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Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Announces Public Hearing for Proposed Fare Changes and Route Elimination

Bloomington, IL – Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System would like to inform the community of public hearing being held June 6, 2011. The public hearing is being held to discuss proposed fare changes and possible route elimination.

The hearing is scheduled to be held June 6, 2011, 7:00pm, in the Board Room, Room #135, of the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System, 351 Wylie Dr., Normal.

On April 26, 2011, the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Board of Trustees agreed to review in further detail proposals from management to (1) change bus passenger fares and (2) eliminate the Teal (J) bus route. The Board of Trustees is requesting public comment on the proposals. A public hearing is scheduled as detailed above.

At the hearing the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System will afford an opportunity for persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the proposals for fare changes as well as the elimination of the Teal (J) route. Persons may submit, orally or in writing, comment with respect to the fare change proposal. Written comment submitted prior to the hearing should be addressed as follows:

Attention: Fare Change Proposal Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System 351 Wylie Dr. Normal, IL 61761
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(1) Under the bus passenger fares proposal, the fares for rider categories that would change are as follows:

	Current	Proposed
<u>Fixed Route Fares</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Fare</u>
1. Adult (unlimited ride annual pass) each:	N/A	\$150.00
2. Youth, 18 and under, cash each (w/ B-NPTS photo ID):	N/A	\$0.50
3. Youth, 18 and under, unlimited ride monthly pass (w/ B-NPTS photo ID):	N/A	\$15.00
4. Youth, 18 and under, unlimited ride annual pass (w/ B-NPTS photo ID):	N/A	\$75.00
5. Youth, 18 and under, unlimited ride summer pass (w/ B-NPTS photo ID):	N/A	\$30.00
6. Disabled Riders (w/ B-NPTS issued photo ID):	no charge	\$0.50

7. Senior Riders, age 65 and older (w/ B-NPTS issued photo ID):	no charge	no charge
8. Circuit Breaker Riders (w/ B-NPTS issued photo ID):	no charge	no charge
9. Replacement B-NPTS photo ID (1 st replacement):	N/A	\$5.00
10. Replacement B-NPTS photo ID (2 nd or more times):	N/A	\$25.00
	Current	Proposed
<u>After Hours Fares</u>	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Fare</u>
11. Monthly pass:	N/A	\$65.00

Item #'s 6-8 above will go into effect September 1, 2011. All categories will be available for purchase at B-NPTS office, 351 Wylie Dr., Normal, starting June 7, 2011.

- (2) Under the Teal (J) bus route elimination proposal, the Teal (J) route, which serves Eastland Mall and The Shoppes at College Hills, via routing along Empire St., Towanda Barnes Rd. and GE Rd., would be eliminated as of July 1, 2011.

For more information, please call Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System at 828-9833 / 828-7511 (TDD).

Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System has provided safe, reliable and affordable public transportation to the Bloomington-Normal community since 1972.