

El Metro Transit

Proposed Fare Changes to the following services: Fixed Route and Paratransit

El Metro Transit is proposing to adjust the fares for Fixed Route and Paratransit riders. El Metro is amongst a number of Transit Agencies in the country to experience Federal and State funding reductions over the past two fiscal years this is an addition to the sales tax projection shortfall.

Increased cost for services, fuel, mechanical parts, and overall operations of the fleet are pressing factors that add up to an over \$500,000.00 shortfall for this upcoming fiscal year alone. To avoid potential reduction of services, and in order to sustain the current level of services, the Laredo Mass Transit Board (City of Laredo Council) approved funds to subsidize a proposed reduction of fare of transportation services for elderly and disabled riders.

Public Meeting Notice

1. Two public meetings will be held for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the proposed reduction in fares.
2. Interested persons or agencies may present evidence and recommendations orally or in writing at any of the hearings.
3. Persons unable to attend a meeting may submit in writing, fax or email comments to El Metro Fares, 1301 Farragut, Laredo, Texas 78040; fax (956) 795-2258; email mgarcia5@ci.laredo.tx.us. *Comments must be post marked/received no later than September 25th 2018.*

The proposed fare decreases, date, time and location of the public meetings are listed below.

Proposed Bus Fare Adjustments

| <i>Fare Category</i> | <i>Approved for Oct. 1st. 2018</i> | <i>Proposed Reduced October 23, 2018</i> | |
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| Elderly / Disabled (off-peak) | \$0.75 | \$0.50 | El Metro ID Required |
| Medicare Card Holder (off-peak) | \$1.00 | \$0.50 | New! |
| Para-Transit (El Lift) Rides up to 7 miles | \$1.75 | \$1.75 | EL Lift ID Required |
| Para-Transit (El Lift) Rides up to 7.1 up to 14 miles | \$2.50 | \$2.00 | EL Lift ID Required |
| Para-Transit (El Lift) Rides up to 14.1 miles and over | \$3.50 | \$2.25 | EL Lift ID Required |
| Eligible El Lift Riders using Fixed Route | \$2.00 | \$1.00 | EL Lift ID Required New! |

Meeting Location

El Metro Transit Center
1301 Farragut
Laredo, Texas 78040
Monday, September 24, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

El Metro Transit Center
1301 Farragut
Laredo, Texas 78040
Tuesday, September 25, 2018
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We **VALUE** all residents' opinion whether it be at a public meeting, by e-mail, fax, or by postal service.