

# TARIFF

MIDLAND-ODESSA URBAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

For Fixed Route and ADA Complementary Paratransit Service  
Within the Midland-Odessa Urbanized Area

Tariff No. 2

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## APPLICATION OF TARIFF

The fares stated within this Tariff are applicable to the transportation of passengers on fixed route transit buses from one point to another within the Midland-Odessa urbanized area, and on ADA Complementary Paratransit specialized transit service.

Implementation of this Tariff shall remain the responsibility of Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District. Questions concerning the implementation and application of this Tariff may be addressed to:

Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District  
8007 E. Highway 80  
Odessa, TX 79765  
(432) 561-9990

# FARE STRUCTURES

## Fixed Route Service

### Fares

Adult (19-64).....	\$1.00
Youth (6-18).....	.75
Senior (65 and over).....	.50
Child (5 and under).....	FREE
Student.....	.75

Must have in possession a valid student identification card from an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school.

Disabled.....	.50
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Must have in possession a Medicare card, or identification card issued by MOUTD.

### Senior Citizens and Persons With Disabilities Eligibility

- A. There shall be in effect – at all times – a reduced fare for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. An identification card is required for discounted fares.
- B. Definition of Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens are defined as those who are 65 years of age or older. An identification card issued by MOUTD, Medicare card, or picture identification card (e.g. driver's license) will be used for identification purposes.

### C. Definition of Persons With Disabilities

The Federal Transit Act, 49 U.S.C., Section 1602 (d), defines persons with disabilities as: "Those individuals who by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, including those who are non-ambulatory wheelchair-bound and those with semi-ambulatory capabilities, are unable without special facilities or special planning or design utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as those persons who are not so affected."

To receive the reduced fare, ADA qualified individuals must have an identification card issued by MOUTD or a Medicare card.

### General Transfer Rules

The official policy of MOUTD is that passengers should pay their full fare on the first bus boarded, even if passengers must transfer to another bus to reach their destination.

Transfers are issued on MOUTD buses in order to permit passengers to complete their trip. The following rules will govern the issuance and use of transfers for customer use when more than one bus is required to complete a trip.

#### A. Issuance of Transfers

1. Bus operators upon request will issue transfers at the time a proper fare is paid.
2. Transfers will be punched at the time issued to show the current date, the route number from which it was issued, and the direction of travel.
3. Transfers will be punched to show the correct time that the transfer must be used for the continuation of the trip.

#### B. Bus-to-Bus Transfers

1. Transfers are generally to be used at the Downtown Transfer Plaza to go directly from one bus to another to complete a trip in one direction only.

2. Transfers may be used on a bus route to board a connecting bus. Such transfers are not timed; that is, one bus will not wait for another along the route.
3. Transfers must be used for the next available bus or within one-half hour of the time they are issued, whichever occurs later.
4. Transfers may not be used to get back on the same bus.

#### C. Acceptance of Transfers

Transfers, when presented in accordance with the rules above, will be accepted as valid fare in the direction indicated, except that on vehicles where transfers are not timed with other buses, the bus operator will exercise reasonable judgment on time limits to complete the transfer.

#### D. Reuse of Transfers

1. When a transfer is presented for a valid fare, the bus operator will retain the transfer.
2. Currently, no more than one transfer is needed to complete a trip in the Midland-Odessa urbanized area. Thus, when a transfer is presented, there is no need for a new transfer to be issued.

#### E. Other Transfer Procedures

1. Transfers punched in the "Emergency" block are issued in cases of breakdowns, blockades, accidents, etc., when passengers are greatly inconvenienced.
2. Emergency transfers may also be issued as "script," or change, and can be used for a fare.
3. Emergency transfers are accepted at any time, at any stop, in any direction, and must be retained by the bus operator when presented. If the passenger requires another transfer to complete the trip, a new transfer is to be issued in its place and punched with the minimum time allowance.

