

RESOLUTION NO. 2003 – 019

AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUSPEND THE
COLLECTION OF FARES DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to provide effective public transit at all times; and

WHEREAS, sudden, unexpected and unforeseen situations may arise that require commuters be transported promptly and effectively for the greater good of the community and the Authority;

WHEREAS, it may become necessary under such emergency situations to suspend the collection of fares in order to effectively meet the needs of the riding public and the community as a whole.

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

Section 1. That the General Manager shall be and he is hereby authorized to suspend the collection of fares for RTA services when an unforeseen occurrence, condition, or event requires that commuters be transported promptly and effectively as a result of the emergency situation.

Section 2. That during such emergency situation fares may be suspended system-wide or along such routes as may be affected by the emergency situation.

Section 3. That the duration of such suspension of fares authorized by this resolution may continue until such time as the emergency is abated, but not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours, unless the emergency is of such a catastrophic nature that the continued suspension of fares is in the public interest.

Section 4. That the action of the Acting General Manager to suspend fare collection at the Tower City Rapid Transit Station during the afternoon rush hour on January 30, 2003 is hereby ratified, approved and declared to be in the best interest of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted: February 18, _____, 2003



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary Treasurer




Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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TITLE/DESCRIPTION: Authorizing the General Manager to Suspend the Collection of Fares During Times of Emergency	Resolution No.: 2003 -019
	Date: February 13, 2003
	Initiator: Legal Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This resolution will authorize the General Manager to suspend the collection of fares for RTA services when an emergency situation arises that requires that commuters be transported promptly and effectively in order to meet the greater needs of the Authority and the community.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: From time to time unexpected and unforeseen situations may occur that would require RTA to effectively move mass volumes of commuters in a timely manner. On January 29, 2003 a water main ruptured in Tower City and the Cleveland Fire Department ordered shutdown of electrical power. As a result, the RTA encountered a large number of commuters who could not utilize the rapid. Shuttle buses were utilized to transport commuters to the nearest operating rapid station. This resolution will permit the General Manager to suspend the collection of fares in situations such as this so commuters could utilize RTA service and be transported promptly and efficiently. The duration of such suspension of fares would be twenty-four (24) hours, unless the emergency is of a catastrophic nature and the suspension of fares is for the greater public good.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Not applicable.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Not applicable.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This resolution will establish a policy authorizing the General Manager to suspend the collection of fares during times of emergency.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The Authority may suffer short-term loss of revenue depending on the nature of the emergency situation. However, it will serve the greater need of the community and riding public by providing free fares at the time of the emergency. It will also enhance the image of the Authority as being responsive to the needs of its customers.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not applicable.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: Approve 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