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Metra to sell \$100 flat-rate monthly pass Big discount makes choosing Metra a no-brainer

New “Super Saver” monthly pass provides an irresistible alternative to high gas prices

CHICAGO (June 1, 2022) – Metra is making Chicago area residents an offer that is too good to refuse – a \$100 flat-rate “Super Saver” monthly pass valid for unlimited travel throughout the Chicago area. The new pass will be offered for a three-month pilot period starting in July.

“Put simply, this is a great deal. For the price of a tank of gas, or a trip to a baseball game, you can travel all over the Chicago area on Metra for a month,” said Metra Executive Director/CEO Jim Derwinski. “High gas prices already make Metra an affordable option versus driving, but this new monthly ‘Super Saver’ pass makes the choice even clearer.”

Full fare “Super Saver” passes will cost \$100, while a reduced fare pass for eligible seniors, K-12 students and children will cost \$70. All riders on the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines also will pay the reduced fare rate, thanks to the Fair Transit South Cook Pilot, with the same stipulation that those passes are valid only on those two lines.

Buying the new pass during the pilot program will be the same process as buying the regular Monthly Pass via the Ventra app and from ticket agents, with only a different price. The passes will look the same as the regular Monthly Pass and still display a zone pair (indicating the fare zones of the riders’ origin and destination stations), but conductors will know that all Monthly Passes are good for unlimited travel across all fare zones.

Metra will continue to sell the \$6 Day Pass, valid for unlimited travel within one to three fare zones in a single day, and the \$10 Day Pass, valid for unlimited travel systemwide in a single day.

“Metra’s recovery from the pandemic requires that we look at all the options on the table to reinvent our service by listening to *My Metra* riders, creating new schedules, and exploring fare incentives that allow riders to return or try our system at affordable rates,” Derwinski said. “We’ve been fortunate that regional sales taxes, which support our operations, have remained strong, allowing us to use some of our federal COVID-19 relief funding in more creative ways that directly benefit our riders.”

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