.jimenez@transitRTA.com.



PLEASE TAKE ONE!

Passengers are invited to join in the discussion on the date listed below

**Proposed Fare Policy Changes:
All RTA fixed routes and mobility services
(Howard Transit and Connect-A-Ride)**

**Proposed Service Enhancement to
existing Route 501**

A public hearing regarding RTA service enhancements will be held on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the RTA Administration Building located at 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, Maryland.** The Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission opens a 30-day public comment period on March 26, 2018 through Tuesday, April 24, 2018. During this period the public is encouraged to provide feedback regarding proposed changes by submitting written comments either online, www.transitRTA.com, email, consumer@transitRTA.com or mail, RTA Administration office, 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, MD 20763. Proposed changes are scheduled to begin Sunday, July 1, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DATES: Monday, March 26 to Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland, Administration Office
8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110
Savage, MD 20763

The meeting location is accessible for people with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance or additional accommodations, or who require printed materials in an alternate format should contact RTA in advance at 1-800-270-9553 to make necessary arrangements.

For More Information or to Comment

Visit www.transitRTA.com or call the RTA, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 1-800-270-9553. You may also email your comments to consumer@transitRTA.com with subject heading "Fare Change Proposal," 711 MD Relay or mail comments to 8510 Corridor Road, Suite 110, Savage, Maryland 20763. Your name and postal address must be included with your comments to become part of the public hearing record.

Title VI Notice

RTA fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For the full policy, please visit www.transitRTA.com.

Why Change the Fare Policy Structure for all RTA Routes?

When the Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA) was created in July 2014, it merged two different transit systems, Howard Transit and Connect-A-Ride. Each of the legacy systems had their own fare policy and pricing. While the base fare is the same in both systems - \$2.00 for a one-way ride, each system offers different types of passes and costs for services. The Central Maryland Transportation & Mobility Commission (CMTMC) is proposing a revised fare structure to simplify the fare structure and provide consistency throughout the RTA service area.

The base fare would remain at \$2.00. Free transfers would no longer be accepted however, a Day Pass, would allow unlimited travel for that day at the cost of \$5.00. Ten-Ride Regular booklets and Monthly Passes would both be available for the entire system. Under the new proposal, Seniors and Persons with a Disability would now be FREE for the fixed-route system.

RTA Current and Proposed Fixed Route Fares (Regular/Reduced)

Type of Fares	Current RTA Fixed-Route Fares		Proposed RTA Fixed Route Fares
	Howard Transit Routes: 401, 404, 405, 406, 407 408, 409, 409B, 501	Connect-A-Ride Routes: 201, 202, 301, 302, 502, 503, 504	Routes: 201, 202, 301, 302, 401, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 409B, 501, 502, 503, 504
One Way, Regular Fare	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
One Way, Reduced Senior or Person with Disability	\$1.00	\$1.00	FREE ride with valid ID or Mobility ID
One Way, Reduced Student	Not Available	Not Available	\$1.00 with current school ID
Transfer	Free	Not Available	Not Available
Day Pass, Regular Fare Cash	Not Available	\$5.00	\$5.00
Day Pass, Reduced Senior or Person with Disability, Cash	Not Available	\$2.50	FREE ride with valid ID or Mobility ID
10 Ride Ticket Booklet, Regular Fare	\$13.50	Not Available	\$15.00
10 Ride Ticket Booklet, Reduced Fare Senior or Person with Disability	\$4.50	Not Available	FREE ride with valid ID or Mobility ID
10 Ride Ticket Booklet, Reduced Student	\$4.50	Not Available	Not Available
Monthly Pass, Regular Fare	\$47.00	\$60.00	\$40.00
Monthly Pass, Reduced Senior or Person with Disability	\$16.00	\$30.00	FREE ride with valid ID or Mobility ID
Monthly Pass, Reduced Student (18 and older)	\$16.00	Not Available	\$20.00 with current school ID
Monthly Pass, Reduced Youth (6 - 17 years)	N/A	\$40.00	\$20.00
Children, ages 5 and under	Free	Free	Free

Proposed RTA Fixed Route Fare Enhancements

- * NEW: Seniors (age 60+) or Persons with a Disability can ride fixed route system for FREE (valid ID required).
- * NEW: Regular Day Pass available system wide. Ride all day for \$5.00.
- * NEW: Reduced cost on all routes for a Regular Monthly Pass. Savings: \$7.00/Howard Transit Routes, \$20.00/Connect-A-Ride

RTA Current Mobility Fares and Proposed Changes

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) and General Paratransit (GPT)

Current Paratransit Fares

Type of Fare	Howard Transit	Connect-A-Ride
One Way Trip, ADA Complementary	\$2.50	\$4.00
One Way Trip, General Paratransit (GPT)	\$2.50	Not Available
10-Ride Ticket Book, ADA Complementary	\$25.00	\$40.00
10-Ride Ticket Book, General Paratransit (GPT)	\$25.00	Not Available

Proposed Fare Changes

Type of Fare	Howard Transit	Connect-A-Ride
One Way Trip, ADA Complementary effective 7/1/2018	\$3.00	\$4.00
One Way Trip, ADA Complementary effective 7/1/2019	\$4.00	\$4.00
One Way Trip, General Paratransit effective 7/1/2018	\$4.00	Not Available
One Way Trip, General Paratransit effective 7/1/2019	\$5.00	Not Available
10-Ride Ticket Book, ADA Complementary - within Howard County (value \$30.00) effective 7/1/2018	\$25.00	Not Available
10-Ride Ticket Book, ADA Complementary - outside of Howard County (value \$40.00) effective 7/1/2018	Not Available	\$35.00
10-Ride Ticket Book, ADA Complementary RTA System wide (value \$40.00) effective 7/1/2019	\$35.00	\$35.00
10-Ride Ticket Book, General Paratransit (within Howard County) effective 7/1/2018	\$40.00	Not Available
10-Ride Ticket Book, General Paratransit (within Howard County) effective 7/1/2019	\$50.00	Not Available

Proposed RTA Paratransit ADA Fare Enhancements

* NEW: Reduced discount for ADA 10-Ride Ticket Books (savings of \$5.00)

RTA Route 501 Proposed Enhancement and Service Change

RTA Route 501 service will run from Columbia Mall to Arundel Mills Mall on a 60 minute headway. Shuttle Service will be provided by Anne Arundel County Office of Transportation and will run between Arundel Mills Mall and Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI). Frequency and hours of operation are to be determined. For more information regarding this proposal please call 410-222-0022 or 410-222-0225.

