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**San Mateo County Transit District  
 State of California**

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**Fare Structure**

**I. FARE PRICES**

**Fixed-route Service**

Product	Payment Options	Category	Current
Local & Express One-way (2-hour transfer on Clipper and SamTrans Mobile app)	Cash, SamTrans Mobile app, Ticket	Adult	\$2.25
		Youth/Eligible Discount	\$1.10
	Clipper	Adult	\$2.05
		Youth/Eligible Discount/ Clipper START	\$1.00
	Transfers from Other Agencies (Clipper)^	Adult/Youth/ Eligible Discount/ Clipper START	One free transfer
	Local & Express Day Pass	Cash, SamTrans Mobile app	Adult
Youth/Eligible Discount			\$2.00
Local & Express Monthly Pass	Clipper	Adult	\$65.60
		Youth/Eligible Discount	\$27.00

^ Accepted Inter-agency transfers on Clipper: Caltrain Monthly Pass (2 or more zones), VTA Monthly Pass, Dumbarton Express 31-day Pass and AC Transit 31-day Pass

**Other Products**

Product	Payment Options	Category	Current
Local & Express 31-Day Ticket	Pursuant to agreement with SamTrans Administrative Office	Adult	\$65.60
		Youth/Eligible Discount	\$27.00
Local & Express One-way 10-Ticket	SamTrans Sales Outlets, SamTrans Administrative Office	Adult	\$22.50
		Youth/Eligible Discount	\$11.00
Youth Unlimited Pass	Pursuant to agreement with SamTrans Administrative Office	Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Youth	Free
Summer Youth Pass	SamTrans Mobile app, <a href="http://www.samtrans.com">www.samtrans.com</a> , SamTrans Administrative Office	Youth	\$40.00
Way2Go Pass	Pursuant to agreement with SamTrans Administrative Office	Educational Institution	\$35 per semester / \$70 per year (\$2,500 annual minimum)
		Employer	\$75 per year (\$2,500 annual minimum)

		Residential Complex	\$40 per year (\$2,500 annual minimum)
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### Demand Response Services

Product	Payment Options	Category	Current
Scheduled Paratransit Redi-Wheels/RediCoast One-way (ADA)	Cash, SamTrans Mobile app	Regular	\$4.25
		Lifeline	\$1.75
	10-Ticket Sheet available at SamTrans Administrative Office	Regular	\$42.50
		Lifeline	\$17.50
	Agency-sponsored Group Trips through SamTrans Administrative Office	Regular	\$5.00 per rider
		Lifeline	\$2.25 per rider
Same-Day Paratransit Redi-Wheels/RediCoast One-way (ADA)	Cash	Regular	\$10 per rider
		Lifeline	\$8 per rider
Paratransit 5311 Coastside On-demand One-way (non-ADA)	Cash, SamTrans Mobile app	Regular	\$4.25
		Lifeline	\$1.75
	Agency-sponsored Group Trips through SamTrans Administrative Office	Regular	\$4.50 per rider
		Lifeline	\$1.75 per rider
Microtransit	Same as Local & Express fixed-route	Adult/Youth/ Eligible Discount/ Clipper START	Local & Express fixed-route Fare Structure applies

### Parking

Daily Parking at Colma Park and Ride	Cash, credit/debit card	\$3.00
Monthly Parking at Colma Park and Ride	www.samtrans.com, SamTrans Administrative Office	\$63.00

## II. FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE FARE TYPES & CATEGORIES

### A. Fare Types:

- Local and Express One-way (with Transfers).** Available through Clipper<sup>®</sup>, the SamTrans mobile app, cash or Ticket. Valid on Local and Express service. For customers using Clipper or SamTrans mobile app: includes free transfers on SamTrans Local and Express service for 120 minutes.
- Local and Express Day Pass.** Available through the SamTrans mobile app or cash. When purchased on-board, bus operator issues through the farebox. Valid on Local and Express service from the time of activation at the farebox until 2:00 a.m. the next day.

