



PROPOSED ST Express FARE CHANGE



Overview

Sound Transit is considering two options for simplifying ST Express fares by eliminating its current two-zone fare structure. Option 1 is a \$3.25 flat fare for adult riders. Option 2 is route-based and eliminates the lower one-zone fare for riders travelling within one county on two-county routes. Option 2 would not change the current \$2.75 adult fare for one-zone trips on one-county routes, and the adult fare for all two-county trips would be \$3.75. Under both options, riders qualifying for ORCA LIFT, Youth, Senior or Disabled fares would see fares for all travel set at the current one-zone level.

Pending Board approval, Sound Transit expects to implement any fare changes in July 2018, when King County Metro applies its new \$2.75 flat fare.

Comparing current ST Express fares with the fare options

	Current fares		Option 1 - Flat fare	Option 2 - Route-based	
	1-zone*	2-zone*	All routes	1-county**	2-county***
Adult (age 19-64)	\$2.75	\$3.75	\$3.25	\$2.75	\$3.75
ORCA LIFT Adult	\$1.50	\$2.75	\$1.50		\$1.50
Youth (age 6-18)	\$1.50	\$2.75	\$1.50		\$1.50
Senior or Disabled	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$1.00		\$1.00

* 1-zone trips are within one county, 2-zone trips cross county lines.

** 1-county routes: 522, 540, 541, 542, 545, 550, 554, 555, 556, 560, 566, 567, 577, 580 and 596.

*** 2-county routes: 510, 511, 512, 513, 532, 535, 574, 578, 586, 590, 592, 594 and 595.

Learn more and comment

Comments due by: Feb. 11, 2018

Take the online survey:
soundtransit.org/fare-change

Public hearing:

Noon, Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018
Union Station, 401 S. Jackson St., Seattle

Email: fares@soundtransit.org

Visit: soundtransit.org/fare-change

Call: 1-866-940-4387

By mail:

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Attn. Cassandra Andrews
401 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104

How will these options affect me?

	Option 1 - Flat fare	Option 2 - Route-based fare
I'm an adult making a 1-county trip on a 1-county route	Your fare will increase by \$0.50	Your fare will not change
I'm an adult making a 1-county trip on a 2-county route	Your fare will increase by \$0.50	Your fare will increase by \$1.00
I'm an adult making a 2-county trip on a 2-county route	Your fare will be reduced by \$0.50	Your fare will not change
I'm a reduced fare (ORCA LIFT, Youth, Senior or Disabled) rider making a 1-county trip	Your fare will not change	Your fare will not change
I'm a reduced fare (ORCA LIFT, Youth, Senior or Disabled) rider making a 2-county trip	Your fare will be reduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORCA LIFT/Youth by \$1.25 Senior or Disabled by \$0.75 	Your fare will be reduced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORCA LIFT/Youth by \$1.25 Senior or Disabled by \$0.75
I often transfer to ST Express from other transit agencies' service	Would align fare levels with King County Metro for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduced fare riders 	Would align fare levels with King County Metro for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adults on 1-county routes reduced fare riders