

Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposed Fare Structure Changes

June 2008

What we will cover today

- Need for a fare increase
- Recommended fares
- Next steps

Why raise fares?

- A fare increase is part of a financially sustainable future for Capital Metro.
- Capital Metro needs to expand services to meet the demands of the area's growing population and ease traffic congestion.
- The cost of providing service has increased and is increasing.
 - Diesel fuel prices have increased 121% in the last 5 years.
 - Labor costs have increased 34% in the last 5 years.
- Without a fare increase Capital Metro would have to cut service.

Service Level and Fares

Capital Metro has significantly improved and expanded services, but has had the same fares for 23 years.

Since 1986

Ridership	Up 256%
Service Hours	Up 155%
Service Miles	Up 192%
Relative Value of Fare	Down 46%

Fares, Fuel Costs, and Inflation

	1995	2000	2005	Today
Cost of Diesel	\$1.10	\$1.36	\$2.37	\$4.00
Cap Metro Fares	50¢	50¢	50¢	50¢
Relative Value of Fares due to Inflation	36¢	31¢	28¢	27¢

2007 Public Outreach – What we heard

- Overall, the community recognized the need for an increase
- Too much increase at one time; gradual increase preferred
- Concern for low and fixed income population
- Too much increase to STS ticket book price
- Keep the Stored Value Card
- Charge more for premium services (Express & Rail)
- Too many free fares (mostly about 'Dillos)

Recommended Fares

The Basics

- Possibly as early as this fall, the local bus fare would increase \$0.25, to \$0.75
 - Other cash fares and passes adjusted proportionally
 - Express & MetroRail fares to \$1.50 (Zone system also under consideration)
 - RideShare – \$37.50 monthly
- STS 10-ride Ticket Book to \$6.00
- Stored Value Card to \$8.00
- Dillo fare to \$0.25 & \$5.00 31-day pass

Recommended Fares

The Basics (Cont.)

- STS Certified Individuals, Children under 6, and Law Enforcement, Fire, & Military personnel in uniform - Free on Fixed Route, Express & Rail
- Reduced fare (half fare) - Fixed Route \$0.35/Express & Rail \$0.75
 - Disability Fare Card holders - Persons with non-certified ADA disabilities, other than STS qualifying
 - Seniors (over 65) and Medicare Card holders
 - Students under 18 years and under (with student ID)
 - Active duty and reserve military personnel (with ID)
- In fall 2010, base fare increases to \$1.00 with proportional increases to other fares

Zones vs. Straight Fare Pricing

Two options for MetroExpress and MetroRail fares

Option 1:

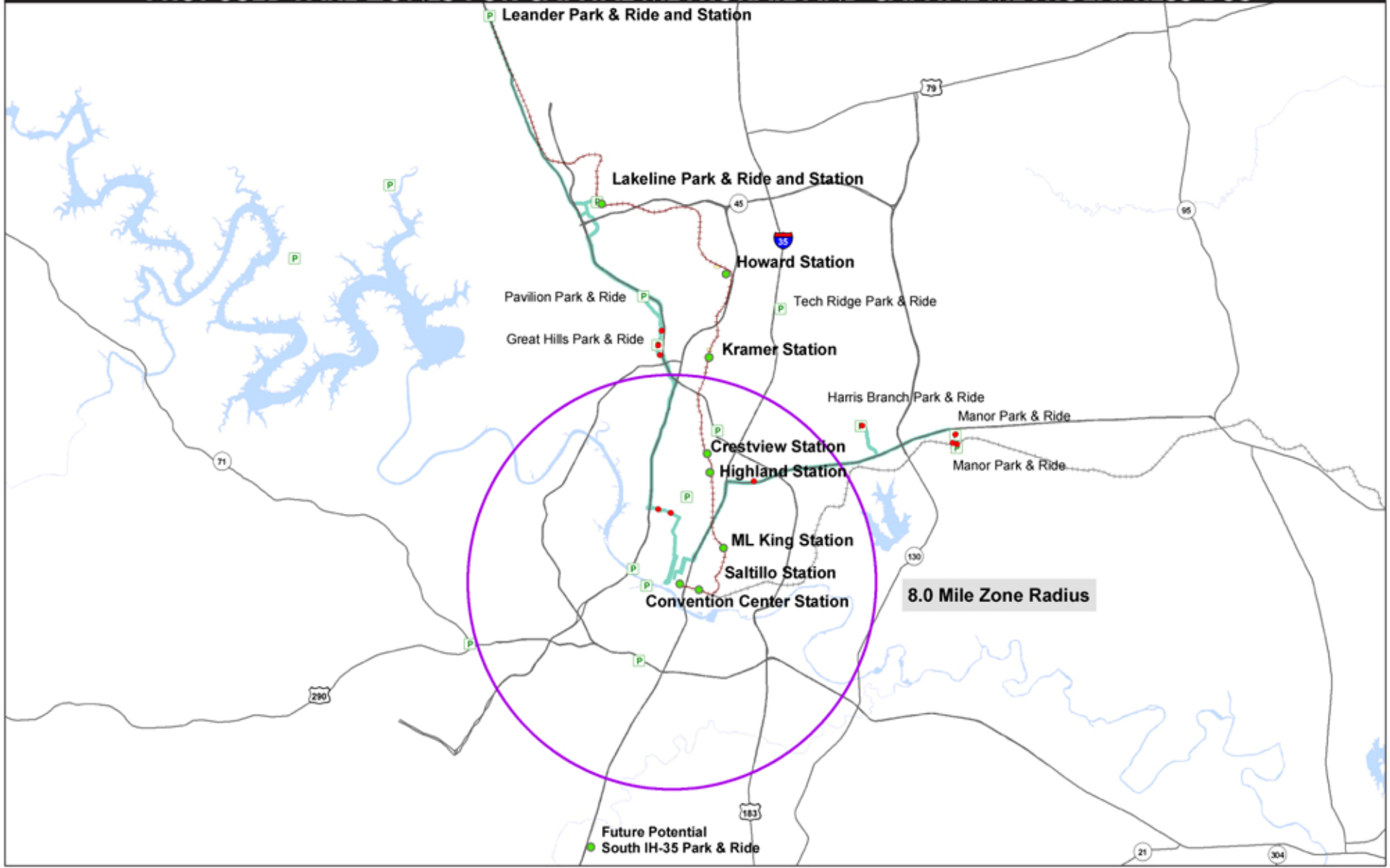
- Straight-fare , no-zone pricing

Option 2:

- Create two pricing zones in the Austin area. Trips that cross zones have a higher fare.

Proposed Fare Zones

PROPOSED FARE ZONES FOR CAPITAL METRORAIL AND CAPITAL METROEXPRESS BUS



Social Service Agency Partnerships

- Capital Metro will continue to provide bus passes at a reduced cost to social service agencies to help their clients stay mobile.
- From 2000 thru April 2008, Capital Metro has provided more than \$1,835,208 worth of bus passes, at a 50 percent discount, to these partners.

Next Steps for Fare Approval – Tentative Calendar

- Board approval to begin public outreach May 19
- Community Forums/Public Outreach May/June
- Public Hearing June 27
- Board considers fare structure to advance to Local Government Approval Committee “LGAC” June 30
Committee composed of eleven members
 - 5 City of Austin Council members, 3 Travis County Commissioners, 3 Suburban City Mayors
- LGAC Consideration July/August
- Board approval to implement August 27
- Fare change effective* Fall 2008

** MetroRail fares to begin with start of service, Fall 2008*

Questions?