

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
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C: CRCOG Policy Board
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Subject: Hartford Line Proposed Fares – Public Hearings and Opportunity to Comment

On October 23, 2017, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) released proposed fares for the upcoming *CTrail* Hartford Line service (attached). Federal guidelines mandate that proposed public transit fare changes – including fares for new service – be evaluated for equity to ensure that they do not pose a disproportionate burden on low-income populations or a disparate impact on minority populations in the service area. To this end, a Service and Fare Equity (SAFE) Analysis has been prepared and released for comment. The SAFE Analysis concluded that “the proposed *CTrail* service and fares show no disparate impact on minority populations or disproportionate burden on low-income populations.” The SAFE Analysis, service description, and proposed fares are available on the CTDOT website at www.ct.gov/dot/hartfordlinecomments.

The release of the proposed Hartford Line fares and the SAFE Analysis marks the beginning of a 35-day comment period, which will run from October 23 through November 27, 2017. Comments may be submitted using the following methods:

- **Email:** dot.hartfordlinecomments@ct.gov
- **US Mail:** Hartford Line Comments, Bureau of Public Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546
- **In Person at Hartford Line Fare Hearings:**
 - Monday, November 13, 2017
5 to 8 PM
New Haven Hall of Records, Room G-2
200 Orange Street, New Haven, CT 06510
 - Tuesday, November 14, 2017
4 to 7 PM
Capital Community College, Centinel Hill Hall
950 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103
 - Wednesday, November 15, 2017
5:30 to 8:30 PM
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104

The proposed Hartford Line fares are distance-based, just as fares are for Shore Line East rail service. According to Judd Everhart, a spokesman for CTDOT, “For example, the distance between New Haven and New London is about 48 miles. A Shore Line East ticket for that trip is \$10.25. The distance between New Haven and Windsor Locks is about 50 miles, and the proposed Hartford Line fare is \$10.00.” CRCOG remains supportive of the upcoming *CTrail* Hartford Line service and distance-based fares that are attractive to users.

CTrail Hartford Line - Proposed Fares
Effective upon the launch of CTrail service in May 2018

One-Way

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$3.50						
Meriden	\$4.75	\$3.00					
Berlin	\$6.00	\$3.50	\$3.00				
Hartford	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$3.25			
Windsor	\$9.25	\$6.75	\$5.75	\$4.50	\$3.00		
Windsor Locks	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$6.50	\$5.25	\$3.25	\$3.00	
Springfield, MA	\$12.75	\$10.25	\$9.25	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.75	\$4.00

Ticket is good for 60 days. Up to 4 children under age 5 are free with a fare-paying adult. Up to 4 children ages 5-11 may ride for \$1 with a fare-paying adult.

Discount One-Way

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$1.75						
Meriden	\$2.25	\$1.50					
Berlin	\$3.00	\$1.75	\$1.50				
Hartford	\$4.00	\$2.75	\$2.25	\$1.50			
Windsor	\$4.50	\$3.25	\$2.75	\$2.25	\$1.50		
Windsor Locks	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$3.25	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	
Springfield, MA	\$6.25	\$5.00	\$4.50	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.25	\$2.00

Ticket is good for 60 days. Discounts are available for senior citizens (65 and older), people with disabilities, and individuals receiving Medicare.

Onboard One-Way

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$6.50						
Meriden	\$7.75	\$6.00					
Berlin	\$9.00	\$6.50	\$6.00				
Hartford	\$11.00	\$8.50	\$7.50	\$6.25			
Windsor	\$12.25	\$9.75	\$8.75	\$7.50	\$6.00		
Windsor Locks	\$13.00	\$10.50	\$9.50	\$8.25	\$6.25	\$6.00	
Springfield, MA	\$15.75	\$13.25	\$12.25	\$11.00	\$9.00	\$7.75	\$7.00

Ticket is good for 60 days. Onboard surcharge does not apply to discount-eligible passengers, step-up fares, or customers boarding at a station without a ticket office/machine.

