

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (March 26, 2021) - Port Authority's Board today formally opened a 40-day public comment period on a proposal aimed at bringing greater equity and flexibility to the agency's fare system.

The proposal would eliminate the 25-cent discount for ConnectCard users, replace paid transfers by including three hours of unlimited rides with the \$2.75 base fare, and transition to rolling passes that allow riders to always get the most for their money. Cash fares will remain \$2.75. The cost of passes will not change.

The changes are expected to be implemented before the end of the year.

"We at Port Authority remain committed to making fares more equitable, flexible and useful," said Port Authority CEO Katharine Kelleman.

The public comment period begins today and ends on May 5.

Online hearings accessible via Microsoft Teams and phone will be held at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 22; 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 30; and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4.

American Sign Language interpreters will be available at each of the meetings, and additional meetings will be scheduled for Spanish speakers.

In addition to the hearings, comments will also be taken online at www.portauthority.org/fares2021 and by sending comments to Port Authority of Allegheny County, Attn: 2021 Fare Proposal, 345 Sixth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. All comments must be received at the above address by the close of business on May 5, 2021.

Port Authority's proposal is the result of a study by Four Nines Technologies. Their report is expected to be available next week.

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