



County of Rockland
Department of Planning & Public Transportation
NEWS RELEASE

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Rockland County Announces New Fares and Bus Service Changes

POMONA, NY - The Rockland County Department of Public Transportation has announced that new bus fares, an improved SuperSaver discount ticket fare structure and service changes will begin on Monday, May 16, 2011.

TOR Service Changes:

Based on rider and resident input, the County is implementing fewer service reductions for Transport of Rockland (TOR) than originally proposed. Service changes will occur on just five TOR routes instead of nine, as originally presented. TOR #59, #91, and #97 will be adjusted to eliminate some underutilized trips, and Saturday service will be eliminated on TOR Loops #1 and #2. Details include:

- TOR #59: Eliminate two (Monday-Friday) Eastbound trips from Suffern to Nanuet Mall at 12:30 am & 1:30 am.
- TOR #59: Modify three (Monday-Friday) Westbound trips at 11:05 pm, 12:05 am & 12:55 am to terminate in Spring Valley.
- TOR #91: Eliminate all (Monday-Saturday) "Direct" Service, between Palisades Mall and Haverstraw only. The local TOR #91 route will still serve all stops.
- TOR #97: Modify (Monday – Friday) service by reducing frequency from 30 to 40 minutes. The route will continue to operate within the same timeframe but with fewer trips.
- TOR Loop #1: Eliminate Saturday Service.
- TOR Loop #2: Eliminate Saturday Service.

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TOR and TZx Bus Fares:

Beginning on May 16, 2011, cash bus fares will be \$2.00 on TOR and \$3.00 on TAPPAN ZEEExpress (TZx) buses. Exact change will be requested when boarding the bus. Other fare changes include:

- SuperSaver tickets will cost \$11.00 for a strip of ten tickets, which equates to a discounted bus fare of \$1.10 on TOR (one ticket) and \$2.20 on TZx (two tickets). SuperSaver tickets will continue to be accepted on Clarkstown Mini Trans and Spring Valley Jitney buses, where cash fares will remain unchanged. The current SuperSaver tickets will be valid through June 5, 2011. After that, old SuperSaver tickets will no longer be accepted. However, a SuperSaver (full-strip) exchange program will be made available.
- Transfers from TOR or TZx buses will cost 50¢, whether paying in cash or with SuperSaver tickets; previously, a free transfer had been included with a SuperSaver ticket. Transfers must be purchased when paying the fare on the first bus and may only be used to continue a single one-way trip on a second bus route. Transfers are only honored at designated transfer points and will be valid for up to two hours from the time issued. Transfers will continue to be accepted between TOR and TZx, as well as on Clarkstown Mini Trans, Spring Valley Jitney, Westchester Beeline buses and Connecticut I-Buses.
- Fares for senior citizens and people with disabilities will increase to 75¢ on TOR and \$1.00 on TZx. Transfers for seniors and people with disabilities will cost 25¢ for both the TOR and TZx bus services.

TRIPS Bus Fare:

- TRIPS paratransit cash fare will cost \$2.00. A book of discounted TRIPS tickets will cost \$12.00 for ten tickets (\$1.20 per ride.) TRIPS passengers traveling under ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations will pay \$4.00 per ride.
- Eligibility for TRIPS remains limited to pre-registered certified riders and to residents over the age of 60 who are unable to use fixed-route bus services.

A complete listing of the new fares is available at www.rocklandgov.com (click on the bus), or call the Rockland Transit Information Center at (845) 364-3333, Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

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