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## **Metro Board of Commissioners Approves Fare Increase**

Today, the Metro Board of Commissioners approved a proposal to implement a two-part fare increase for the region's transit system. The first fare increase raises base fares by twenty-five cents, and goes into effect on January 1, 2009. The weekday MetroLink ride-free zone in downtown St. Louis will also be eliminated. The second fare increase raises base fares by an additional twenty-five cents, and is scheduled for July 2010. A chart with information about the future fare increases is attached.

Also during today's monthly meeting, Metro's Board of Commissioners discussed plans to reduce service provided by the transit system. Further discussion will take place at the December 11, 2008 Metro Operations & Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, when a recommendation for a new service plan is expected.

"This is not something we wanted to do," said Robert Baer, President & CEO of Metro. "Without an additional source of revenue that keeps pace with inflation, fare increases and service reductions have become necessary to create a transit system that operates within the Agency's financial resources."

Other measures receiving board approval today included two revisions to Board Policy and a contract award to Deloitte Consulting for implementation of a Human Resource Management System.

*Metro is the operator of the St. Louis regional public transportation system, which includes the 87-vehicle, 46-mile MetroLink light rail system; the 413 MetroBus vehicle fleet that operates on 75 MetroBus routes; and Metro Call-A-Ride, a paratransit fleet of 130 vans.*

*Metro also oversees the operations of the St. Louis Downtown Airport and surrounding industrial business park, the Gateway Arch Revenue Collections Center, the Gateway Arch Transportation System, the Gateway Arch Riverboats, and the Gateway Arch Parking Facility.*

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**Addendum – Fare Chart**

<b>Metro Fare Type</b>	<b>Current Fare</b>	<b>Effective January 1, 2009</b>	<b>Effective July 1, 2010</b>
MetroLink – Airport w/ Transfer	\$3.50	\$3.75	\$4.00
MetroLink	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.50
MetroBus	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25
MetroLink - Reduced Fare	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.25
MetroBus - Reduced Fare	\$0.85	\$1.00	\$1.10
MetroLink Two-Hour Pass	\$2.25	\$2.75	\$3.00
MetroBus w/ Multi-Use Transfer	\$2.25	\$2.75	\$3.00
MetroLink Two-Hour Pass - Reduced	\$1.10	\$1.35	\$1.50
MetroBus w/ Multi-Use Transfer - Reduced	\$1.10	\$1.35	\$1.50
10 Two-Hour Passes	\$20	\$27.50	\$30
Student 10 Two-Hour Passes	\$15	\$19	\$20
Day Pass	\$4.50	\$7.50	\$8
Weekly Pass	\$19	\$23.50	\$25
Monthly Pass	\$60	\$68	\$70
Reduced Monthly Pass	\$30	\$34	\$35
University Semester Pass	\$125	\$145	\$150
ADA Call-A-Ride	\$3.50	\$4	\$4.50
Non-ADA Call-A-Ride per zone	\$6	\$7	\$7.50