



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL TRANSIT  
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REDUCED-FARE PROGRAM  
June 29, 2015

FRED's reduced fare to be charged eligible riders during off-peak hours will be one-half of our current, regular service fare of \$1.00 or \$0.50 per boarding.

Off-peak service is service FRED operates Monday through Friday between the hours of 4:01 am and 7:00 am and between the hours of 8:01 pm and 1:00 am. FRED's Saturday and Sunday service during the University of Mary Washington academic year (August through April) is also designated as off-peak service.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR REDUCED FARE**

FRED will offer off-peak reduced-fare rides to all persons age 62 and over, all persons currently receiving Medicare and to all persons evidencing the following disabilities:

- Inability to walk or mount steps.
- Extreme difficulty in walking or mounting steps.
- Blindness.
- Deafness.
- Other disabilities, whether permanent or temporary, that makes customers unable to avail themselves of FRED service with the same effectiveness as customers not so affected "without special facilities or special planning or design...." (49 C.F.R. 609.3)

### **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY**

Proof of eligibility for reduced fares may be evidenced in a number of ways.

With respect to age requirements and persons covered by Medicare, FRED will accept a valid Medicare card and a corroborating piece of identification (e.g., a driver's license, voter ID card, library card) as proof of eligibility.

Use of a manual or battery powered wheelchair will constitute proof of eligibility.

Having a leg in a solid cast will constitute proof of eligibility.

Use of a white walking cane, either solid or collapsible, or a sonic or laser device to assist the blind and visually impaired will constitute proof of eligibility.

Use of a Seeing Eye dog will constitute proof of eligibility.

A doctor's written attestation on his/her letterhead of deafness or severe hearing impairment will constitute proof of eligibility.

A doctor's written attestation on his/her letterhead to other disabilities that significantly limit the customer's mobility to the point that he/she cannot use FRED without special facilities, planning or design will constitute proof of eligibility. Any such attestation must indicate the anticipated duration of the disability.

FRED management will determine whether a letter is sufficient evidence of a qualifying disability and will issue a half-fare identification card for use by the eligible customer. An application form and submission instructions are available elsewhere on FRED's website.

FRED reserves the right to modify these acceptable forms of proof of eligibility to reflect experience gained in implementing the reduced-fare program and changes in technology and operating systems.

## **IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

FRED's reduced-fare program is effective on July 1, 2015.