



EASY CARD UPDATES

With the implementation of the EASY Card, also came a few changes to the way we did things in the past. Here are a few notes to consider as you become familiar with the new fare structure.

- **\$2 EASY Card Fee.** Effective May 1, EASY Cards are no longer free. A charge of \$2 will be included when you purchase your first Tri-Rail fare product, or when you request a replacement card to be issued.
- **New EDP Process.** New members of the Employer Discount Program (EDP) will no longer receive a new card in the mail, and must visit a Tri-Rail Station Kiosk where they can have their picture taken and affixed to a new EDP-encoded EASY Card, at the time that they purchase their fare product.

- **Autoloading.** Passengers who currently receive their passes through a third-party (employers, or outsourced company) will continue to do so via an automatic download of their fare product onto their registered EASY Card. The pass will be downloaded onto the card the first time it is "tapped on" for travel on a stand-alone validator.
- **12-Trips on Weekends.** In the past, 12-Trip tickets were only required to be stamped once per day, during weekends. With the EASY Card, passengers are required to tap on and tap off on every trip. Hint: If you travel on the weekends, purchase a paper ticket at the weekend discount, so you don't use up your 12-Trip rides.

TRI-RAIL'S NEW SHUTTLE BUSES CONNECT YOU TO MORE PLACES!

It's now easier to get to many of the great destinations in the tri-county area with Tri-Rail's new dedicated shuttle buses. You can now ride Tri-Rail and enjoy a free, dedicated shuttle bus from the Tri-Rail Ft. Lauderdale Station to Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Las Olas Boulevard, Florida Atlantic University, Broward General Medical Center, Museum of Discovery and Science/AutoNation IMAX Theater and more.

Tri-Rail's shuttle bus servicing the Opa-locka Station can get you to Jackson Health Center, Bunche Shopping Center, Miami-Dade College North Campus, City Library and Central Business District.

The new Lake Worth shuttle bus provides weekday service to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office at Gun Club Road, the South Florida Water Management District Service Center and the Palm Beach County School District's Main Office and Operations Center.

The addition of these new connections is an example of Tri-Rail's ongoing commitment to provide the most convenient access for its many riders. With high gas prices, Tri-Rail is also the most cost-effective way to travel to and from work, school or some well-deserved leisure time.

For more information on shuttle schedules and trip planning services, visit www.tri-rail.com or call 1-800-TRI-RAIL.



Las Olas Boulevard



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The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority - a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT & PALM TRAN IMPLEMENTING NEW TRANSFER FEES FOR TRI-RAIL PASSENGERS



Ticket that is loaded with cash value, only. Passengers who transfer onto MDT occasionally, and prefer to pay per trip, can add cash value to their fare media to cover the transfer fee. Passengers traveling on a One-Way, Round-trip or 12-Trip Pass, will pay \$1 to enter the Metrorail system and pay full fare on their return trip. Passengers transferring to Metrobus will pay 50 cents to transfer to the bus and full fare on their return trip.

Palm Tran also implemented a new transfer policy as of April 3, 2011, by now charging the full fare of \$1.50 to take the bus to the station, and 50 cents to transfer from the train to a bus. Passengers

At some point during the summer, Tri-Rail passengers will no longer enjoy a free ride on Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). At an April Commission meeting, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners passed an agenda item that eliminates free transfers for Tri-Rail passengers onto Metrorail and Metrobus. In response, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) created a new product called the Regional Monthly Pass, which is good for unlimited rides on both Tri-Rail and the MDT systems.

The additional cost for this "link-up fee" will be \$40 for full-fare and EDP monthly pass holders, and \$20 for Monthly Pass holders who travel on a senior citizen,



student or ADA discount. The Regional Monthly Pass will be available at ticket vending machines on the 26th of each preceding month, as soon as the effective date is confirmed.

Passengers must have an EASY Card to be eligible for transfer discounts, or an EASY

traveling on the EASY Card with a One-Way, Round-trip or Monthly Pass, must retain their receipt to receive the transfer discount,

since Palm Tran bus drivers have no way to determine which fare product is on the EASY Card at this point in time. Passengers transferring to Broward County Transit (BCT) must also retain their receipt to show the driver upon request. Passengers with an EASY Card/Ticket loaded with a 12-Trip or cash value will not be able to transfer to Palm Tran or BCT at a discount, at this time.

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MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT Y PALM TRAN IMPLEMENTAN NUEVOS PRECIOS DE TRANSFERENCIA PARA LOS PASAJEROS DE TRI-RAIL

En algún momento durante el verano, los pasajeros de Tri-Rail ya no disfrutarán de los viajes gratuitos en Miami-Dade Transit (MDT). En una reunión de la Comisión celebrada en abril, la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Miami-Dade aprobó un punto de la orden del día que elimina las transferencias gratuitas para los pasajeros del Tri-Rail en Metrorail y Metrobus. En respuesta, la Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de la Florida (SFRTA) creó un nuevo producto denominado Pase Mensual Regional, que sirve para realizar viajes ilimitados en ambos sistemas.

