

HOW YOU PAY

Link light-rail fares vary by miles traveled, but are comparable to bus fares — except within downtown Seattle, where bus rides are free. Stations have no turnstiles, so riders may be checked for proof they paid. Violators may be fined \$124.

LINK TICKETS:

Ticket machines at the stations take cash, credit and debit cards.

ORCA CARD:

The new “smart card” works like a prepaid debit card, where riders load value onto the card as needed, or as a monthly pass. Riders tap the card at an ORCA reader at the station before and after the trip. ORCA cards can be purchased at ticket machines at the stations or online at orcacard.com.

MONTHLY PASSES:

Monthly or yearly passes, such as a FlexPass or a PugetPass, can be shown as proof of payment for Link. ORCA will replace all other passes starting Jan. 1, 2010.

TRANSFERS:

If you paid a cash bus fare on a two-part trip, hang on to the paper bus transfer, because it fully covers the train fare (within two hours). Likewise, you can flash your train ticket to finish your trip using a bus. Starting Jan. 1, riders must use the ORCA card when transferring.

