

SEMTA ponders another fare hike for bus, rail

The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) is proposing another round of bus and commuter rail fare increases, which if approved would be the second in less than a year.

The 15-member SEMTA Board of Directors Tuesday authorized that a public hearing be held on the fare increases. The hearing will likely be held by the end of April. If approved by the board, the fare increases would likely take effect July 1.

PROPOSED IS a 5 cents increase in the SEMTA base fare to 60 cents; a

nickel increase in zone charges to 20 cents per zone traveled; a nickel increase in youth (under 18) fare to 40 cents and reductions in the discounts offered SEMTACARD users and purchasers of 10 exact fare tickets.

Late last summer the SEMTA base fare was increased 5 cents to 55 cents. The average SEMTA bus rider travels up to 14 miles a trip, said SEMTA General Manager Larry Salci.

Assuming an average rider travels through four zones, the proposed increases would raise the one-way fare from \$1.15 to \$1.40.

"You'll find that's just about the highest in the country any place," Salci said.

THE FARE hikes are being proposed to coincide with the seven-county transportation authority's new fiscal year, which will begin July 1.

An estimated \$1,081,350 in extra revenue is expected from the increased fares.

Two amendments proposed by Rudolph McCullough, board member from Detroit, to exclude senior citizens and youths from the fare hikes each failed by 7-6 votes.

SEMTA Board Chairman Edward McNamara, Livonia mayor, and Oakland County representatives Henry Hogan, Homer Case and R.J. Alexander voted to exclude the two groups.

Senior citizens receive a half-fare discount when they ride SEMTA buses during "off-peak" hours.

SEMTA'S PROPOSED fiscal 1981 budget of \$2,595,600 is \$12.1 million higher than the current fiscal year's. Fare revenues are expected to provide \$7.1 million for SEMTA's operations. Revenue from state taxes provides

\$43 million of SEMTA's proposed budget. Federal funds will provide \$37.3 million.

According to Salci, the transportation system's costs are up due to inflation and increased services.

"The system is always going to have to be subsidized by taxes," he said. "People using the system will have to bear at least a proportion of the cost."

Current bus fares provide slightly more than 20 percent of operating funds, according to SEMTA. The proposed fares would increase the proportion to 25 percent.

Fares for the Pontiac to Detroit commuter rail now provide 20.5 percent of operating costs. The new fares, including 20 cents for each zone traveled, is expected to provide up to 28 percent of operating funds.

Hygienists to meet for 58th session

To celebrate Dental Hygiene Week in Michigan, April 27 through May 3, dental hygienists who are members of the 16 local chapters of the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association will meet in their 58th session.

Through this organization, the hygienists work to improve the oral health of Michigan residents and to further their own education and professionalism in better serving the public.

Educational seminars, business meetings, and social functions will be at the Engineering Society of Detroit, the Hotel Ponchartrain, and the Veterans Memorial Building. President Susan Chesney, RDH, of Grand Rapids, will be presiding over this four-day convention.

Dr. Sonia Friedman will be the kick-off speaker presenting a seminar of "Women in Dual Roles." Dr. Friedman is known for her syndicated TV show in

Detroit, "For a Better Life," her radio phone-in show, and for her regular appearances on the ABC Evening News as special correspondent.

A study on "Periodontics for the Dental Hygienist" will be given by Dr. Irwin Barrington. On the final day, Laurelyn Bost and Sandra Kramer of California will speak on "Effective Business Practices for the Dental Hygienist." Both have been active teachers and leaders in the profession. Their seminar will focus on improving the business knowledge of the practicing hygienist.

At the meeting there will be 10 different one-hour lectures with topics ranging from "The Power of Positive Periodontics," "Food, Nutrition, and Dental Health," to "Exercises for the Dental Hygienist." Table clinics and exhibits also will be on display.

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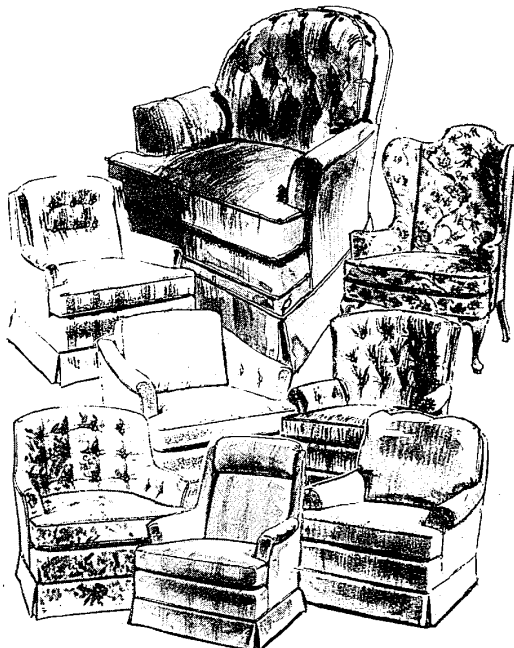
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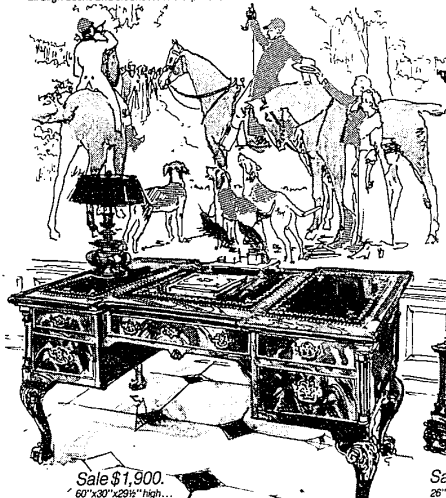
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