

Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARINGS - CHANGES IN FARES PUERTO RICO MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MUNICIPALITIES OF VIEQUES, CULEBRA AND SAN JUAN BAY (CATAÑO-SAN JUAN)

The Puerto Rico Maritime Transportation Authority ("MTA") proposes to adjust the fares for certain public maritime transportation services currently provided by the MTA within the island municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, as well as the metro service between San Juan and Cataño.

In compliance with Act No. 21 of May 31, 1985 ("Act No. 21-1985") and the Transit System Title VI Plan of the Puerto Rico Ports Authority ("Title VI"), public hearings will be held in the Municipalities of Vieques, Culebra, Fajardo, Ceiba, Cataño and San Juan in order to present the proposed changes and obtain the public's comments. The public hearings are scheduled to take place as follows:

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MUNICIPALITY	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Ceiba	July 30, 2018	Municipal Multiuse Center	10:00 am
Fajardo	July 30, 2018	Capitular Room, Municipality of Fajardo Dr. López St. & Muñoz St. (former Town Hall)	2:30 pm
Culebra	July 31, 2018	Juan de la Cruz Soto Basketball Court	11:30 am
Cataño	Aug. 2, 2018	MTA Ferry Terminal	10:00 am
San Juan	Aug. 2, 2018	MTA Ferry Terminal (Pier 2), Waiting Area	2:00 pm
Vieques	Aug. 3, 2018	Municipal Multiuse Center	11:30 am

The locations where the public hearings will be held are accessible for the handicapped and/or the physically impaired. Persons interested must submit their comments in writing during the public hearings, which shall be regulated by Act No. 21-1985 and Title VI.

I. PROPOSED CHANGES IN FARES

The ferry service fares are established by MTA in accordance with Act No. 21-1985 and Title VI, which is applicable to any programs and/or services funded in whole or in part by federal funds issued by the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA"). The proposed changes consider an increase in fares for non-residents of the Vieques and Culebra municipalities. There will be no increase in the fares for Vieques and Culebra residents. The current and proposed fares are as follows:

a. Current Fares and Proposed Changes:

Description	Current Fare		Proposed Fare	
	Residents Culebra/Vieques	NON Residents Culebra/Vieques	Residents Culebra/Vieques	NON Residents Culebra/Vieques
Municipal Islands Service				
Vieques	\$2.00	\$11.25	\$2.00	\$11.25
Culebra	\$2.25	\$11.25	\$2.25	\$11.25
Children under 11 years	\$1.00	\$6.00	\$1.00	\$6.00
Adults 60 - 74 years	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Seniors 75 and older	Free of Charge	Free of Charge	Free of Charge	Free of Charge
Metro Area Service				
Regular		\$2.00	\$0.50	\$2.00
Adults 60 - 74 years		\$0.50	\$0.25	\$0.50
Disabled		\$0.50	\$0.25	\$0.50
Seniors 75 and older		Free of Charge	Free of Charge	Free of Charge
Children under 3 years		Free of Charge	Free of Charge	Free of Charge

b. Proposed Cargo Fares:

The proposed fares are aimed to simplify the system currently in place and ensure they reflect the actual costs of transporting goods according to their size, dimensions and level of need. Furthermore, the fares also consider the frequency in which residents and non-residents use the ferry services. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Fares (per ride)	Proposed Fares (per ride)	
	Sunday-Saturday	Friday-Sunday	Monday-Thursday
Small Cars	\$13.00 - \$15.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Medium Cars	\$13.00 - \$15.00	\$50.00	\$40.00
Motorcycles	\$7.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
Four Tracks	\$7.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
Cargo Truck	\$19.50 - \$47.00	\$30.00	\$24.00
Cargo Vehicle (> 30 linear ft.)	\$2.50 - \$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Construction Vehicles (<30 tons)	\$34.50 - \$84.50	\$75.00	\$60.00
Construction Vehicles (>30 tons)	\$84.51 - \$259.50	\$125.00	\$100.00
Pickup Trucks and Vans	\$32.00 - \$39.50	\$75.00	\$60.00
Trailers (linear ft.)	\$1.50 - \$2.50	\$5.00	\$5.00
Bicycle	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Handtruck	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Kayak	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Surf Board	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
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Cooler	\$1.00 - \$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
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Box	\$1.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

The proposed changes shall be in effect no later than September 1, 2018. Residents from Vieques and Culebra must present a driver's license or a valid identification issued by the Department of Transportation and Public Works, demonstrating they are bonafide residents of Vieques or Culebra.

II. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

The information and documents related to the proposed changes will be available to the public at the following web address: www.p3.pr.gov.

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