



Worcester Regional Transit Authority

**FARE RE-STRUCTURE**  
**August 5, 2008**

## Reasons for Fare Re-Structure

- **WRTA has one of the lowest fare recovery ratios (14%), significantly below the peer agency average (19%).**
- **Zone structure makes the WRTA the most complicated system to use among peer agencies.**
- **WRTA has significantly higher per-ride discounts than any of the peer agencies.**
  - **Current 10 Ride Pass discounted 28% - 45%**
  - **Current 31 Day Pass discounted 22% - 48%**
  - **Current 31 Day Pass breakeven rate - 30.4 trips**
- **Federal law allows ADA Fares to be two times the Fixed Route Fare.**
  - **Current ADA Fare discounted 20%**



## Recent Fare and Fuel History

- **Last Fixed Route Fare Increase – Fiscal Year 2003 \$ .25**
- **Fiscal Year 2003 Diesel Fuel \$ .86 / Fiscal Year 2008 Diesel Fuel \$ 3.18**
- **Last Paratransit Fare Increase – Fiscal Year 1996 \$ .25**
- **Fiscal Year 1996 Gasoline \$ 1.31 / Fiscal Year 2008 Gasoline \$ 3.73**
- **Fiscal Year 2009 Fuel accounts for 7.25% (\$1.2m) of Transit Services budget**
- **Fuel is the WRTA's 3rd largest cost driver behind Labor & Fringe Benefits**



**Fixed Route Bus Service  
Fare Re-Structure / Fare Increase**

	<u>Current Fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>
<b>Base Fixed Route Fare</b>	<b>\$ 1.25</b>	<b>\$ 1.50</b>
<b>1 Day Pass (Adult)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$ 3.50</b>
<b>1 Day Pass (ED / Child)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$ 1.75</b>
<b>10 Ride Pass (Adult)</b>	<b>\$ 9.00 / \$11.00</b>	<b>\$ 13.00</b>
<b>10 Ride Pass (ED)</b>	<b>NA / \$5.50</b>	<b>\$ 6.50</b>
<b>31 Day Pass (Adult)</b>	<b>\$ 38.00 / \$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>
<b>31 Day Pass (ED)</b>	<b>\$ 18.00 / \$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>



**Paratransit Van Service  
Fare Re-Structure / Fare Increase**

	<u>Current Fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>
ADA	\$ 2.00 + \$ .50	\$ 3.00
NonADA – In Town	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
NonADA – Out of Town	\$ 1.00 + \$ .25	\$ 2.50

*In-Town trips may be subsidized by other local funds at the COA's discretion.*



## Public Meetings

The Worcester Regional Transit Authority will conduct Public Meetings regarding the proposed fare restructure and increase. These meetings are for the public to provide testimony on the proposed increase.

Meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

- ***Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 2pm: Worcester Library, 3 Salem Sq., Worcester, MA***
- ***Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 6pm: S. Worcester Neighborhood Improvement Corp., 47 Camp St., Worcester, MA***
- ***Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 10am: Spencer Town Hall, 157 Main St., Spencer, MA***
- ***Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 4pm: Centro Las Americas, 11 Sycamore St., Worcester, MA***
- ***Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 2PM: Millbury Library, 128 Elm St., Millbury, MA***
- ***Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7pm: Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central St., Brookfield, MA***
- ***Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 7pm: Worcester Library, 3 Salem Sq., Worcester, MA***
- ***Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 7PM: Millbury Library, 128 Elm St., Millbury, MA***



## Public Comments

***The Worcester Regional Transit Authority encourages written comments regarding the fare increases from interested parties. Written comments can be sent to:***

***Stephen F. O'Neil, Administrator  
Worcester Regional Transit Authority  
287 Grove Street  
Worcester, MA 01605***

***Comments must be received no later than 12:00pm, August 15, 2008***

