



Notice of Public Hearing

The DART commission has approved a request from RideShare to hold a public comment hearing on April 30, 2013.

At the DART Commission Meeting on June 28, 2011, the Commission adopted a fare policy whereby fares would be increased bi-annually at a rate not to exceed 5 percent per adjustment period beginning July 2013. The Commission also approved an increase in the fee charged for going over the monthly allotment of personal miles to the rate posted by the IRS each year. The rate was to be adjusted each year in July to the current IRS rate.

Based upon a review of the budget and current market conditions, RideShare staff is proposing a fare adjustment of two (2) percent and an increase in the fee for going over the monthly allotment of personal miles to \$0.56 per mile to bring it in line with the current IRS rate. Both provisions would go into effect on July 1, 2013. If adopted, riders will see a monthly increase between \$2.00 and \$8.00.

Riders and drivers are invited to attend a public comment hearing at DART Central Station, 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, IA from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm on April 30, 2013. If you are unable to attend the public comment hearing, please feel free to forward your written comments to RideShare by email at rideshare@ridedart.com, by mail to RideShare Public Comment, 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, or by fax at 515-283-8135. All comments must be received by 5 pm on May 6, 2013. The DART Commission will be able to review all comments at their May 7th meeting before voting on adoption of the proposed fare increase.

We will notify you of the outcome of the Commission's vote and before any fare increases go into effect.

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