Metrorail

Each passenger needs a farecard to enter and exit. Up to two children under age five may travel free with a paying customer.

Fares are based on when and how far you ride. Station-to-station fares are located on station manager kiosks and farecard machines. Bring small bills because there are no change machines in the stations and farecard machines only provide up to $5 in change (in coins). Farecards and Passes machines accept credit and debit cards.

Save 25¢ per trip by using a SmarTrip® card instead of a paper farecard. See the SmarTrip® cards section for information on buying a card.

Get one day of unlimited Metrorail rides with a One Day Pass. Buy it from a Farecards and Passes machine in Metro stations. Use it after 9:30 a.m. until closing on weekdays, and all day on weekends and federal holidays.

Hours of service
Open: 5 a.m. Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. Sat.-Sun.
Close: midnight Sun.-Thurs. 3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. nights

Last train times vary. To avoid missing the last train, please check the last train times posted in stations.

Metrobus

When paying with exact change, the fare is $1.70. When paying with a SmarTrip® card, the fare is $1.50.

Fares for senior/disabled customers
Senior citizens 65 and older, people with disabilities and customers with a Medicare card may ride for half the regular fare. On Metrorail, use a senior/disabled farecard or SmarTrip® card. On Metrobus, use a senior/disabled SmarTrip® card or a senior/disabled bus pass (loaded on your SmarTrip® card) or show your Metro Disability ID or valid Medicare card and a photo ID and pay the senior/disabled fare. For details about qualifying for a Metro ID and buying senior/disabled farecards, SmarTrip® cards and passes, visit MetroOpensDoors.com or call 202-637-7000 (TTY 202-638-3780).

Free orientations on how to use accessible Metrobus and Metrorail services are available to senior citizens and people with disabilities by calling 202-962-1100 (TTY 202-962-2033).

SmarTrip® cards
SmarTrip® is a plastic farecard that can be reloaded with value and used over and over to pay Metrorail and Metrobus fares and parking fees at Metro-operated lots.

SmarTrip® cards are sold from dispensing machines at Metrorail stations with a on the system map (excluding Silver Spring). You can also buy a SmarTrip® card at over 200 retail locations, or online with a credit card. The price at dispensing machines is $10 ($5 for the card with $5 in value already on it). The price online is $30 ($5 for the card with $25 in value already on it). You can add value to your SmarTrip® card at Farecards and Passes machines in Metrorail stations and select retail locations. You can check your registered card’s value, see where and when you used it last or report it lost or stolen on our Web site.

Parking at Metro stations
During the week (through 3 a.m. Friday nights) there is a daily parking fee at Metro lots and garages. There is no parking fee on weekends and federal holidays. Cash is not accepted, except at metered spaces. All Metro lots and garages accept payment with a SmarTrip® card and some accept major credit cards. For a list of those stations, visit MetroOpensDoors.com and click on Parking under the Rail heading. Daily parking fees vary by station and are posted at the parking entrance/exit and on our Web site.

Travel tips
To avoid long lines at farecard machines after a major event, make sure you have roundtrip fare on your SmarTrip® card (or buy a roundtrip farecard) at the start of your trip.

The weekday rush-hour periods — before 9:30 a.m. and between 4 and 6 p.m. — are the most crowded. If possible, plan your trip to avoid those times.

If you lose an item on a bus or train or in a station, please call Lost & Found at 202-962-1195 or visit our Web site.