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## **MWRTA TryTransit Free Fare Program 2024**

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TryTransit is back!

MassDOT and the Legislature have reauthorized the TryTransit Program for 2024.

MetroWest Regional Transit Authority Fixed Route and Demand Response riders will have fare free options from January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

Fixed Route riders will need to have a registered MWRTA Catch Card to take advantage of this promotion. Catch Cards are free to all riders and can be picked up from any MWRTA Fixed Route driver, or at the MWRTA Central Hub at 15 Blandin Ave., Framingham MA. Catch Cards must be registered to receive the promotion – so be sure to register your card by either:

- Using the MWRTA Catch App
- Visiting the MWRTA Blandin Hub
- Calling (508) 935 2222

Once registered, riders can reuse the same card as many times as they want. These durable cards can last for years, but if you need a replacement, please come to the hub to get a new one. Upon registration, your card will automatically receive a pass valid January 1 - March 31.

During this promotion, Fixed Route riders can tap their Catch Card on the bus, and board at NO cost. Riders who currently have a registered Catch Card will automatically receive a pass valid through March 31<sup>st</sup> - no action is needed! Any stored value or monthly passes loaded on cards will remain so that they are available when fare collection resumes on April 1,2024 – no need to load and unload your card! Riders who have the "auto renew" feature set up on the app will not be charged during the promotion period.

Riders without an MWRTA Catch Card will be asked to pay a regular cash fare of \$1.50, or a qualifying discounted cash fare - so make sure to pick up your free Catch Card today!

Demand Response riders will have their debit accounts paused, and will be allowed to ride fare free during this period.

Catch Connect fares will remain at \$2.00 per trip, paid either through the MWRTA Catch App, or through a debit account set up through the MWRTA.

MWRTA is excited to participate in this program and strongly encourages all Fixed Route riders to pick up a Catch Card and register it today to take advantage of the promotion! Happy Holidays!

Full details and information can be found at <a href="www.mwrta.com/fares">www.mwrta.com/fares</a>. If you have any further questions, please call us at (508) 935-2222 or email info@mwrta.com.

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