El Metro Transit

Proposed Fare For Multi-Ride Bus Pass Program,

Reduction for Elderly and Disabled Off-Peak Fare and elimination of Transfers.

El Metro Transit is proposing a reduction to the Elderly & Disabled off-peak fare, the elimination of Transfers, and a new fare for the Unlimited (multi-ride) Bus Pass program for fixed route riders.

We want to advise the public of the proposed fares for the new bus pass. El Metro will feature Ticket Vending Machines to purchase passes for daily, weekly, or monthly at the Laredo Transit Center located at 1300 Farragut Street here in downtown Laredo.

Bus Passes will allow passengers to enjoy unlimited rides for a day (24 hours from time of first use), for a week or for the entire month. The proposed reduction for Elderly & Disabled fare will allow eligible riders to take twice the number of trips under the same budget. The elimination of Transfers will deter fare evasion in the form of re-sale of transfers.

Public Transportation lessens the burdens of vehicle ownership and reduces traffic congestion around the city. By providing unlimited ride passes, El Metro enables residents to take multiple trips during a day to meet their work, medical, leisure, education and any other transportation needs at a low cost.

Public Meetings Notice

- 1. Two public meetings will be held for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the proposed new fare and changes.
- 2. Interested persons or agencies may present evidence and recommendations orally or in writing at any of the meetings.
- 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.

Meeting Locations

El Metro Transit Center Lobby 1301 Farragut Laredo, Texas 78043 Friday, December 20, 2019 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Sophie Christine Mckendrick, Francisco Ochoa, Fernando Salinas Library 1920 Palo Blanco Laredo, Texas 78046 Friday, December 20, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PROPOSED FARE FOR MULTI-RIDE BUS PASS PROGRAM AND OFF PEAK FARE REDUCTION FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED, AND TO DISCONTINUE TRANSFERS

| Multi-Ride Bus Pass | Proposed Unlimited Rides Fare Structure |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 2 Hour Pass | \$3.00 |
| Daily Pass | \$6.00 |
| Weekly Pass | \$40.00 |
| Monthly Pass | \$120.00 |
| Off Peak Elderly and Disable Current | Off Peak Elderly and Disable Proposed |
| \$0.50 | \$0.25 |
| Transfers \$1.00 | Eliminate |

We value community input; share your opinion at a public meeting, by mail, fax, or by postal service. Comments must be post marked/received no later than <u>December 23, 2019.</u>