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## **DRBA Schedules Public Hearings on Proposed Cape May – Lewes Ferry Fare Changes *Increases due to inflation balanced with some decreases for family and multi-trip travel***

**CAPE MAY, NJ** – Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced a virtual public hearing to discuss the goals and objectives of proposed fare changes at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry. Among the changes to be considered are fare adjustments to reflect inflationary pressures and selected fare decreases to encourage family and multi-trip travel at the bi-state agency’s southern crossing facility.

“We typically introduce a fare change every other year, which is designed to help reduce the operating subsidy of the ferry, but also to make travel for families and multi-trip passengers more affordable over time,” said Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. “This year, we are holding a virtual public hearing to get some feedback from our guests as we move to implement some proposed changes – a process we have not used before. We are interested to hear what the public has to say.”

**WHAT:** The DRBA will hold a virtual public hearing via Microsoft Teams to inform its stakeholders concerning the goals and objectives of a fare proposal at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry.

**HOW:** On Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m., a virtual public hearing will take place via Microsoft Teams. Please visit [www.cmlf.com/2024fareproposal](http://www.cmlf.com/2024fareproposal) to register and receive an email link for the public hearing.

**WHY:** Fare proposals typically occur every other year to help mitigate the ferry operating subsidy and introduce various fees and incentives. The DRBA seeks public comment and input on this year’s proposal concepts.

### **About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry**

Owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, the Cape May – Lewes Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than 43 million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. As an integral transportation system connecting the communities and economies on both sides of the Delaware Bay, the Ferry service is a significant catalyst for economic growth and regional tourism activity in New Jersey and Delaware. Its operations sustain over 4,000 jobs while generating tens of millions of dollars in local taxes and hundreds of millions in regional economic activity. For schedules and rates, please visit [www.CMLF.com](http://www.CMLF.com) or call 800-643-3779.