

Collier County Public Transit and Neighborhood Enhancement Office
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Collier Area Transit (CAT) Proposed Fare Increase 30-Day Public Comment Period Announced

The Collier County Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division (PTNE) is announcing a 30-day public comment period for their proposed Fixed Route Fare increase.

Collier Area Transit (CAT) conducted a fare study including ridership and fare revenue trend analysis. Two public meetings were held, and the fare study was endorsed by the Public Transit Advisory committee and the Local Coordinating Board. Proposed fare modifications are shown below.

Fixed Route

| Fare Element | Current | Recommended Action |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Base Fare | \$2.00 | No change |
| Day Pass (Full/Reduced) | \$3.00 / \$1.50 | Increase to \$4.00 / \$2.00 |
| Perk Pass Program | 250+ employees | Expand eligibility to employers with 100+ employees |

Paratransit

| Paratransit Scenario | Fare Type | Existing Fare | New Fare |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|----------|
| 3 | ADA Fare | \$3.00 | \$4.00 |
| | Reduced ADA Fare | \$1.00 | \$2.00 |

| Transportation Disadvantaged Scenario 4 | | |
|---|--|----------|
| | Existing Fare | New Fare |
| TD at or under Poverty Line | \$ 1.00 | \$ 2.00 |
| 101% to 150% of Poverty Line | \$ 3.00 | \$ 4.00 |
| 151% to 350% of Poverty Line | \$ 4.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| Over 350% of Poverty Line | No longer qualifies for Transportation Disadvantaged | |

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735 8th Street South
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2885 S. Horseshoe Drive
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2385 Orange Blossom Drive
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Southwest Florida Works
750 S. 5th Street
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