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VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL PASSES MODIFIED TRANSIT FARE INCREASES

VALLEJO – The City Council on Tuesday evening passed a series of transit fare increases that range from 15 to 20 percent, adding 25 cents to the cost of a one-way trip on a local bus and $1.50 to the cost of a one-way ferry ride.

The projected increase in revenues from the fare hike will reduce the projected deficit in the transportation fund from $3.3 million to $1.9 million.

City staff had initially proposed fare hikes between 30 and 60 percent in some cases, with the cost of a one-way local bus ride costing $2 and a monthly ferry pass increasing to $280. Those increases would have effectively eliminated the projected deficit for this fiscal year, but ferry and bus riders felt the increases were too much, too soon, and as a result a modified version of a fare increase was presented to the council for its consideration.

After much discussion the council approved a lower fare structure, with the expectation that staff would study the impact of other cost-cutting measures and the revenues generated by the increase, and return to council at the beginning of 2007 with an update on the condition of the transportation fund, as well as any new fare increases.

The charts below outline the new fare increases that will be implemented September 1, 2006.

Bus Fares

Fare type	Current fare	New fare as of 9-01-06	% increase
Adult one way	1.50	1.75	17%
Youth one way	1.50	1.75	17%
Senior/disabled one way	.75	.85	13%
Adult City Pass	46.00	55.20	20%
Youth City Pass	36.00	43.20	20%
Senior/disabled city pass	23.00	27.60	20%
Adult 10-ride	13.00	15.60	20%
Youth 10-ride	10.00	12.00	20%
Senior/disabled 10-ride	6.00	7.20	20%

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Paratransit fares

Local fares	Current fare	New fare as of 9-01-06	% increase
Adult one way	2.50	3.50	40%
Vallejo to FF/BART	**Current fare**	**New fare as of 9-01-06**	**% increase**
Adult one way	3.50	6.00	71%

Vallejo-Fairfield Bus to BART

Fare type	Current fare	New fare as of 9-01-06	% increase
Adult one way	3.75	4.50	20%
Youth one way	3.75	4.50	20%
Senior/disabled one way	1.75	2.10	19%
Baylink pass holder	2.10	2.50	19%
Baylink Bus Vallejo – BART	82.00	98.40	20%
Baylink Bus Pass – FFD	82.00	98.40	20%
Solano College Pass	70.00	84.00	20%
2-Zone 10-ride	33.00	39.60	20%

Baylink Ferry

Fare type	Current Fare	New Fare as of 9-1-06	% Increase
Adult One Way	10.00	11.50	15%
Reduced Fare One Way	5.00	5.75	15%
Promotional Day Pass	15.00	17.25	15%
Baylink Day Pass	17	19.25	13%
Napa Solano Day Pass	18.00	20.75	15%
Group Day Pass	14.00	16.25	16%
Reduced Fare Day Pass	10.00	11.50	15%
10-ride ticket book	78.00	89.75	15%
Reduced fare 10-ride (6-12, 65+, disabled	50.00	57.50	15%
Monthly pass	215.00	247.25	15%
FFD/VACA Monthly pass	245.00	300.00	22%