

Houston Regional Transit: Fare Structures (effective March 2015)

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) – Communities that are part of the METRO service area include the cities of Houston, Bellaire, Bunker Hill Village, El Lago, Hedwig Village, Hilshire Village, Humble, Hunters Creek Village, Katy, Missouri City, Piney Point Village, Southside Place, Spring Valley Village, Taylor Lake Village and West University Place. The service area also includes portions of western unincorporated Harris County. The transit authority operates local fixed-route METRO Bus, METRORail, METROLift paratransit for Americans with Disabilities (ADA), and METRO Park & Ride as well as other mobility programs such as vanpool, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) and toll (HOT) lanes.

Brazos Transit District – Providing rural and urban public transportation in central and east Texas since 1974, the District operates transit services in Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Montgomery, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Washington Counties and operates The Woodlands Express. For the purpose of illustrating transit in the Houston Region, this document includes Montgomery and Liberty Counties.

Colorado Valley Transit District – Colorado Valley Transit District (CVTD) is a rural transit district responsible for transit services in Austin, Colorado, Waller and Wharton Counties. For the purpose of illustrating transit in the Houston Region, this document includes Waller County.

Connect Transit – The Gulf Coast Center operates a transportation program known as Connect Transit. Connect Transit provides demand response, fixed routes, and ADA paratransit services in Galveston and Brazoria counties. Connect Transit in partnership with the City of Galveston/Island Transit operates two park and rides known as Island Connect from the mainland in Galveston County to Galveston Island.

Fort Bend Transit – The Fort Bend County Public Transportation Department offers shared ride bus service for the residents of Fort Bend County to destinations within the county. Fort Bend Express is a commuter service comprised of three routes to destinations in Harris County: Fort Bend Express to Greenway, Uptown/Galleria, and the Texas Medical Center.





Harris County Transit – The goal of Harris County Transit is to provide residents outside of the METRO service area with transportation alternatives. Harris County Transit partners with the City Of Baytown and METRO to operate a park and ride service from Baytown to the downtown Houston and also operates fixed routes and ADA paratransit in the cities of Baytown, La Porte, Crosby and Highlands. The RIDES program is a shared ride service for seniors and people with disabilities throughout Harris County but primarily in areas outside the METRO service area. RIDES allows eligible customers and participating agencies to purchase transportation services at a significant discount.

Island Transit – Island Transit is a public transportation system serving Galveston Island. Transit services include fixed routes and ADA paratransit. Island Transit partners with Connect Transit to operate Island Connect park and ride from Galveston County to Galveston Island.

Conroe Connection – The newest public transit system in the region, Conroe Connection is a public transit service of the City of Conroe.





Greater Houston Regional Transit Fares for One-Way Trip

Numerical endnotes record eligible riders for the specific program or fare, and alphabetic endnotes refer to requirements to receive the specific fare discount and conditions to pay extra fare.

	 Fixed Route Service	 ADA Paratransit Service	 Demand Response Service	 Park & Ride Commuter Service
METRO	<p>METRO Bus and METRORail</p> <p>One-way Fares: Base Fare: \$1.25 Discounted Fare^[4,6,7,17,18] [A,B,C]: \$0.60 Free Fare^[5,9,20,21,22] [D]</p> <p>Payment Options: Exact Change METRO Q® Fare Card METRO Day Pass: \$3.00 Discounted Day Pass^[4,6,7,17,18]: \$1.50</p> <p>Transfers: Free transfers up to 3 hours in the same direction with METRO Q® Fare Card or METRO Day Pass.</p> <p>Bonus: Five free rides for every 50 paid rides on METRO Q® Fare Card.</p>	<p>METROLift</p> <p>One-way Fares: \$1.15 Free Fare^[21]</p> <p>Payment Options: <i>METROLift Single Ticket</i> <i>METROLift Passes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-ride Book: \$9.75 (15% discount per trip) • Monthly Pass: \$38.60 • Annual Pass: \$347.00 <p>Reservation Time Limit: One day in advance. Same day trips may be scheduled on a space available base.</p>	<p>METROLift Subsidy Program (MSP) [6]</p> <p>Limited Eligibility: ADA-eligible METROLift customers</p> <p>One-way Fare: METRO pays up to \$8.00 for taxi trip, eligible riders pay the first \$1.00 and the amount over \$8.00 if any.</p> <p>Reservation Time Limit: Anytime on the day of service.</p>	<p>METRO Park & Ride</p> <p>One-way Fares: <i>Basic Fare:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone 1: \$2.00 • Zone 2: \$3.25 • Zone 3: \$3.75 • Zone 4: \$4.50 <p><i>Discounted Fare</i>^[4,6,7,17,18] [A,B,C]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zone 1: \$1.00 • Zone 2: \$1.60 • Zone 3: \$1.85 • Zone 4: \$2.25 <p>Payment Options: Exact Change METRO Q® Fare Card</p> <p>Transfers: Free transfers up to 3 hours in the same direction with METRO Q® Fare Card or METRO Day Pass</p>





