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COLTS Announces Plans to Increase Fares

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Scranton, Lackawanna County - COLTS, the County of Lackawanna Transit System, announced plans to raise its fares Wednesday morning.

In a news release, the agency said it will be the first increase in 17 years. The last time they increased their bus fares was in 1994, according to the news release.

"Our short term goal is to increase fares to the rate of inflation, but we are sensitive to the economic impact this will have on our riders," Executive Director Robert Fiume said.

The current price for a full cash fare is currently \$1.25.

The proposed price for July 2, 2012 would be \$1.50.

The proposed price for July 1, 2013 would be \$1.75.

Senior Citizens's Fares would remain free along with fares for children.

Two public hearings will be scheduled for people to comment on the proposal.

They will be Tuesday, March 6th from 10:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the COLTS Office at 800 North-South Road.

The other hearings will be held on Wednesday, March 7th and Saturday, March 24th at the Mall at Steamtown.

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