



City of Fredericksburg Public Hearing on Proposed Increases in FREDericksburg Regional Transit Fares

The City of Fredericksburg will hold a public hearing on proposed fare increases for FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) at its May 24, 2011, meeting, to be held at City Hall. The hearing will begin at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible. Comments on the proposed increases can also be sent in writing to Arnold Levine, Manager for Policy, Planning and Compliance, FREDericksburg Regional Transit, 1400 Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, or via email to allevine@fredericksburgva.gov.

The proposed fare increases for FRED bus service would apply in all jurisdictions served by FRED: the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, **Caroline** and King George. The proposed increases are summarized below, and would go into effect on July 5, 2011.

Current and Proposed FRED Fares and Passes

Service/Fare	Fare per Boarding		Monthly Pass	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Basic FRED Service	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$25.00	\$30.00
VRE Feeder Service	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$40.00	\$45.00

Under the proposal, the charge for an annual pass for basic service would remain unchanged at \$200.00.

The proposed increases are intended to generate additional farebox revenue for FRED and to have passengers contribute a greater share toward the cost of providing service. FRED estimates that the proposed increases would generate approximately \$90,000 in additional farebox revenues and would result in passenger fares covering approximately 11 percent of FRED's operating expenses.

Interested parties can view more detailed materials relating to the fare increase in the "NEWS" section of FRED's website, www.rideFRED.com.