

Anchorage offers free bus rides for federal workers during shutdown - Workers must show their federal government IDs when boarding regular buses or scheduling rides on smaller buses for seniors and people with disabilities.

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Anchorage's People Mover system is offering free bus rides for federal government workers during the ongoing government shutdown.

A People Mover bus stops in East Anchorage. (Bob Hallinen / ADN archive)

Officials announced the offer Thursday, the 27th day of the federal government's partial shutdown. About 800,000 federal workers across the country missed a paycheck last week because of the shutdown.

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Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz says officials hope the offer will help at a time when federal workers "are paying a price" for the shutdown.

Spokesman Bart Rudolph says fares for adults on regular buses are \$2 for a single one-way trip, \$5 a day for unlimited use or \$60 monthly for unlimited use.

People board a bus at the Downtown Transit Center in Anchorage on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017. People Mover will launch a new bus system on Monday. (Bill Roth / Alaska Dispatch News)

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