3. **Local and Express Monthly Pass.** Available through Clipper. Valid on Local and Express service from 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the month for which issued until 2:00 a.m. on the first day of the following month.
4. **Summer Youth Pass.** Available through the SamTrans\_mobile app, www.samtrans.com or advance purchase at SamTrans Administrative Office. Valid on Local service from 12:01 a.m. on June 1 until 2:00 a.m. on September 1.
5. **Local and Express 31-Day Ticket.** Available for pre-purchase through qualified schools and social service agencies pursuant to agreement with the SamTrans Administrative Office. Ticket is valid on Local and Express service from the time of activation at the farebox until 2 a.m. on the 32nd day after activation.
6. **Youth Unlimited Pass.** No cost unlimited-ride pass available to youth who are Socioeconomically Disadvantaged (SED) students, as defined by the California Department of Education. Distributed by the SamTrans administrative offices to participating school districts and schools.
7. **Way2Go Pass.** Unlimited-ride pass available to educational institutions, employers, and residential complexes (“Organizations”) for use on all SamTrans service within the calendar year or semester issued. Organizations must purchase for all eligible participants, defined as:
  - a. Educational Institutions: all full-time students, or other eligible sub-groups subject to SamTrans approval (e.g., designated low-income student groups)
  - b. Employers: all full-time employees, or other eligible sub-groups subject to SamTrans approval (e.g., employees who live in San Mateo County)
  - c. Residential complexes: all residents age 5 years or older
8. **Regional All-Agency Pass Pilot.** Available to passengers who are selected to participate in Regional Fare Coordination and Integration Study administered by the Bay Area Fare Integration Task Force, managed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Bay Area Rapid Transit.

**B. Fare Categories:**

1. **Adult.** Applies to passengers aged nineteen (19) through sixty-four (64).
2. **Eligible Discount.** Available to passengers aged sixty-five (65) or older, or who possess a Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Discount Card, a Medicare Card, a current Disabled Person Placard Identification Card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or a valid transit discount card issued by another California transit agency which is equivalent to the RTC Discount Card. Passengers carrying an RTC Discount Card marked with an attendant symbol may have a personal care attendant travel with them at the Eligible Discount fare.

3. **Youth.** Available to passengers who are eighteen (18) years old or younger. Up to two children aged four (4) years or younger may travel free with each Adult or Eligible Discount fare-paying passenger. Additional children are subject to the Youth fare.
4. **Clipper START Program.** SamTrans' participation in the Regional Means-Based Fare Program, administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, provides discounted SamTrans fares for eligible participants who meet income thresholds as defined by MTC. For information on program details, eligibility criteria, or to apply, visit [www.clipperstartcard.com](http://www.clipperstartcard.com).

### C. **Waived Fares.**

Local and Express Bus fares are waived for the following categories of passengers with proper identification or fare media (Visit [www.samtrans.com/fares/fare-types](http://www.samtrans.com/fares/fare-types) for more info):

1. **Peace Officers.** Uniformed and non-uniformed, sworn and non-sworn peace officers.
2. **Military Personnel.** Active military personnel.
3. **Employees/Retirees.** San Mateo County Transit District employees, qualified retirees, spouses, domestic partners and dependent children under the age of eighteen (18).
4. **Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee Members.** Board of Directors and Citizens Advisory Committee members.
5. **ADA Paratransit-eligible Passengers.** Passengers certified for Redi-Wheels and RediCoast (ADA) paratransit, and their personal care attendants, except as specified for "Ride Plus Microtransit Service" under Section V.
6. **School Field Trips Passengers.** Passengers who are traveling from public schools located within the San Mateo County for the purpose of a school-sponsored field trip and whose field trip group has pre-arranged fare waivers with the San Mateo County Transit District.

## III. **ADA AND NON-ADA PARATRANSIT FARE TYPES & CATEGORIES**

ADA Paratransit Redi-Wheels and RediCoast, and non-ADA Paratransit 5311 Coastside Demand Response services require advanced reservations; service area restrictions apply.

