

**Public Works**

City Transit
263-8152

MEMORANDUM

Equipment Maintenance
Roadway Maintenance
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To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
CC: Fran Donelson, Secretary
FROM: Kristy Korpi, Transit Supervisor
DATE: March 2, 2015
RE: City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) Proposed Fare Increase

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) has not increased fares since July 1, 2003.

Our current ROUTE fares are .75 per ride or 12 tickets for \$8.25 (.69/ride). Passengers may also purchase a monthly flash pass which allows them unlimited ROUTE rides for \$28.00.

PARATRANSIT, JARC and New Freedom rides are \$1.00 each or 12 tickets for \$11.00 (.92/ride). There is no unlimited, monthly pass available for ParaTransit, JARC or New Freedom rides.

MuscaBus also offers service to the Shell Station on Highway 61 during the months school is in session. These rides are \$1.00 each. Students utilizing this service must pay in advance for the entire month of service.

BACKGROUND:

City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) is considered a small urban system. There are seven, small urban systems in Iowa. A comparison of transit fares was provided for City budget hearings. MuscaBus fares were on the low end of the comparison. The other cities included: Burlington, Clinton, Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Mason City, and Ottumwa.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is the recommendation of the Public Works staff to increase ROUTE fares to \$1.00 per ride or 12 tickets for \$12.00. We propose raising the monthly flash pass to \$32.00.

It is the recommendation of the Public Works staff to increase PARATRANSIT, JARC, and New Freedom rides to \$2.00 each or 12 tickets for \$24.00.

The recommended increase for Shell rides is \$1.50 each. Students utilizing this service would still be expected to pay in advance for the entire month of service.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**SET TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED CITY OF MUSCATINE TRANSIT (MUSCABUS)
FARE INCREASE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, has heretofore granted preliminary approval of the plans and proposed fare increase for City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus); and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase, if approved, would be effective July 1, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this Council that:

SECTION I: On April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Muscatine, Iowa, this Council shall hold a public hearing of the plans and proposed fare increase for City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus).

SECTION II: The City Clerk shall give notice of such public hearing by publication of a notice in the Muscatine Journal. The notice shall be in the following form:

(NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ATTACHED)

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2015.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED CITY OF MUSCATINE (MUSCABUS)
FARE INCREASE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, will hold a Public Hearing to hear objections to the proposed fare increase for City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus). Said hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Muscatine, Iowa, on April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard relative to this matter.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator