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## **Metra launches new single-day Weekend Pass**

CHICAGO (Jan. 20, 2021) – Metra is offering a new bargain for weekend travelers with an unlimited-travel Saturday or Sunday Day Pass.

The new Saturday or Sunday Day Pass will allow unlimited travel across the entire Metra system on either Saturday or Sunday for the price of only \$7. The new pass will be available for purchase as a paper ticket or on the Ventra app beginning Feb. 1, for the first use on Feb. 6. Metra's existing \$10 Weekend Pass, good for unlimited travel on both weekend days, will continue to be available for purchase but only through the Ventra app.

“We hope this new ticket encourages greater use of the Metra system on weekends as it offers our riders a really great travel value,” said Metra Executive Director/CEO Jim Derwinski. “Customers, especially families, have told us that they are interested in using our weekend service for day trips. We’re responding to this by offering a new Saturday or Sunday Day Pass and hope this encourages more people to choose Metra, as an efficient, safe and cost-effective way to get to the city.”

The new pass offers a particularly good value for families. Metra's Family Fare policies allow up to three children 11 and under to ride free on weekends and select holidays when accompanied by a fare-paying adult. The \$7 Saturday or Sunday Day Pass is a better value than Metra's lowest round-trip fare.

Both the \$7 Weekend Day Pass and the \$10 Weekend Pass will be valid for use within 14 days from the date of purchase. Once the ticket is activated on Ventra App or punched by a conductor, the Weekend Day Pass will be valid for travel until 3 a.m. the following day.

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### ***About Metra***

*Metra is one of the largest and most complex commuter rail systems in North America, serving Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, Kane and McHenry counties in northeastern Illinois. The agency provides service to and from downtown Chicago with 242 stations over 11 routes totaling nearly 500 route miles and approximately 1,200 miles of track.*

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