

# RTD Update: Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

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# Systemwide Fare Study and Equity Analysis

## **Systemwide Fare Study Goals**





#### **Equity**

- Support transit reliant/financially burdened customers
- Provide equitable and fair access to fares, products, and discounts
  - Regardless of race, color, national origin, income status, and for other marginalized communities



#### **Affordability**

Align fares with service value



#### **Simplicity**

- Make fares easy to understand
  - Standardized discounts and streamlined fare payment options



# **Proposed Draft Fare Structure**

	Current Full Fare			Proposed Draft			
				Full Fare		Discount Fare*	
	Local	Regional	Airport	Standard	Airport	Standard	Airport
3-Hour Pass	\$3	\$5.25	\$10	\$2.75	\$10	\$1.35	
Day Pass	\$6	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$5.50	\$10	\$2.70	
Monthly Pass (Multiple of 3-Hour Pass)	\$114 (38x)	\$200 (38x)	\$200 (19x)	<b>\$88</b> (32x Local / Regional)		<b>\$27</b> (20x)	

<sup>\*</sup>Discount Fare includes seniors 65+, people with disabilities, Medicare recipients, and customers enrolled in LiVE



## **LiVE Program Expansion**

- Increase discount from 40 percent to 50 percent to align with other Discount fares
- Increase income threshold from 185 to 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Establish comprehensive outreach/engagement action plan
- Explore expanding means testing beyond current system



#### **Current Pass Programs**



#### Proposal for EcoPass, CollegePass, and NECO Pass

- Contracts will have two-year, utilization-based, fixed pricing
- Contract minimums reduced to lower participation barriers
- No bulk customer
- New pricing for 2024
- Simplify EcoPass pricing matrix



#### **Timeline**

May 2023

Proposed draft fare structure public review and comment

July 2023

Board consideration – final recommended fare structure and associated fare equity analysis

**Q1 2024** 

Implementation





# **A-Line Capacity**

## **Information on A-Line Inquiry**

- Increase frequency on A-Line?
  - A study would be needed to determine cost estimates, operational needs, construction timeline, etc.
  - Known study aspects include double-tracking the corridor, new bridge over I-70, headway and additional fleet requirements/storage, reconfigure Union Station tracks, DTP operation impacts, additional staffing





# Respect the Ride: Customer Code of Conduct

#### Respect the Ride Overview

- Focuses on providing a safe, convenient, and enjoyable experience for all customers
- Discourages disruptive activities and behaviors
- The proposed revisions simplify the existing Code of Conduct, eliminate redundancies, and emphasize respect for other customers and RTD's vehicles, facilities, and employees
- A side-by-side comparison of all proposed revisions is available at rtd-denver.com/respect-the-ride







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## **Tool and Strategy**



#### **Education**

- Educating an individual will always be the first step
- Remind customers of RTD's expectation of common courtesy



#### **Connecting to Resources**

- RTD will continue to deploy a support team of professionals to support individuals
- Provides information, resources, and other support not offered by a transit system



#### **Enforcement and Suspension**

- Only in situations where a response is warranted beyond education or community resources
- May include a verbal or written warning
- Always conducted in a fair and reasonable manner



#### **Feedback and Input**

- Comprehensive outreach and engagement efforts are underway to solicit feedback
- Feedback will be collected until Friday, June 2
- Connecting with 50+ community organizations and non-profits to provide input
- Approximately 30 in-person and virtual outreach events are planned
- The online feedback survey is available in English, Spanish, and other languages by request





#### Respect the Ride Timeline



# REVISIONS PROPOSED

Following an internal staff review, revisions were identified and are now being proposed for consideration

# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK BEGINS

The two-month feedback window opened on April 3, and it includes a comprehensive earned and owned media engagement strategy

#### FEEDBACK COMPILED

All feedback will be compiled and shared with RTD's Board of Directors in June 2023

#### **BOARD ACTION**

Any final decisions or actions taken related to proposed revisions will be made by the Board



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# Thank you.