El costo adicional de esta "tarifa enlazada" será de \$40 para las tarifas mensuales completas y para los usuarios de pases mensuales EDP, y de \$20 para los usuarios de pases mensuales que viajan con descuentos por tercera edad, estudiante o ADA. El Pase Mensual Regional estará disponible en las máquinas expendedoras de boletos el día 26 de cada mes anterior, tan pronto como se confirme la fecha efectiva.

A fin de poder recibir descuentos en transferencias, los pasajeros deben tener una tarjeta EASY Card o un boleto EASY Ticket cargado con valor en efectivo. Los pasajeros que ocasionalmente realicen transferencias a MDT y prefieran pagar por cada viaje, pueden añadir valor en efectivo a su formato de tarifa para cubrir el precio de la transferencia. Los pasajeros que viajen con un pase de ida, de ida y vuelta o con un pase de 12 viajes deberán pagar \$1 para ingresar al sistema Metrorail y pagarán la tarifa completa en su viaje de vuelta. Los pasajeros que realicen transferencias a Metrobus deberán pagar 50 centavos para ingresar al autobús y la tarifa completa en su viaje de vuelta.

Asimismo, a partir del 3 de abril de 2011 Palm Tran implementó una nueva política de transferencias. Ahora para tomar el autobús a la estación se debe pagar la tarifa completa de \$1.50, y 50 centavos para realizar una transferencia desde el tren a un autobús. Los pasajeros que viajen con la tarjeta EASY Card con un pase de ida, de ida y vuelta o un pase mensual, deben conservar su boleto para recibir el descuento de la



transferencia, dado que en este momento los conductores de autobuses de Palm Tran no tienen forma de determinar qué tarifa específica se encuentra en la tarjeta EASY Card. Los pasajeros que realizan transferencias al Boward County Transit (BCT) también deben conservar su boleto a fin de mostrárselo al conductor, si él lo solicita. Los pasajeros con una tarjeta EASY Card o un boleto EASY Ticket cargado con 12 Viajes o con valor en efectivo en este momento no podrán realizar transferencias a Palm Tran o BCT con descuento.

SÈVIS TRANSPÒ KOMEN MIAMI-DADE AK PALM TRAN PRAL APLIKE NOUVO FRÈ TRANSFÈ POU PASAJE TRI-RAIL

Nan kèk pwen pandan sezon lete a, pasaje Tri-Rail yo p ap jwi yon trajè pou gratis ankò nan Sèvis Transpò Komen Miami-Dade (MDT). Nan yon reyinyon Komisyon an te fè nan mwa avril la, Konsèy Manm Komisyon Konte Miami-Dade te vote sou kesyon pwogram reyinyon an pou elimine transfè gratis pou pasaje Tri-Rail yo nan Metrorail ak Metrobus. Poutèt sa, Otorite Transpò Rejyonal Sid Florid (SFRTA) te kreye yon nouvo pwodui ki rele Kat Abònman Rejyonal Mansyèl, ki bon pou trajè san limit nan toulède sistèm yo.

Frè adisyonèl pou "frè kreyasyon lyezon" an ap \$40 pou moun ki gen tikè konplè ak pou moun ki gen kat abònman EDP, ak \$20 pou moun ki gen tikè pa mwa ki vwayaje sou rabè granmoun aje, rabè elèv oswa rabè ADA. Tikè Rejyonal Mansyèl la ap disponib nan distribitè otomatik tikè yo nan 26yèm jou chak mwa anvan, imedyatman dat l ap kòmanse a konfime.

Pasaje yo dwe genyen yon Kat EASY pou yo ka kalifye pou rabè transfè yo, oswa yon

Tikè EASY ki chaje avèk lajan kach sèlman. Pasaje ki pran transfè pou MDT yo pafwa epi ki pito peye pou wwayaj yo, kapab ajoute valè lajan kach nan mwayen tikè yo pou peye frè transfè a. Pasaje k ap wwayaje nan yon ale senp, ale-retou oswa Kat Abònman 12 Depasman ap peye \$1 pou antre nan sistèm Metrorail, epitou y ap peye pou wwayaj retounen yo. Pasaje k ap transfere nan Metrobus ap peye 50 santim pou transfè nan otobis la, epitou y ap peye tout pri tikè a pou wwayaj retou yo.

Palm Tran te aplike tou yon nouvo règleman transfè apati 3 avril 2011. Pou kounye a, yo reklame pri tikè konplè \$1.50 pou pran otobis pou vini nan estasyon an, ak 50 santim pou transfere sòti nan tren an pou monte nan yon otobis. Pasaje k ap wwayaje sou Kat EASY avèk yon Kat Abònman pou Ale Senp, Ale-Retou ak Kat Abònman Mansyèl, dwe sere resi yo pou yo kapab resevwa rabè transfè a, paske chofè otobis Palm Tran yo pa gen mwayen pou detèmine ki pri pwodui tikè ki sou Kat EASY a nan pwen sa a nan moman an. Pasaje k ap pran transfè pou ale nan Sèvis Transpò Komen Konte Broward (BCT) dwe sere resi yo tou pou montre chofè a si chofè a mande yo resi a. Pasaje ki gen yon Kat EASY/Tikè ki chaje pou 12 Vwayaj oswa avèk valè lajan kach p ap anmezi pou pran transfè nan Palm Tran oswa nan BCT nan yon rabè, pou kounye a.

