

Headlines: MTA Fare Hike Proposals; Rubber Rooms; Earlier Primaries

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The M.T.A. [revealed](#) its [four fare hike proposals](#) today. Two would increase the base fare to \$2.50 from \$2.25 while raising the cost of unlimited MetroCards. The others wouldn't alter the base fare but would increase unlimiteds substantially. Chairman Joseph Lhota said he [prefers a hybrid](#) of the proposals. He also [ruled out eliminating the bonus](#) for pay-per-ride cards, which makes two of the proposals unlikely to pass. Costs for commuter trains, as well as bridge and tunnel crossings, will also rise. The MTA is looking for another [\\$450 million](#) a year from users. Fares and tolls are expected to rise again in 2015. They vote on the proposals in December.

In the Press...

['Rubber Rooms' Still Cost \\$22 Million a Year](#) (Daily News)

[Bloomberg Opposes Earlier Primary Elections](#) (Wall Street Journal)

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