

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

ORDER NO. 20,552

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 3, 2024

Petition for Amendment of )  
Interstate Charges for WASHINGTON )  
FLYER Taxicabs )

Case No. MP-2023-091

This matter is before the Commission on a petition filed by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) requesting that the Commission increase a trip surcharge to the authorized interstate fare on trips to and from Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles Airport) in Washington Flyer taxicabs from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

Order No. 20,485, served November 17, 2023, proposed adopting a modified version of MWAA's proposal that would replace the fixed dollar reference to the surcharge with language setting the amount of the surcharge at the amount of the Dulles airport per-trip fee currently in effect. The public was invited to submit comments to this proposal by December 8, 2023. Notice of the order was posted to the Commission's website on November 17, 2023, and remained posted throughout the comment period. No comments were received.

The Commission has authorized Washington Flyer taxicab drivers to pass through the Dulles Airport per-trip fee in the form of a surcharge since 2017.<sup>1</sup> In 2019, the Commission increased the surcharge from \$2.65 to \$3.00 to match an increase in the Dulles Airport per-trip fee that took effect in 2018.<sup>2</sup> Effective October 1, 2023, MWAA increased the per-trip fee charged to Washington Flyer taxicab operators to \$5.00.

We favor a rate scheme that a local jurisdiction, MWAA, has determined to be appropriate, particularly in light of the absence of any comments in opposition. Pass-through treatment of the Dulles Airport per-trip fee would eliminate the need for the Commission to expressly approve an increase in the surcharge amount each time MWAA increases the corresponding per-trip fee, and reduce regulatory lag in enacting future surcharge increases. Pursuant to Article XI, Section 18 of the Compact, we find pass-through treatment of the Dulles Airport per-trip fee collected on each interstate Washington Flyer taxicab trip originating or terminating at Dulles Airport, currently \$5.00, to be reasonable and hereby approve its adoption.

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<sup>1</sup> See *In re Interstate Charges for Wash. Flyer Taxicabs*, No. MP-16-129, Order No. 16,720 (Dec. 2, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> See *In re Interstate Charges for Wash. Flyer Taxicabs*, No. MP-18-121, Order No. 18,156 (May 9, 2019).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That effective January 10, 2024, the base rate and incidental charges for an interstate trip between points in the Metropolitan District in a Washington Flyer Taxi taxicab shall be the base rate and incidental charges specified in the appendix to this order.

2. That effective January 10, 2024, the interstate rates and charges specified in the appendix to this order shall be displayed in the right rear window of each Washington Flyer taxicab.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS LACKEY AND RICHARD:



Jeffrey M. Lehmann  
Executive Director

INTERSTATE TAXICAB RATES AND CHARGES  
FOR WASHINGTON FLYER TAXICAB SERVICE WITHIN THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT

- \$3.50 First 1/4 mile or fraction
- .54 Each additional 1/4 mile or fraction
- .54 Each 81 seconds of waiting time (\$24.00/hour)
- 1.50 Each additional passenger in a pre-formed party  
(provided, however, that one child five (5) years of age  
or younger shall be transported without charge when  
accompanied by an older person)

Snow Emergency Surcharge:

There shall be a surcharge of \$2.50 per trip during periods of snow emergency declared by the District of Columbia.

Waiting time shall include:

- 1) time consumed while a taxicab is waiting for passengers beginning 5 minutes after the time of arrival at a pick-up location. No time shall be charged for premature pick-up;
- 2) time consumed while a taxicab is stopped or slowed to a speed of less than 10 m.p.h.; and
- 3) time consumed for stopovers en route at the direction of the passenger.

Tolls:

Tolls paid by a driver on a passenger-selected route may be added to a passenger's fare; provided, that before taking that route the passenger was informed of the toll(s) and given the option of taking an alternative route not requiring payment of a toll. A driver may not recover more than the toll amount actually paid regardless of the number of passengers being transported.

Trip Surcharge:

There shall be a surcharge on each trip originating at or terminating at Washington Dulles International Airport equal in amount to any airport dispatch or per-trip fee collected from the taxicab operator. Only one surcharge may be collected per trip irrespective of the number of passengers in the vehicle.