

Fares & Passes



One-way fares*

- * No transfers between bus routes or between Trolleys and buses
- * Senior/Disabled/Medicare fares require valid identification
- * Up to two children age 5 and under may ride free with a paying passenger on all MTS and NCTD routes
- * Exact fare is required on buses
- * One-way Trolley tickets are good for 2 hours from time of purchase
- * Trolley fares can be purchased at any Trolley station

	Adult / Youth	Senior/ Disabled/ Medicare
MTS Trolley	\$2.50	\$1.25
MTS Bus	\$2.25	\$1.10
MTS <i>Rapid</i> (Route 215)	\$2.25	\$1.10
MTS <i>Rapid</i> (Routes 235, 237)	\$2.50	\$1.25
MTS Express (Routes 20, 50, 60, 110, 150, 870, 950)	\$2.50	\$1.25
MTS Rapid Express/Premium (Routes 280, 290)	\$5	\$2.50
MTS Rural (Routes 888, 891, 892, 894)	1 zone: \$5 2 zones: \$10	1 zone: \$2.50 2 zones: \$5
MTS Sorrento Valley COASTER Connection (Routes 972, 973, 978, 979)	Free	Free
MTS Access (ADA Paratransit)	—	\$4.50

Pass prices

All MTS and most NCTD passes are on Compass Card. There is a \$2 fee for a Compass Card, which can be reloaded and will last up to five years. Compass Cards are available at [The Transit Store](#), NCTD customer service locations, third-party retail outlets, and ticket vending machines (with pass purchase). [View all purchase locations.](#)

Some passes are available on [Compass Cloud](#) - a mobile ticketing solution available for iOS/Android smartphones.

Note: Day passes purchased on buses without a Compass Card are \$7; Compass Cards are not sold on the bus. You may exchange the paper pass for a reusable Compass Card at the [Transit Store](#) on the day of purchase or the next business day if the Transit Store is closed when you purchase your pass (after hours, weekends or holidays).

Pass Type	Regional	Rapid Express / Premium	COASTER
Valid On	MTS Trolley MTS Bus/Express MTS Rapid NCTD Breeze NCTD Sprinter	Regional Plus: MTS Rapid Express	Regional Plus: MTS Rapid Express NCTD FLEX NCTD COASTER
1-day (valid until end of service day - 2am)	\$5 ¹	\$12 <i>RegionPlus</i> ¹	\$12 <i>RegionPlus</i> ¹
2-day**	\$9	—	—
3-day**	\$12	—	—
4-day**	\$15	—	—
14-day**	\$43	\$60	—
30-day or Monthly**			
Adult	\$72 ¹	\$100 ¹	1 zone: \$120 ¹ 2 zones: \$150 ¹ 3 zones: \$165 ¹
Senior Disabled Medicare	\$18	\$25	\$41.25
Youth (18 & under)	\$36	\$50	\$82.50

**Multi-day passes are valid for consecutive days, starting on the day of purchase. 30-Day passes are valid for 30 consecutive days, starting on the day of purchase. Monthly passes are valid for a full calendar month (e.g. January 1-31, February 1-28) and are not available on Compass Cloud.

¹Available on Compass Cloud (Mobile Ticketing App)

Fare Promotions

Family Weekends: On Saturdays and Sundays up to two children (age 12 and under) may ride free with a fare-paying adult (age 18 or older) on all MTS routes.

Holiday Friends Ride Free: On New Year's Day (observed), Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, a friend may ride free with a fare-paying customer on all MTS routes. This promotion will be in effect on December 25, 2017 and January 1, 2018.

Paying for Your Fare

Bus fareboxes and Trolley Ticket Vending Machines accept:

- Coins Pennies (bus only), Nickels, Dimes, Quarters, Half-dollars, Dollar Coins (all except Eisenhower Dollars)
- Bills \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20
- Credit/Debit is accepted at Trolley Ticket Vending Machines ONLY

No change is available on Buses. Trolley Ticket Vending Machines can distribute a maximum of \$5 in change.