#### F. Stopover Privileges

There will be no stopover privileges allowed on any fare contained herein.

## Fare Payment Media

### A. One-Way Trip Tickets

1. Adults will pay \$1.00 for each trip ticket.
2. Youths and students will pay \$0.75 for each trip ticket. Proof of age or enrollment will be required.
3. Seniors and persons with disabilities will pay \$0.50 for each trip ticket. Proof of age or disability will be required.
4. ADA Paratransit service customers will pay \$1.00 for each trip ticket.
5. With each ten (10) trip tickets that are purchased in a single transaction, the purchaser will receive one free ticket.
6. Trip tickets will be sold at the Transit Office and at various other locations. A list will be maintained of such sales outlets and the locations will be advertised to the public.

### B. Monthly Flash Passes

Flash passes are good for unlimited rides for the designated period on all MOUSD fixed route buses.

1. Adult Monthly Pass: (\$36.00) Valid for a specific calendar month. If purchased after the first week (7-day period) of the month, the cost of the pass may be prorated at the Transit Office only.
2. Youth/Student Monthly Pass: (\$27.00) Valid for a specific calendar month. Proof of age or enrollment will be required. If purchased after the first week (7-day period) of the month, the cost of the pass may be prorated at the Transit Office only.
3. Senior/Disabled Monthly Pass: (\$18.00) Valid for a specific calendar month. Proof of age or disability will be required. If purchased after the first week (7-day period) of the month, the cost of the pass may be prorated at the Transit Office only.

## Other Regulations Governing the Sale and Use of Fare Media

1. Each pass is valid for the specified period as stated on the pass. It is illegal to use a pass either before or after the valid period. Illegal use of passes will result in the pass being confiscated by appropriate authorities.
2. Passes will only be honored for use by the individual in possession of the pass. Once a passenger boards a bus with a pass, the pass must stay in his/her possession at all times.
3. Passes will be sold at the Transit Office and at various other locations. A list will be maintained of such sales outlets and the locations will be advertised to the public.
4. Adult monthly passes may be purchased in bulk at the Transit Office at the following discounted rates:
  - a) 10-49 passes will be discounted by 10 percent
  - b) 50 or more passes will be discounted by 15 percent
5. Passengers boarding a bus with a flash pass will not be issued a transfer.
6. Lost or stolen passes, tickets, or transfers will not be replaced.
7. Damaged flash passes will be replaced only if the specified period is readable and can be validated.
8. No refunds will be made on any fare media contained herein.

## ADA Complementary Paratransit

### Fares

1. The fare for qualified ADA individuals will be \$2.00, as established by the MOUTD Board of Directors. This fare is double the actual fixed route non-discounted fare, in accordance with federal stipulations.
2. Fares will be based on the applicable fare rates and structure of MOUTD fixed route transit service.
3. Personal Care Assistants ride free with qualified ADA customers.
4. MOUTD will guarantee that at least one companion may accompany a qualified ADA individual on the paratransit vehicle. Additional companions may accompany ADA qualified individuals on a space-available basis. All companions will pay the same \$2.00 fare.
5. One-way trip tickets may be purchased in advance for \$1.00 each. Two (2) tickets will be used for each one-way trip.
6. Qualified ADA individuals may ride free on the regular fixed-route bus system by showing their MOUTD-issued identification card.

### Persons With Disabilities Eligibility

#### A. Definition of Persons With Disabilities

The Federal Transit Act, 49 U.S.C., Section 1602 (d), defines persons with disabilities as: "Those individuals who by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, including those who are non-ambulatory wheelchair-bound and those with semi-ambulatory capabilities, are unable without special facilities or special planning or design utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as those persons who are not so affected."

B. Applications for ADA certification are available at the Transit Office.

C. ADA qualified individuals will be issued an identification card by MOUTD.

## GENERAL TARIFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

### A. Power of Agents

No agents or other employees shall have the authority to change or deviate from the fares, charges, or rules and regulations contained herein.

