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## **DRBA Sets New Date for 2026 Ferry Fare Proposal Public Meeting** *Public Forum Scheduled for Monday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.*

**CAPE MAY, NJ** – Today, Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced that the agency has rescheduled its virtual public hearing to discuss the goals and objectives of proposed fare changes at the Cape May – Lewes Ferry. The fare proposal includes modest increases (primarily on vehicle fares) to reflect inflationary pressures, the introduction of a new staircase or surge pricing model for in-season travel, and selected fare decreases to encourage family and multi-trip travel at the bi-state agency's southern crossing facility.

"Historically, we've introduced changes to our fare structure every other year," said Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. "These modifications are designed to not only help reduce the operating subsidy of the ferry, but also to make travel for families and frequent travelers more affordable. We are hosting this virtual public hearing to get some feedback on the proposed changes from our guests. We are looking forward to what our stakeholders have 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.

**WHEN:** On Monday February 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., a virtual public hearing will take place via Microsoft TEAMS. The meeting link can be found at [www.drba.net/events/ferry-public-hearing-2026](http://www.drba.net/events/ferry-public-hearing-2026)

**WHY:** The DRBA seeks public comment and input on 2026 fare 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 50 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.