TRIRAIL presents

SENIOR IDOL

Tuesday, May 17 ★ 7pm at Parker Playhouse

Enjoy a magical evening as local seniors sing their way into your hearts. Cheer for your favorites as they compete to win the title and grand prize. With Guest Host Tamara G. of 97.3 The Coast and special performances by the Original Florida Follies.

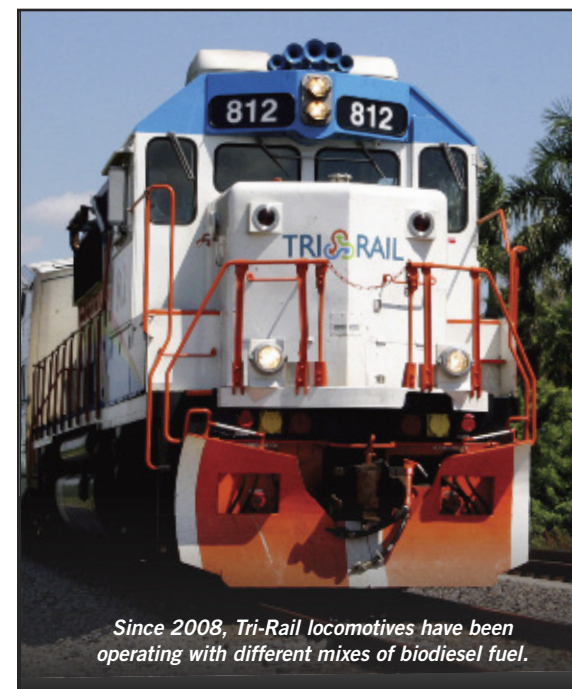
Purchase tickets at the Parker Playhouse Box Office, www.parkerplayhouse.com or by calling 954-462-0222.

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SFRTA WELCOMES GUIDE DOGS IN TRAINING

SFRTA once again welcomed puppies from Southeast Guide Dogs for training onboard Tri-Rail. Five puppies, one as young as 5 months old, and one certified Guide Dog, elicited smiles from the passengers out for a Sunday ride. The puppies seemed to have a fun time, in spite of the fact that it was serious business. The ride was part of an effort to enable visually impaired passengers to enlist the assistance of guide dogs to use public transportation. The puppies stay with local trainers for the first 18 months of their lives, during which time they learn basic obedience skills, are house broken and are socialized through experiences like Sunday's trip. When their beginner training is completed, they go on to Southeastern Guide Dogs on the west coast in Palmetto, Florida for their formal training. Southeastern Guide Dogs is the only guide dog school in the region. For more information, visit www.guidedogs.org.



Since 2008, Tri-Rail locomotives have been operating with different mixes of biodiesel fuel.

CLEAN AIR AWARENESS MONTH

The SFRTA is happy to once again recognize May as Clean Air Awareness Month, an extension of the nationally recognized Asthma Awareness Month, during which local agencies exhibit educational information on local air quality issues, including support for the utilization and availability of alternative fuels. Since October 2008, Tri-Rail locomotives have been operating with different mixes of biodiesel fuel, which are used as supply becomes available. The SFRTA has also worked with the Gold Coast Clean Cities Coalition, a group that helps unite public and private stakeholders in hopes of making alternative fuel stations become more available in our region. Thanks to these types of efforts, we are starting to see some local results to this important movement.

On April 26, two fueling stations celebrated their E85 Grand Opening, where a blend of 85% ethanol is mixed with 15% gasoline for consumption in compatible vehicles which are currently available in the market. The stations are located at 200 SE 6 Avenue in Delray Beach (Sunoco), and at 9489 Sheridan Street in Cooper City (Shell). Visit www.ethanolrfa.org to see if your vehicle can use E85.

Keep riding Tri-Rail, and you'll continue to do your part in keeping our South Florida's air clean.

EDP MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

Getting Employer Discount Program (EDP) Members acclimated to our new fare collection system has proven to be an exciting process. Many have been members since the inception of the program in 1992 and have witnessed many of Tri-Rail's changes over the years. As we have been working closely with many EDP Employers to ensure that their employees receive their EASY Cards with their photos affixed, we have also welcomed an astoundingly large number of new members in the first quarter of 2011. In fact, compared to EDP membership enrollment during the same time last year, the numbers have more than doubled.

JANUARY 2010	JANUARY 2011
128	256
FEBRUARY 2010	FEBRUARY 2011
139	250
MARCH 2010	MARCH 2011
149	427

The SFRTA appreciates all EDP Employers and Members for their loyalty and patience during the conversion to the EASY Card system, as we also welcome the new members with hopes to develop a long-lasting relationship.

For EDP enrollment information, call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) or visit www.tri-rail.com.