### B. Fare Changes

1. MOUTD reserves the right to reduce fares at any time without notice to the public.
2. In the event of a proposed fare increase, MOUTD will afford opportunity for public comment
3. The MOUTD Board will give due consideration to public comments received before instituting the fare increase.

### C. Schedule Changes

1. MOUTD reserves the right to change service schedules without notice to the public, unless the change will result in a major reduction of service. A major reduction of service is defined as a change that impacts 25 percent of total service hours.
2. In the event of a proposed major reduction in service, MOUTD will afford opportunity for public comment.
3. The MOUTD Board will give due consideration to public comments received before instituting the major service reduction.

### D. Free Transit Service

Generally, free transit service is NOT provided on MOUTD fixed route and ADA Complementary Paratransit Service, unless it is determined that there is significant public purpose. The General Manager is hereby authorized to make these determinations.

It is MOUTD policy to provide free fixed route and ADA Complementary Paratransit Service to the following:

1. Police officers when in uniform, including officers of the Ector County and Midland County Sheriff's Departments.
2. Trainers involved in travel training by MOUTD cities or other organizations, through prior arrangements with MOUTD.
3. Children five years of age or younger when accompanied by a paying adult passenger.

#### E. Transit Fare Violations

A person who boards a transit vehicle without paying the established fare or presenting a valid transfer or pass is subject to removal from the vehicle by law enforcement personnel in the MOUTD city having jurisdiction.

#### F. Youth/Child

Children 6 years of age to 18 years of age will be charged a 75-cent fare. Identification may be required. Children 9 years of age and younger **must** be accompanied by a passenger 10 years of age or older.

#### G. Carriage of Small Animals

Small animals may be carried free of charge, provided they are enclosed in a secure pet carrier and are not dangerous or offensive to other passengers.

Service animals, such as seeing, hearing, and seizure-alert dogs, are permitted on all fixed route and paratransit vehicles free of charge.

#### H. Baggage

Passengers may carry ordinary hand baggage, bundles, packages, instrument cases, tool cases, folding baby strollers, folding wheelchairs, folding bicycles, small shopping carts, etc. free of charge, provided these items can be handled without any inconvenience to other passengers. Such articles must not be permitted to remain in a position where they will interfere with entrance or exit, free use of the aisles or seats, or the proper and safe operation of the bus.

#### I. Accidents and Delays

1. MOUTD will not be responsible for delays caused by accidents, breakdowns, road conditions, inclement weather, or other conditions beyond its control, and does not guarantee to arrive at or depart from any point at any specific time.

2. If conditions over which MOUTD has no control, such as weather, road conditions, "acts of God," etc. make it, in the opinion of MOUTD, inadvisable to operate service either from the point of origin or to any point en route, MOUTD shall not be liable therefore, or be cause to be held for damage for any reason whatsoever.

#### J. Bicycles

Passengers shall load and unload their own bicycles. A maximum of two (2) bicycles may be carried on the bicycle rack. Passengers must let the bus operator know that they will be unloading their bicycle when they exit the bus. Additional bicycles are permitted inside the bus if they are able to be folded up, or in the opinion of MOUTD, there is sufficient room for the additional bicycle(s).

#### K. Lost Articles

All claims for lost articles should be made within thirty (30) calendar days to the Transit Office, (432) 561-9990. All articles not claimed after this time period will be discarded in accordance with established MOUTD policies and procedures.


**ADOPTION**

This policy shall be to codify the fare structure and policy of the transit system as it relates to the fixed-route and ADA paratransit service in the Midland-Odessa urbanized area. The application and implementation of this policy shall remain the responsibility of Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District in accordance with the authority conferred upon it by the Board of Directors.

Adopted this 6th day of October, 2004 to become effective on October 6, 2004

As Chair of the governing board I hereby certify this policy was adopted in accordance with all local laws and governmental procedures.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:   
Secretary