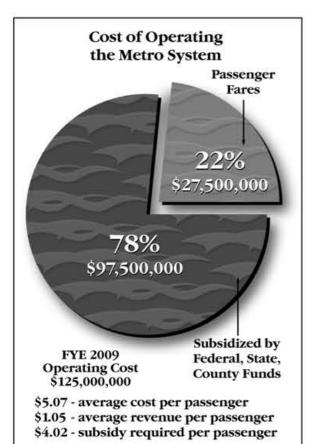
## PROPOSED METRO FARE ADJUSTMENT



he Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority is proposing to adjust Metro's fare structure on January 1, 2009 and July 1, 2009 as outlined further in this brochure.

The fare adjustments are unfortunately necessary as a result of a \$3.16 million shortfall in anticipated operating assistance in this budget year ending March 31, 2009.



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## PUBLIC HEARING LOCATIONS:

To gain comments from the community, two public hearings have been scheduled as follows:

## Tuesday, December 2 from 7-9 p.m.

Portage Rd. Transportation Center 1124 Portage Road Niagara Falls, NY

# Wednesday, December 3 from 7-9 p.m.

Erie Community College, City Campus Auditorium

121 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY

Concerned citizens and customers unable to attend the public hearings can send written comments to the NFTA Service Planning Department at 181 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY 14203 or via e-mail to info@nfta.com. All written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, December 5, 2008 to be included in the final document. The NFTA's Board of Commissioners will consider the matter Monday, December 22 at their monthly meeting.

# NFTA Board of Commissioners:

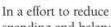
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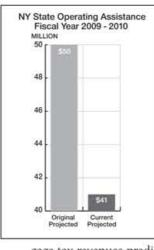


While Metro ridership has indeed been on the rise over the past 12-months, the added passenger revenues are nowhere large enough to offset increasing operating expenses and negate the need for the fare adjustments as illustrated by the accompanying charts.



spending and balance its budget, the NFTA has and will continue to implement cost cutting measures such as reducing personnel through attrition, limiting out of town travel, reducing insurance costs as a result of improved safety measures, locking in additional fuel contracts and trimming advertising expenditures. If enacted, this fare adjustment would be only the

second increase in 13-years and the first since 2003, during which time Metro has increased service miles by 25 percent or 2.5 million miles to accommodate its riders and added 43 energy efficient electric Hybrid buses to its fleet.

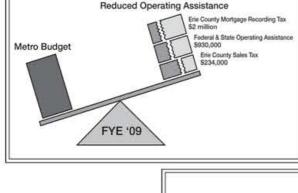


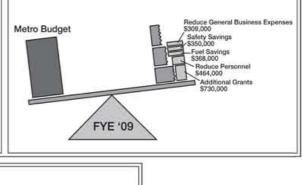
It's important to know that fares paid by Metro customers account for only 22 percent of the cost of providing bus and rail service, with the balance made up by funding from county, state and federal government sources, which have recently been drastically reduced. With the reduction in government funding and sales and mort-

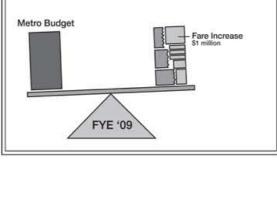
gage tax revenues predicted to be less in the forthcoming year, economic realities dictate that we continue to make prudent decisions in an effort to provide the residents of Erie and Niagara counties with the most efficient and cost-effective service possible.

	1995	2008
Cost of a gallon of regular gas:	\$1.15	2.50
Cost of a dozen eggs:	\$1.16	2.17
Cost of a gallon of milk:	\$2.96	3.50
Metro's 1995 fare of \$1.25 w through 2009 adjusted for in		\$1.76

## **BALANCING METRO'S BUDGET** January - March, 2009







#### CASH FARES Adult Boarding Fare \$1.50 to \$1.75

PROPOSED METRO FARE INCREASE

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009** 

Reduced Fare*	\$.65 to \$.75
Adult Zone Charge	\$.25 to \$.30
Reduced Fare*	\$.10 to \$.15
TRANSFERS	
Adult Boarding Fare	\$.30 to \$.35
Reduced Fare*	\$.15 to \$.15
<b>TOKENS</b> when purchased in quantities of 10 or more.	\$1.35 to \$1.60
ALL ZONE DAY PASS	
Adult	\$3.50 to \$4
Reduced Fare*	\$1.75 to \$2
ALL ZONE WEEKEND PASS	
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Adult

\$6 to \$7

Reduced Fare\*

Adult

\$3 to \$3.50 MONTHLY & 30 DAY PASSES Single Zone

Reduced Fare\* All Zone

Adult \$66.00 to \$77 \$33 to \$38.50 Reduced Fare\* SUMMER YOUTH PASS \$45 to \$52.50

\$55 to \$64

\$27.50 to \$32

\* Child (5-11 yrs), Senior Citizen, Disabled, &

Note: Paratransit fares are twice the adult cash fare

Medicare with Proper Identification

#### CASH FARES Adult Boarding Fare \$1.75 to \$2

PROPOSED METRO FARE INCREASE

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009

#### \$.75 to \$.85 Reduced Fare\*

Adult Zone Charge \$.30 to \$.35 Reduced Fare\* \$.15 to \$.15 TRANSFERS \$.35 to \$.40 Adult Boarding Fare Reduced Fare\* \$.15 to \$.20 TOKENS when purchased in

quantities of 10 or more. \$1.60 to \$1.85

ALL ZONE DAY PASS Adult \$4 to \$5

\$2 to \$2.50 Reduced Fare\*

ALL ZONE WEEKEND PASS \$7 to \$8 Adult Reduced Fare\* \$3.50 to \$4

MONTHLY & 30 DAY PASSES Single Zone

SUMMER YOUTH PASS

Adult \$64 to \$73 Reduced Fare\* \$32 to \$36.50

All Zone \$77 to \$88 Adult Reduced Fare\* \$38.50 to \$44

\$52.50 to \$61

Note: Paratransit fares are twice the adult cash fare \* Child (5-11 yrs), Senior Citizen, Disabled, &

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