### A. **ADA Paratransit: Redi-Wheels and RediCoast**

1. **Regular Scheduled Redi-Wheels and RediCoast.** For passengers with disabilities who (i) are certified by the District as eligible for paratransit under the ADA, (ii) possess a valid Redi-Wheels or RediCoast card, and (iii) are taking trips scheduled at least one day in advance. Available through the SamTrans mobile app, cash or ticket. Tickets are sold in sheets with 10 rides at SamTrans Administrative Office and via mail/fax.
2. **Lifeline Scheduled Redi-Wheels and RediCoast.** For passengers with disabilities who (i) are certified by the District as eligible for paratransit under the ADA, (ii) possess a valid Redi-Wheels or RediCoast card, (iii) are certified by the District as receiving

Supplemental Security Income, San Mateo County General Assistance, or Medi-Cal, and (iv) are taking trips scheduled at least one day in advance. Available through the SamTrans mobile app, cash or ticket. Tickets are sold in sheets with 10 rides at SamTrans Administrative Office or via mail/fax.

3. **Service Agency-sponsored Group Trips.** For passengers with disabilities who (i) are certified by the District as eligible for paratransit under the ADA, (ii) possess a valid Redi-Wheels or RediCoast card, and (iii) are participating in group trips sponsored by eligible agencies. Lifeline fares apply to such passengers who also receive Supplemental Security Income, San Mateo County General Assistance, or Medi-Cal. Eligible agencies are: Rosener House, San Carlos Adult Day Care, Senior Behavioral Health, South San Francisco Adult Day Care and Coastside Adult Day Health Care. Sponsor is billed by the District after the trip.
4. **Regular Same-Day Paratransit.** For passengers with disabilities who (i) are certified by the District as eligible for paratransit under the ADA, (ii) possess a valid Redi-Wheels or RediCoast card, and (iii) are taking trips scheduled the same day. Cash payment only.
5. **Lifeline Same-Day Paratransit.** For passengers with disabilities who (i) are certified by the District as eligible for paratransit under the ADA, (ii) possess a valid Redi-Wheels or RediCoast card, (iii) are certified by the District as receiving Supplemental Security Income, San Mateo County General Assistance, or Medi-Cal, and (iv) are taking trips scheduled the same day. Cash payment only.

**B. Non-ADA Paratransit: 5311 Coastside Demand Response**

1. **Regular and Lifeline 5311 Coastside Demand Response.** For passengers living in the 5311 Coastside Service Area. Lifeline fares apply to such passengers who also receive Supplemental Security Income, San Mateo County General Assistance or Medi-Cal. Pay with cash or the SamTrans mobile app.
2. **Agency-sponsored Group Trips.** For passengers living in the 5311 Coastside Service Area who are participating in group trips sponsored by Senior Coastside. Lifeline fares apply to such passengers who also receive Supplemental Security Income, San Mateo County General Assistance or Medi- Cal. Sponsor is billed by the District after the trip.

**IV. FARE PAYMENT**

- A. **Cash Payment.** Cash payments are made by feeding bills or coins into the farebox. Bills up to \$20 (twenty dollars) and coins of one cent, five cents, 10 cents and 25 cents are accepted. No change is provided in case of overpayment.
- B. **Local and Express One-way Ticket.** Tickets are sold only in packages of 10. Ticket packages are

available for Adult, Youth and Eligible Discount fare categories. Each Ticket is valid for one Local or Express ride.

- C. **Clipper®**. Clipper is available via Clipper card and Clipper mobile app. Use of Clipper requires customers to “tap” the card or the mobile device at the validator on-board buses. The Clipper system is a transit fare payment platform issued and administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) that is valid for use on all major public transit services throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. There may be fees associated with the use of a Clipper card or Clipper mobile app. Such fees, if any, will be set by the MTC. Clipper customers will have an approximate 10 percent discount over One-way cash fares.
- D. **Mobile Ticketing Application Program.** Customers may purchase via the SamTrans Mobile App: (i) Local and Express One-way; (ii) Local and Express Day Pass; (iii) Paratransit Redi-Wheels/RediCoast One-way (ADA); (iv) Paratransit 5311 Coastside Demand Responsive One-way (non-ADA); and (v) Summer Youth Pass. Credit and debit cards are accepted.
- E. **Inter-agency Transfers.** Transfers from certain transit systems to SamTrans will receive one Local and Express fare credit; available only on Clipper.

