

Monroe County Transportation Authority
Public Hearing on Thursday, November 21, 2024

for the Purpose of Enacting a
Fixed Route Fare Increase
Effective January 1, 2025

I. Call to Order

II. Participants Log-In

III. Introductions

IV. In accordance with provisions of **MCTA's Fare Policy**, requesting public input:

A. Public Notice was published in the Pocono Record **October 10 and 13, 2024.**

B. Public Comment Cards were distributed on all Fixed Route Buses during October and November 2024

C. Public Comment was invited via the MCTA Website,
www.gomcta.com/newfares.php

V. The **purpose of the Public Hearing** is based on the MCTA proposing a fare increase for one-way Fixed Route bus tickets from \$1.50 plus transfers, to \$2.00 inclusive of transfers effective January 1, 2025. The last Fixed Route Fare Increase was made in 2014. Costs associated with fuel, wages and other operational items have increased dramatically, thereby reducing MCTA's ability to maintain and/or improve cost recovery for the service. Fare capping, via bank cards, will provide discounted fares for one day (\$4), seven day (\$20), and thirty day (\$64). Discounted fares will be available to eligible students and persons with disabilities. Eligible seniors over 65, children, and students K-12 with valid school issued IDs, may ride fare free. Individuals and organizations were asked to comment on the proposed fare increase in writing to

MCTA,
PO Box 339
Scotrun, PA 18355

or via email to hyanulus@gomcta.com

A public hearing will now take place at the offices of MCTA, located at 134 MCTA Drive, Swiftwater, PA 18370, to hear any testimony provided.

VI. Public Comment:

Each person or organization that submits written or oral comments during the public comment period will be provided with a formal response. MCTA staff and the MCTA Board of Directors will review all comments and adjust the proposed fare structure if necessary. Immediately following the public hearing on November 21, 2024, the MCTA Board of Directors will consider adoption of the fares for implementation on January 1, 2025.

Ms. Yanulus, are there any written comments this evening?

<please present comment(s)>

Do ***any guests in attendance wish to present verbal comments?*** (If so, please state your name and address and limit comments to 5 minutes or less).

VII. Adjournment (request motion to adjourn and close the meeting).

VIII. Move to the MCTA Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.