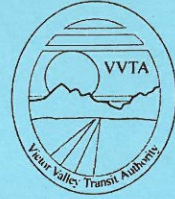


# VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## RIDERS ALERT 14 – 13



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### NTC FARE ADJUSTMENT AND ROUTING CHANGE

May 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

(VFTA) will hold a public hearing at VFTA's Offices located at 17150 Smoketree Street, Hesperia, CA to accept testimony on the proposed fare changes for the NTC Commuter, creation of a VFTA MEGA-Pass and a limited "on base" shuttle. Interested persons may attend the meeting to submit oral testimony. VFTA will also accept phone and written testimony. Please send comments to the VFTA address above, [info@vvta.org](mailto:info@vvta.org) or call 760-948-4021 (TDD 760-948-3990). Accommodation for persons with disabilities will be made.

#### VFTA MEGA-PASS

Currently VFTA has no pass that is good for 31 consecutive days on all of its services, excepting vanpools and Direct Access. The BV-Link offers no passes other than a day pass. Each segment of the BV-Link costs \$6.00. Those segments are NTC to Barstow – Barstow to Victorville – Victorville to San Bernardino Valley and Metrolink. Currently the monthly round trip cost to ride the BV-Link every day it operates from Barstow through to San Bernardino is \$360.00. The VFTA MEGA-PASS will offer a significant savings.

1. The fare for the VFTA MEGA-PASS will be \$175.00 for a 31 day pass, this pass will replace the current NTC Commuter monthly pass of \$200 from Victorville and \$150.00 from Barstow;
2. The VFTA MEGA-PASS is valid for 31 consecutive days from the first day of use;
3. An elderly and disabled MEGA-PASS may be purchased for half price (\$87.50);
  - a. Current VFTA rules apply including showing identification for pass purchase and upon boarding a bus;
4. The VFTA MEGA-PASS are accepted for fare on all VFTA services excepting vanpools and Direct Access;
  - a. These include fixed route, county routes, all BV-Link routes and segments, NTC Commuter, and VFTA Commuter shuttle;
5. VFTA MEGA-PASS may be purchased with cash or credit card at valid VFTA pass sales locations;

- a. VFTA cannot accept MTBP special debit cards for purchase of VFTA MEGA-PASS;

6. Additional transit services will be added from time to time.

#### Military NTC Pass Fares & Passes

1. The new fare is \$245.00 for a 31 day pass from Victorville or Barstow;
  - a. The one way cash fare on all NTC Commuter buses is \$12.00 each way from Victorville and Barstow with no reduced fare available;
2. All reduced fares will be discontinued per FTA Half Fare Rule;
  - a. Reference 49 USC Chapter 53, Federal Transit Laws; 49 CFR 609 Transportation for Elderly and handicapped; and FTA C 9030. 1C Urbanized Area Formula Program: Grant Application Instructions;
3. Military 31 Day Passes will only be issued from special vending machines conveniently located on Base;
  - a. The only payment accepted for these passes is the MTBP debit card;
4. Military 31 Day Passes are accepted for fare on all VFTA services excepting vanpools and Direct Access;
  - a. These include fixed route, county routes, all BV-Link routes & segments, NTC Commuter, and VFTA Commuter shuttle;
5. Since Military ID's are checked for issuance of an MTBP debit card VFTA riders using a Military 31 Day Pass will not be required to present VFTA additional military identification.

Recently the federal government restored the Mass Transit Benefit Plan (MTBP) back to \$245.00 per month from \$125.00 per month. The out of pocket cost to those eligible for the MTBP will be nil.

#### NTC Commuter Fares

1. VFTA will eliminate the current monthly NTC Commuter passes from Victorville and Barstow to Fort Irwin and replace them with the VFTA MEGA-PASS;
2. VFTA will replace the one way cash fare of \$10.00 from Victorville and \$8.00 from Barstow with a \$12.00 fare for any one way ride on the NTC Commuter;
3. VFTA will eliminate all reduced cash fares on the NTC Commuter per FTA Half Fare Rule;
  - a. Reference 49 USC Chapter 53, Federal Transit Laws; 49 CFR 609 Transportation for Elderly and handicapped; and FTA C 9030. 1C Urbanized Area Formula Program: Grant Application Instructions.

If you have any questions or concerns you can call our Customer Service Dept. at (760) 948-4021 or go online at [www.vvta.org](http://www.vvta.org).

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