AC Transit 31-day Ticket	Local and Express Fare Credit within two hours of tapping Clipper on home system
Caltrain Monthly Pass, two or more zones	Local and Express Fare Credit
DB (Dumbarton Express) 31-day Ticket	Local and Express Fare Credit within two hours of tapping Clipper on home system
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Local and Express Fare Credit within two hours of tapping Clipper on home system

- F. **Institutional Agreements.** The General Manager/CEO may enter into agreements with public and private institutions (including other public transit agencies) through which SamTrans is reimbursed for bus trips taken by defined groups of riders, provided the reimbursement rate is an existing price in the SamTrans Fare Structure.
- G. **Special Promotional Fares.** From time to time, the General Manager/CEO may authorize the establishment of special and promotional fares.
- H. **Rules and Regulations.** All Passes and Tickets are subject to District regulations as may be adopted from time to time. Misuse of a Pass or Ticket or violation of the laws governing behavior on transit vehicles makes such Pass or Ticket subject to revocation. Passes must be kept in the possession of the rider at all times. Assigned Passes may not be transferred to

another individual.

Passes and Tickets are not subject to refund or replacement.

Fixed-route fare media are not valid on Paratransit service. District staff is empowered to add means of fare media distribution (e.g. website) without amendment of this document.

## V. **SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS**

### A. **Local Service**

Transit routes of an intra-community or inter-community nature that operate primarily on local and arterial streets are classified as Local service. Local routes provide service at each established bus stop.

### B. **Express Service**

Express service includes specialized routes of an inter-community nature that operate a significant portion of the route length along freeways without intermediate stops.

### C. **ADA and non-ADA Paratransit Service**

1. **ADA Paratransit.** Service known as Redi-Wheels and RediCoast operates for certified passengers with disabilities traveling in the San Mateo County Transit District service area. Reservations are required, and certain qualifying and service area restrictions apply.
  - a. The Redi-Wheels service area includes the bayside of San Mateo County, portions of the City of Palo Alto north of Embarcadero Road, and the City of San Francisco in the Stonestown area and the Bayshore Corridor.
  - b. The RediCoast service area includes Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, Half Moon Bay, San Gregorio, La Honda, and Pescadero, with limited service to the bayside, San Francisco and Palo Alto.
  - c. Redi-Wheels and RediCoast customers are able to transfer to other paratransit providers in San Mateo County, San Francisco, Santa Clara County, and the East Bay at specified locations.
2. **Non-ADA Paratransit.** Service known as 5311 Coastside Demand Responsive service is available to customers living in Montara, Moss Beach, El Granada, Princeton, Half Moon Bay, San Gregorio, La Honda, and Pescadero, with limited service to the bayside of San Mateo County, portions of San Francisco and Palo Alto. Advance reservations are required, and certain qualifying and service area restrictions apply.

### D. **Ride Plus Microtransit Service**

SamTrans' microtransit service, known as Ride Plus, is a demand-responsive service model

offering flexible routing of transit vehicles to serve one or multiple trip requests within a defined service area. Passengers wishing to use Ride Plus may request a ride using a mobile app or by phone. Adult and Youth/Eligible Discount fares apply. Passengers certified for Redi-Wheels and RediCoast (ADA) paratransit, and their personal care attendants, pay Eligible Discount fares.

## **VI. PARKING**

### **A. Fees**

Parking is provided for a fee at the Colma Park and Ride lot on a per-day or monthly basis. Daily parking fees are payable at the parking payment machine. Monthly parking passes can be purchased at the SamTrans Administrative Offices or via [www.samtrans.com](http://www.samtrans.com). The General Manager/CEO may authorize the sale of “reserved” parking permits for a fee of up to \$105.00 per month.

### **B. Restrictions**

The use of San Mateo County Transit District parking facilities shall be in accordance with District's Vehicle Parking Regulations and other rules.