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Brazos Transit District (Fares for all counties in Brazos Transit District)	<p>One-way Fares: Base Fare: \$1.50 Discounted Fare^[3,6,7,13] [B]: \$0.75 Free Fare^[10, 19] [A]</p> <p>Payment Options: <i>Exact Change</i> <i>Tickets:</i> Ticket Book (40 one-way trips): \$60.00 <i>Passes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MultiRide Pass (42 one-way trips): \$55.00 (13% discount per trip) • Seniors & Disabled (S&D) PunchPass^[3,6] [B] (40 one-way trips): \$30.00 (50% discount per trip) • Summer Pass – per month^[15]: \$25.00 • Semester Pass^[18] [E]: \$70.00 <p>Transfers: One free transfer per trip.</p>	<p>One-way Fares: Base Fare: \$3.00 Extra Fare (in addition to Base Fare) for Additional Trips^[F]: \$2.50</p> <p>Payment Options: <i>Exact Change</i> <i>Tickets:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Trip Ticket: \$6.00 • Ticket Book (20 Round Trips): \$120.00 <p><i>Pass:</i> MultiRide Pass (21 Round Trips): \$115.00 (9% discount per trip) <i>Combination of Tickets and Cash</i>^[G]</p> <p>Reservation Time Limit: Seven days in advance and up to 5:00 pm the day before.</p>	<p>One-way Fares: <i>Base Fare:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the Same County: \$3.50 • Crossing One County: \$4.00 • Crossing Two Counties: \$5.00 <p><i>Extra Fare (in addition to Base Fare):</i> Additional County: \$2.00 Additional Trips^[F]: \$2.50 Same Day Trips: \$2.00</p> <p>Payment Options: <i>Exact Change</i> <i>Tickets:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the Same County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Round Trip Ticket: \$7.00 ○ Ticket Book (20 Round Trips): \$140.00 • Crossing One County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Round Trip Ticket: \$8.00 ○ Ticket Book (20 Round Trips): \$160.00 <p><i>Passes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the Same County: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MultiRide Pass (21 Round Trips): \$135.00 (8% discount per trip) • Crossing One County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MultiRide Pass (21 Round Trips): \$155.00 (8% discount per trip) <p><i>Combination of Tickets and Cash</i>^[G] <i>Prepaid Fare over Phone</i></p> <p>Reservation Time Limit: Seven days in advance and up to 4:00 pm the day before. Same day trips may be provided on a space available base.</p>	<p>The Woodlands Express</p> <p>One-way Fare: \$6.00</p> <p>Payment Options: Round Trip Ticket: \$12.00 Ticket Book (20 Round Trips): \$240.00</p>





