



SmartBenefits[®] and SmarTrip[®] Update

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Purpose

- What's New with SmarTrip[®]
- SmartBenefits[®] Review
- SmartBenefits[®] AnyTime
- Q & A





What's New With SmarTrip®

- SmarTrip® Website
 - View transactions and card balance
 - Card must be registered for access to information
- Fare incentives for using SmarTrip®
- 7-Day regional bus pass on SmarTrip®
- MTA introduces CharmCard®





7-Day Regional Bus Pass On SmarTrip®

- Good 7 consecutive days from first use
 - Full fare \$15
 - Senior / Disabled \$7.50
- Unlimited rides on regular Metrobus, ART, DASH, CUE, Fairfax Connector, DC Circulator, Ride On and TheBus
- Add pass at SmarTrip® CPOS (compact point of sale)
 - Metro-operated sales offices
 - Regional transit stores
 - Select CVS, Giant Food and other merchants
- Maximum of two bus passes at a time





MTA CharmCard®

- Rechargeable card
- Holds \$200 in value vs. SmarTrip® \$300
- Stored value can be used:
 - Metrobus, Metrorail and regional bus systems
- MTA passes on CharmCard® for MTA systems only





SmartBenefits® Changes

- Held focus groups for employer input
- Password security access enhancements
- Employer seminars to review January 2011 changes
 - November and December
 - Check website for updates
- SmarTrip® card MUST be registered
- SmarTrip® AnyTime
- January 2011 benefit amount - TBD





Helpful Hints to Get Ready

- Separate your transit from parking benefits
- Decide how to treat unused employee benefits
 - Rollover in employee's benefit account
 - Credit back to employer
- Make sure ALL SmarTrip[®] cards are registered
- Review and update account contact information
- Move van pool, MARC, VRE and MetroAccess employees to electronic SmartBenefits[®]



SmartBenefits[®] AnyTime

- Assign benefits after the standard cutoff date
- Employees may immediately claim transit benefit
- Benefits
 - Eliminates 45-day waiting period
 - Provide benefits to interns
 - Provide Official Travel funds



Thank You



Questions and Answers

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