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COLTS eyes transit fare increase

The County of Lackawanna Transit System will hold a series of public hearings to present its plan to increase fares for the first time since 1994.

"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 so we are looking at a two-pronged approach over two years," COLTS Executive Director Robert Fiume said in a prepared release

The meetings will be held Tuesday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the COLTS Board Room, 800 North South Rd., Scranton; Wednesday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Mall at Steamtown, 2nd floor, next to the Variety Shop; and Saturday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Mall at Steamtown, 2nd floor next to the Variety Shop.

A 30-day public comment period will begin March 6 and end April 5. Only written comments will be accepted.

Residents can submit comments to COLTS Fare Increase, 800 North South Rd., Scranton, Pa., 18504, or via e-mail to info@coltsbus.com with "Fare Increase" in the subject line.

FARETYPE	CURRENT	JULY 2, 2012*	JULY 1, 2013*
Full cash fare	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.75
Half cash/Reduced fare	\$0.60	\$0.75	\$0.85
Senior Citizens/Children	Free	Free	Free
Transfers	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$0.75
Half fare transfers	N/A	\$0.25	\$0.35
Day pass	N/A	\$2.50	\$4.00
10-ride adult pass	\$11	\$12.50	\$15.75
10-ride student pass	\$10	\$6.75	\$7.85
31-day adult pass	\$40	\$48	\$54
31-day student pass	\$20	\$24	\$28

SOURCE: COLTS public notice, Feb. 29, 2012
* Proposed rate changes only; Public input needed before rate changes can occur.

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