RESOLUTION NO. 2002- 38

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RATES OF FARES TO BE CHARGED ON THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution-1993-1, fixing the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1995-59, establishing a fare schedule for community circulator service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1996-38, establishing a day pass program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1996-72, adopting a comprehensive fare policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1996-73, establishing an offpeak pass program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1996-121, establishing a revised fare schedule for Waterfront Line service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1996-122, revising the transfer provision of the Comprehensive Fare Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 2001-41, authorizing a limited waiver of fixed-route fares for Paratransit users; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has a statutory responsibility to establish the fares charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to modify certain rates of fares;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

<u>Section 1</u>. That effective March 31, 2002 the CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to:

- a) Discontinue the Waterfront Line pass; the rapid transit fare schedule established pursuant to Resolution 1993-1 shall apply also to the Waterfront Line service;
- b) Discontinue the off-peak weekly pass;
- c) Issue the weekly pass as a seven-day rolling period pass;
- d) Increase the Loop and Community Circulator fare from \$.50 to \$.75.

Section 2. That effective October 1, 2002 the CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to:

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- a) Reduce the individual All-Day Pass from \$4.00 to \$3.00;
- b) Reduce the family All-Day Pass from \$6.00 to \$5.00;
- c) Implement a All-Day Pass for senior and disabled customers for \$1.00;
- d) Include transfer privileges with daily, weekly, monthly or multiple ride farecards and passes;
- e) Eliminate transfers with cash fares.

Section 3. That effective October 1, 2002, Section 4 of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Comprehensive Fare Policy, adopted by Resolution No. 1996-72 is hereby replaced with the following Section:

"With each farecard purchase, a customer is entitled to transfer privileges. The transfer privilege is valid for unlimited use during a 2-1/2 hour period. The transfer privilege will be embedded in the farecard. Local transfers can be used to transfer to express service for an additional \$.25. A customer is not entitled to receive a transfer when paying a cash fare."

Section 4. That Effective October 1, 2002, Section 1 of Resolution 1996-38 is hereby modified to read:

"That a day pass program, shall provide three kinds of passes: A \$3.00 day pass, valid for any passenger, a \$5.00 day pass, valid for one adult (age 21 and over) traveling with up to three children (age 6-15), and a \$1.00 day pass valid for senior and disabled passengers with a valid GCRTA identification card."

Section 5. That the Fare Schedule established pursuant to Resolution 1993-1 shall be amended to include the Loop and Community Circulator fare and the transfer policy established pursuant to this resolution.

Section 6. That Resolution No. 1996-73 is hereby repealed.

Section 7. That Resolution No. 1996-121 is hereby repealed.

Section 8. That Resolution No. 1996-122 is hereby repealed.

Section 9. That the provisions of Resolution No. 2001-41 extending a waiver of fixed route fares for Paratransit Users is hereby extended indefinitely.

Section 10. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 26 , 2002 President

Attest: CEØ, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RATES OF FARES TO BE CHARGED ON THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	Resolution No.: 2002- 38
	Date: February 25, 2002
	Initiator. Finance & Administration
ACTION REQUEST:	•
X Approval Review/Comment Information Only Other	

1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE:

This action will modify the rates of fares for transit services on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:

Authority staff has reviewed the fare structure for transit services and has recommended modifications to the rates of fares to be charged by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. The fare charges will be accomplished during 2002. The initial changes will be effective March 31, 2002. Additional changes in fares will be effective after modifications to the fare collection system software are completed, which will allow the Authority to embed transfer privileges in farecards and issue All-day Passes at stations and on-board vehicles. These software modifications are scheduled to be completed by October 1, 2002.

Cash fares for senior and disabled customers fares are not affected by these changes to the Authority's fare structure, cash fares for senior and disabled customers will remain at \$.50. The existing inter-agency transfer policy adopted pursuant to Resolution 2001-14 also remains unchanged. This action also indefinitely extends the waiver of fixed-route fares for Paratransit Users, which was adopted pursuant to resolution 2001-41.

Several of the changes will result in a decrease in fares charged to customers and will simplify the Authority's fare collection system, making it easier to use and understand by customers and employees.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

Does not apply.

4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:

Does not apply.

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5.0 POLICY IMPACT:

This action creates, modifies and/or rescinds several policies which determine the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. This action will reduce the rates of fare charged for existing all-day passes and will implement a new all-day pass for seniors. Loop and Community Circulator fares will increase to \$.75 for all customers, except for senior and disabled customers. All cash fares for senior and disabled customers will remain at \$.50. The components of the fare structure affected by this action include:

Effective March 31, 2002:

- The Waterfront Line pass will be discontinued. The rapid transit fare schedule shall apply to the Waterfront Line service.
- The Off-peak weekly pass will be discontinued.
- The weekly pass will be issued as a seven-day rolling period pass, valid for seven days from the date of activation.
- The fare for loop and community circulator fare will increase from \$.50 to \$.75.

Effective October 1, 2002:

- The individual All-day pass will be reduced from \$4.00 to \$3.00.
- The family All-Day Pass will be reduced from \$6.00 to \$5.00.
- A new All-Day Pass for senior and disabled customers will be available for \$1.00 with a valid RTA identification card.
- Transfer privileges will be embedded in the daily, weekly, monthly, or multiple ride farecards and passes. Transfers will be discontinued for cash paying customers.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT:

It is estimated that this action will result in an overall increase in passenger fare revenue.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES:

Set lower or higher fares for Loop and Community Circulator services and All-Day Passes, continue the Waterfront Line and Off-Peak passes, and/or continue issuing transfers for cash paying customers. The Board of Trustees could also make other modifications to the existing Authority fare structure.

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8.0 RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that GCRTA modify the Authority fare structure and policies as specified in the resolution.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS:

None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer