



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### **WeGo seeks public comments on regional service items** ***Feedback needed on Riverfront Station rental fees, active duty military rides***

**NASHVILLE** – WeGo Public Transit is holding an open public comment period from Wednesday, July 22 until Thursday, August 20, 2020 regarding the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee's (RTA) facility rental fees and active duty military ride free program. WeGo will present a final report to the RTA Board of Directors using the public feedback gathered. If approved, the changes would go into effect this fall.

#### **Active Duty Military Ride Free Program**

RTA currently offers free rides to military veterans on regional bus and train service while providing reduced fares to active duty military personnel. WeGo is proposing a change in the program to allow both veterans and active duty military to ride free on regional bus and train service with proper identification.

#### **Riverfront Rental Fees**

Riverfront Station, located at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Broadway in downtown Nashville, is often used for major events that can be disruptive to WeGo operations and customers. Our current rental rates are well below market at \$1,000 to \$1,500 per day and are not reflective of costs associated with the impact on operations or customers. Examples of operational and customer disruptions can include relocation of shuttle buses, additional walking distance for passengers, passenger boarding impediment, or the requirement of alternative boarding locations, among other impacts.

WeGo is proposing an increase to \$5,000 per day when the event does not impact operations (i.e., days on which we do not operate rail service), and \$10,000 per day when operational and customer disruptions will occur due to the event.

Public comments can be submitted via the following methods:

- Completing a survey at <https://bit.ly/WeGoPolicy-1>;
- Emailing comments to [WeGoTransit@nashville.gov](mailto:WeGoTransit@nashville.gov) with "Public Comment" in the subject line;
- Calling 615-862-5686 and leaving a comment by voicemail; or
- Mailing a letter to 430 Myatt Drive, Nashville, TN 37115; ATTN: Public Comments.

Members of the public are encouraged to sign up for WeGo's newsletter, follow them on social media, and visit [WeGoTransit.com](http://WeGoTransit.com) for continuous updates.

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