Weekly

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$22.75						
Meriden	\$31.00	\$19.50					
Berlin	\$39.00	\$22.75	\$19.50				
Hartford	\$52.00	\$35.75	\$29.25	\$21.25			
Windsor	\$60.25	\$44.00	\$37.50	\$29.25	\$19.50		
Windsor Locks	\$65.00	\$48.75	\$42.25	\$34.25	\$21.25	\$19.50	
Springfield, MA	\$83.00	\$66.75	\$60.25	\$52.00	\$39.00	\$31.00	\$26.00

Pass is good Saturday through Friday. Non-transferable.

10-Trip

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$31.50						
Meriden	\$42.75	\$27.00					
Berlin	\$54.00	\$31.50	\$27.00				
Hartford	\$72.00	\$49.50	\$40.50	\$29.25			
Windsor	\$83.25	\$60.75	\$51.75	\$40.50	\$27.00		
Windsor Locks	\$90.00	\$67.50	\$58.50	\$47.25	\$29.25	\$27.00	
Springfield, MA	\$114.75	\$92.25	\$83.25	\$72.00	\$54.00	\$42.75	\$36.00

Ticket is good for 10 trips within 180 days of purchase. Non-transferable.

Discount 10-Trip

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$17.50						
Meriden	\$22.50	\$15.00					
Berlin	\$30.00	\$17.50	\$15.00				
Hartford	\$40.00	\$27.50	\$22.50	\$15.00			
Windsor	\$45.00	\$32.50	\$27.50	\$22.50	\$15.00		
Windsor Locks	\$50.00	\$37.50	\$32.50	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Springfield, MA	\$62.50	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$20.00

Ticket is good for 10 trips within 180 days of purchase. Discounts are available for senior citizens (65 and older), people with disabilities, and individuals receiving Medicare.

Monthly

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$73.50						
Meriden	\$99.75	\$63.00					
Berlin	\$126.00	\$73.50	\$63.00				
Hartford	\$168.00	\$115.50	\$94.50	\$68.25			
Windsor	\$194.25	\$141.75	\$120.75	\$94.50	\$63.00		
Windsor Locks	\$210.00	\$157.50	\$136.50	\$110.25	\$68.25	\$63.00	
Springfield, MA	\$267.75	\$215.25	\$194.25	\$168.00	\$126.00	\$99.75	\$84.00

Valid for unlimited rides during the calendar month. Non-transferable.

School Monthly

	New Haven	Wallingford	Meriden	Berlin	Hartford	Windsor	Windsor Locks
Wallingford	\$52.50						
Meriden	\$71.25	\$45.00					
Berlin	\$90.00	\$52.50	\$45.00				
Hartford	\$120.00	\$82.50	\$67.50	\$48.75			
Windsor	\$138.75	\$101.25	\$86.25	\$67.50	\$45.00		
Windsor Locks	\$150.00	\$112.50	\$97.50	\$78.75	\$48.75	\$45.00	
Springfield, MA	\$191.25	\$153.75	\$138.75	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$71.25	\$60.00

Valid for calendar month of purchase. Non-transferable. Valid for students (18 and younger) travelling to/from primary or secondary school (School ID required). (Not valid for travel to/from College or post high school education)

UniRail Fares

Between New Haven and:	One-Way Proposed	Weekly Proposed	Monthly Proposed	School Monthly Proposed
Wallingford	\$3.50	\$9.75	\$28.50	\$19.00
Meriden	\$4.75	\$18.50	\$54.75	\$36.75
Berlin	\$6.00	\$27.50	\$81.00	\$54.25
Hartford	\$8.00	\$41.75	\$123.00	\$82.50
Windsor	\$9.25	\$50.75	\$149.25	\$100.00
Windsor Locks	\$10.00	\$56.00	\$165.00	\$110.50
Springfield, MA	\$12.75	\$75.75	\$222.75	\$149.25

Added to New Haven Line and Shore Line East fares.