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Colorado Valley Transit District (Fares for all counties in Colorado Valley Transit District)			One-way Fares: Inner City trip (LOOP): \$1.00 Inner County trip (LINK): \$2.00 County to County: \$5.00 Free Fare ^[1] [H] Payment Options: Exact Change Single Ticket (Value \$1.00) 10 Ticket Pack: \$10.00 Reservation Time Limit: 24 hours in advance.	
Connect Transit (Brazoria and Galveston Counties)	One-way Fares: Base Fare: \$1.00 Discounted Fare ^[3,6,7,14] : \$0.50 Payment Options: <i>Cash</i> <i>Coupons:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainland Transit 20-ride Coupon Book: \$15.00 • Southern Brazoria County Transit 20-ride Coupon Book:\$15.00 Transfers: One free transfer is allowed per day between Connect Transit routes, or from Connect Transit routes to Island Transit routes.	One-way Fare: \$2.00 Payment Options: <i>Exact Change</i> Reservation Time Limit: Seven days (five business days) in advance and up to 5:00 pm the day before.	One-way Fares: Base fare:\$1.00 Trips to the Veteran’s Hospital in Harris County: \$3.50 Payment Options: <i>Cash</i> <i>Coupons:</i> Coupon Book (20 rides): \$15.00 (25% discount per trip) Reservation Time Limit: Five business days in advance and up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 hours in advance in Brazoria County • 1 hour in advance in Galveston County 	Island Connect One-way Fares: Mall of the Mainland P&R: \$2.00 Victory Lakes P&R: \$3.00 Payment Options: <i>Cash</i> <i>Coupons:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mall of the Mainland Coupon Book (50 rides): \$75.00 (25% discount per trip) • Victory Lakes Coupon Book (50 rides): \$112.00 (25% discount per trip) • UTMB Employee Ticket Book (50 rides): \$50 (50% discount per trip) Transfers: One free transfer to Connect Transit and Island Transit fixed route system.





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<p>Fort Bend Transit (Fort Bend County)</p> <p>NOTE: New Payment Option Fort Bend County is introducing an electronic SmartCard in 2015. The reusable, prepaid SmartCard can be used on all Fort Bend Transit services and will replace Ticket Books.</p> <p>Base fares for exact change will remain the same. Riders will receive a 10% discount when using the SmartCard to pay the fare for a one-way trip.</p>			<p>Fort Bend Express</p> <p>One-way Fares: Shuttles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairgrounds Park & Ride to University of Houston (UH) Sugar Land or AMC Park & Ride (AMC): Free • AMC to West Bellfort: \$1.00 <p>Express buses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UH/AMC to Uptown/Galleria: \$2.25 • UH/AMC to Greenway Plaza: \$2.25 • West Bellfort to Greenway Plaza: \$2.00 • UH/AMC to Texas Medical Center (TMC): \$3.50 <p>Payment Options: <i>Exact Change</i> <i>Ticket Books:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Uptown Galleria / Greenway Plaza (20 rides): \$36.00 • UH/AMC to W. Bellfort P&R (20 rides): \$18.00 • W. Bellfort P&R to Greenway Plaza (20 rides): \$31.50 • To TMC (20 rides): \$63.00 • To Uptown Galleria / Greenway Plaza (40 rides): \$72.00 	





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Harris County Transit (Harris County not part of METRO)	<p>One-way Fares: Base Fare: \$1.00 Discounted Fare^[2,6,7,11,17] [A,I]: \$0.50 Free Fare^[8]</p> <p>Payment Options: Exact Change</p>	<p>One-way Fares: \$2.00</p>	<p>Limited Eligibility Only^[K]: Seniors and people with disabilities. Advance registration required.</p> <p>1.RIDES ^[3,6] [H] Distance based subsidized program by Harris County</p> <p>One-way Fares::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Ride: \$3.00 to \$21.00 (Agency or Customer pays 50% of the cost of Shared Ride \$6.00 to \$42.00) • Same-Day Taxi: Up to \$24.00 (Agency or Customer pays 50% of the Same-Day Taxi trip up to \$48.00) • Free Fare ^[3,6] [H,J] <p>Payment Options: RIDES E-Card</p> <p>Reservation Time Limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Ride: 24 hours in advance • Same-Day Taxi: 90 minutes in advance <p>2. Medical Transportation Program ^[3,6] [H] Sponsored program by Harris County Social Services.</p> <p>Fares: Fare paid by HC Social Services ^[3,6] [H,J]</p> <p>Reservation Time Limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours in advance 	<p>Harris County sponsors Baytown Park & Ride by METRO</p> <p>One-way Fare: Zone 4 (See METRO Park & Ride above)</p>

