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Proposed Fare Increase

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A progressive approach to fares

- GO Transit has, for the most part, increased fares annually
- This is intended to provide for moderate fare increases as costs and service increase
- 3-tiered fare increase is better suited for a fare by distance system
- In conjunction with fare increase we propose to increase the price differential between paper tickets (single ride and day pass) and PRESTO fares, providing an even greater incentive for customers to adopt the PRESTO card.

Considerations

- Metrolinx annually updates its five-year strategic plan and its ten-year capital plan. The direction provided in these plans is used to support a detailed business plan for the upcoming year.
- The results of this proposed business plan for fiscal 2014/15 includes:
 - Planned service improvements for 2014/15 plus those implemented mid-year 2013/14 to respond to growing demand
 - Maintaining a high level of reliability (95% on-time) and customer service
 - Providing for operating and maintenance costs of new infrastructure
 - Reflecting an expected increase in key cost drivers based on the market and contractual commitments – expected to be 2 – 3%

Service Growth Planned for 2013/14

- 30 minute rail service on Lakeshore corridor
- Additional 12-car trains to relieve crowding
- Additional peak trains on Stouffville line
- New shoulder peak trains on Stouffville and Richmond Hill corridors
- New shoulder/counter-peak trains on Lakeshore East corridor
- Additional bus trips on various corridors with increasing demand
- Additional train meet service to complement new 30 minute mid-day rail service on Lakeshore corridor
- Summer weekend train-meet bus service to Canada's Wonderland and Niagara-on-the-Lake, connecting to rail service

New Infrastructure to Support Growth

- 50 rail coaches and 30 double-deck buses
- Four new parking structures – 4500 new parking spaces
- Expanded bus storage facilities at Streetsville
- New rail layover on the Richmond Hill corridor
- Fuelling facilities at Barrie and Lincolnville rail storage



Recommended Fare Increase Approach

A Blended Approach based on distanced travelled

- Increase the premium on Adult single ride paper tickets. Apply a flat rate increase of \$0.35, \$0.45 and \$0.55 as follows:

\$4.85 - \$6.15	increase of \$0.35	covers 24 stations, mostly short distance
\$6.16 - \$7.80	increase of \$0.45	covers 17 stations, inclusive of Clarkson, Oakville, Erindale, Pickering
above \$7.80	increase of \$0.55	covers 17 stations, inclusive of Bradford, Georgetown, Burlington

**Note: fares for these stations reflect trip to/from Union Station

- Increase the discount on PRESTO adult fare (rides 1 to 35) from 8.75% to 10.0%. Rides 36 to 40 will be unchanged at 8.75%.
- Increase the discount on initial PRESTO student fare from 16.25% to 17.25%
- Increase the discount on initial PRESTO senior fare from 50.75% to 51.50%

Sample of Fare Increase

Station	Current Adult Single Ticket	Current Adult PRESTO fare	Proposed Adult Single Ticket	Proposed Adult PRESTO fare
Union - CNE	\$4.85	\$4.43	\$5.20	\$4.68
Union - Oakville	\$7.30	\$6.66	\$7.75	\$6.98
Union - Barrie	\$11.90	\$10.86	\$12.45	\$11.21
Union - Georgetown	\$9.45	\$8.62	\$10.00	\$9.00
Union – Rouge Hill	\$5.90	\$5.38	\$6.25	\$5.63
Union - Meadowvale	\$7.75	\$7.07	\$8.20	\$7.38

Summary

- The increase on a PRESTO card ride will average 4.8%
- The increase for paper tickets will average 6%
- Overall, the increase will average 5%
- Implementation date: February 1, 2014
- After taking into consideration concessions and discounts, it is estimated that the effective average increase will be \$0.31 per ride
- On an annual basis, additional revenue is estimated at \$21 million
- Province is sharing in the costs associated with growth and is expected to increase GO Transit operating subsidy by \$25 million for fiscal 2014/15



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