

The Fare Facts

The MTA's Preliminary Financial Plan for 2008-2011 is available for your review online at www.mta.info. I encourage you to read it thoroughly and form your own opinions. While you do, bear in mind that *it's about more than just fares and tolls*:

- Uncontrollable costs like pensions, health care, and debt service have far outpaced growth in MTA revenue, leaving the MTA with future budget gaps.
- The plan includes a series of proposed actions for closing projected gaps:
 - We are tightening our belts with internal administrative efficiencies and better use of technology, among other things.
 - We are also proposing modest increases in fares and tolls.
 - We have proposed no cuts in service.
- The plan is a work in progress that may evolve over the course of a six-month period of internal and public review.
- We are totally committed to preserving and expanding your network of services. Our region's economy depends on it.

You can help.

Give us your advice by email, by letter, or by attending the public forums that will be scheduled throughout our 5,000-square-mile region. We will advertise those dates well in advance.

Stay informed. Ask questions. Share your ideas.



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Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer

Información Sobre Las Tarifas

El plan financiero preliminar de la MTA para el 2008-2011 está disponible en la internet para que usted lo revise en el www.mta.info. Yo le pido que lo lea cuidadosamente y forme su propia opinión. Cuando lo lea tenga en cuenta que esto es *más que tarifas y peajes*:

- Costos incontrolables de pensiones, cuidados de salud, deudas de servicio que han sobrepasado el crecimiento de las ganancias de MTA, dejando así a la MTA con vacíos en el presupuesto.
- El plan incluye una serie de acciones propuestas para cerrar esos vacíos proyectados:
 - Estamos ajustando el cinturón con eficiencias administrativas internas, un mejor uso de la tecnología, entre otras cosas.
 - También estamos proponiendo incrementos modestos en las tarifas y los peajes.
 - Hemos propuesto que no hayan recortes en el servicio.
- El plan es un trabajo en progreso que puede evolucionar en el curso de los próximos seis meses de revisiones internas y públicas.
- Estamos totalmente comprometidos a preservar la expansión de nuestra red de servicios. La economía de nuestra región depende de eso.

Usted puede ayudar.

Denos su opinión en un correo electrónico, en una carta o atendiendo en persona los foros públicos que serán programados en todo la región de 5,000 millas que cubre la MTA. Nosotros le dejaremos saber la fechas de esos foros con anticipación.

Manténgase informado. Haga preguntas. Comparta sus ideas.



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Any proposed fare increases will not affect ticket prices for travel between stations in Connecticut and New York or between stations within Connecticut.