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Island Transit (City of Galveston)	<p>One-way Fares: Base Fare: \$1.00 Discounted Fare^[3,6,7,12,15] [A,B]: \$0.50 Free Fare^[10]</p> <p>Payment Options: Exact Change Regular Monthly Pass: \$37.50 Reduced Monthly Pass: \$17.50 Student Pass: \$17.50 Tokens (Pack of 10): \$9.00 (10% discount per trip)</p> <p>Transfers: Free transfers</p>	<p>Dial A Ride Transit (DART)</p> <p>One-way Fare: \$1.00</p> <p>Payment Options: Exact Change Dial-A-Ride Tickets (40 Tickets): \$40.00 Dial-A-Ride Monthly Pass: \$32.00</p> <p>Reservation Time Limit: Seven days in advance and up to 4:00 pm the day before.</p>		<p>See Connect Transit.</p> <p>Connect Transit contracts Island Transit to operate commuter service in both Mall of the Mainland P&R and the Victory Lakes P&R.</p>
Conroe Connection (City of Conroe)	<p>One-way Fares: Base Fare: \$1.00 Discounted Fare^[3,6,13,16] [A,B]: \$0.50 Free Fare^[10]</p> <p>Payment Options: Exact Change</p>	<p>One-way Fare: \$2.00</p> <p>Payment Options: Exact Change</p> <p>Reservation Time Limit: Seven days in advance and up to 5:00 pm the day before.</p>		

Eligible Rider:

- ¹ Senior citizens (60 and over) in Austin and Waller counties
- ² Seniors (62 and over)
- ³ Seniors (65 and over)
- ⁴ Seniors (65-69)
- ⁵ Seniors (70 and over)
- ⁶ People with disabilities
- ⁷ Individuals with Medicare Card
- ⁸ Children under 2
- ⁹ Children 5 and under
- ¹⁰ Children under 6 with paying customer
- ¹¹ Children (2-11)
- ¹² Children (6-11)
- ¹³ Children (6-12)
- ¹⁴ Students (5-17)
- ¹⁵ Students (6-18)
- ¹⁶ Students (13-18)
- ¹⁷ Elementary through high school students
- ¹⁸ Full-time university students
- ¹⁹ Current Texas A&M students
- ²⁰ METROLift passengers who were eligible for free fare on fixed route prior to 2008 (when the 50% fare was first introduced) and remain an active METROLift customer
- ²¹ Jurors going to jury duty on the original date of their summons
- ²² ADA-eligible riders using a monthly or annual pass

Qualification Requirements:

- A. Students must show a current student ID or a Transit ID of the transit agency.
- B. Transit agency requires a process of age and disability determination. Eligible riders need to submit an application form to the transit agency/program.
Seniors, people with disabilities must show a discounted fare card or pass or a Transit ID that is issued by the transit agency to receive a reduced fare.
- C. Medicare cardholders and full-time university students must have a discounted METRO Q® Fare Card or METRO Day Pass to pay the reduced fare. To obtain them, they need to complete form brochure for METRO Q@ Fare Card & Day Pass Registration.
- D. METROLift passengers who are grandfathered to continue riding for a free fare on fixed routes must keep eligibility for METROLift and not let activity lapse more than 60 days to remain grandfathered.
- E. College students must show a proof of full-time registration.
- F. Additional fare will be charged if more than one destination is requested during one trip period. Any extra stop in between the origin and the final destination will result in an additional trip fare of \$2.50.
- G. When tickets are not available, full payment may be made with cash or a combination of a ticket and cash.
- H. Must register with the transit program or with a sponsoring agency.
- I. To board and ride with a discounted fare, seniors must present a government-issued ID with date of birth and people with disabilities must show an ID with proof of disability.
- J. Elderly and/or disabled residents living outside the Houston METRO service area travel for medical purposes (Doctors' Appointments, dialysis, chemotherapy, etc.) within the Harris county area.
- K. Elderly and/or disabled residents within Harris County that have no access to alternate transportation services (fill-in-the gap services). No trip type.