

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-78

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

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

WHEREAS, the Authority determined the need to increase fares; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has held eight public hearings/public comment sessions in compliance with Resolution 1995-25 and federal requirements; 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 fare.

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

Section 1. That effective July 1, 2006, there are established the following fare media with the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority as follows:

**Cash Fares**

Senior/Disabled	\$ .60
Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$ .75
Bus	\$ 1.50
Rapid	\$ 1.75
Park-n-Ride Bus	\$ 1.75
Out-of-County	\$ 2.75

**Tickets**

Students – single ride	\$ 1.25
5 - Ride Senior/Disabled	\$ 3.00
5 - Ride Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$ 3.75
5 - Ride Bus/Rapid	\$ 7.50
5 - Ride Park-n-Ride Bus	\$ 8.75

1 and 2 ride tickets available for authorized agencies.  
Student tickets available only to authorized schools.

**Passes (Unlimited Rides within Cuyahoga County)**

Daily Passes

Senior/Disabled All-Day	\$ 1.25
Children All-Day (ages 6 – 12)	\$ 1.25
Individual All-Day	\$ 3.50

Weekly Passes

Weekly Senior/Disabled	\$ 6.00
Weekly Bus/Rapid	\$15.00
Weekly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$17.50

Monthly Passes

Monthly Senior/Disabled	\$24.00
Monthly Bus/Rapid	\$58.00
Monthly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$63.00

**Paratransit**

Cash Fare	\$ 1.50
5 - Ride Ticket	\$ 7.50
Weekly Pass	\$15.00
Monthly Pass	\$58.00

**Football Flyer**

The fare for a football flyer is \$2.50 one-way cash fare and no tickets or passes will be accepted.

**Miscellaneous Fares**

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Trustees, employees and pensioners with I.D. cards, and all duly appointed, regular, full-time, municipal and/or county police, fire, and law enforcement officers in uniform or upon showing their official badge and proper identification are permitted to ride free.

**Transfers**

A transfer privilege is embedded in all tickets. The transfer privilege is valid for 2-1/2 hours, but cannot be used to make a round trip. The regular bus/rapid ticket can be used to transfer on Park-n-Ride Bus service upon payment of an additional \$.25 per ride. A customer is not entitled to receive a transfer when paying a cash fare.

**Children's Fares**

Up to three children under six (6) years of age may ride free when accompanied by an adult paying the applicable fare.

**Waiver of Fixed-Route Fares for Paratransit Users**

ADA – certified Paratransit customers (Categories I and III) and Non-ADA certified individuals born before 1932 with a special personalized pass are entitled to fare-free use of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority fixed-route system.

**Out-of-County Service**

On routes that extend more than one mile outside of Cuyahoga County, the fare for traveling to or from any point outside Cuyahoga County will be as follows:

- \$2.75 cash fare
  - Bus/Rapid ticket or pass plus \$1.25
  - Park-n-Ride Bus ticket or pass plus \$1.00
- Senior/Disabled customers pay no additional fare for out-of-county service.

Section 2. That effective January 7, 2008, there are established the following fare media with the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Transit Authority as follows:

#### **Cash Fares**

Senior/Disabled	\$ .75
Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$ 1.00
Bus/Rapid	\$ 1.75
Park-n-Ride Bus	\$ 2.00
Out-of-County	\$ 3.00

#### **Tickets**

Students – single ride	\$ 1.50
5 - Ride Senior/Disabled	\$ 3.75
5 - Ride Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$ 5.00
5 - Ride Bus/Rapid	\$ 8.75
5 - Ride Park-n-Ride Bus	\$10.00

1 and 2 ride tickets available for authorized agencies.  
Student tickets available only to authorized school districts.

#### **Passes (Unlimited Rides within Cuyahoga County)**

##### Daily Passes

Senior/Disabled All-Day	\$ 1.75
Children All-Day (ages 6 – 12)	\$ 1.75
Individual All-Day	\$ 4.00

##### Weekly Passes

Weekly Senior/Disabled	\$ 7.50
Weekly Bus/Rapid	\$17.50
Weekly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$20.00

##### Monthly Passes

Monthly Senior/Disabled	\$29.00
Monthly Bus/Rapid	\$63.00
Monthly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$70.00

#### **Paratransit**

Cash Fare	\$ 1.75
5 - Ride Ticket	\$ 8.75
Weekly Pass	\$17.50
Monthly Pass	\$63.00

#### **Football Flyer**

The fare for a football flyer is \$2.50 one-way cash fare and no tickets or passes will be accepted.

#### **Miscellaneous Fares**

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**Out-of-County Service**

On routes that extend more than one mile outside of Cuyahoga County, the fare for traveling to or from any point outside Cuyahoga County will be as follows:

- \$3.00 cash fare
- Bus/rapid ticket or pass plus \$1.25
- Park-n-Ride Bus ticket or pass plus \$1.00
- Senior/Disabled customers pay no additional fare for out-of-county service.

Section 3. That the General Manager will have the authority to offer multiple ride tickets other than those specifically referred to in this resolution, at the same price per ride as contained herein.

Section 4. Effective July 1, 2006, the following resolutions are hereby rescinded: 2002-38, amending rates of fares to be charged; 2001-41, authorizing a limited waiver of fares for Paratransit; 1999-167, waiving the fare surcharge for travel to Lake County; 1996-38, establishing a day pass program; 1995-59, establishing a fare schedule for community circulator service.

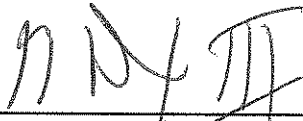
Section 5. Effective July 1, 2006, the following resolutions, to the extent not previously rescinded, are hereby rescinded: 1996-122, revising the transfer provisions; 1996-121, establishing Waterfront line service; 1996-73, establishing an off-peak pass program; 1993-1, fixing rates of fares; 1991-126, establishing a central business district fare; and 1991-24, fixing rates of fares.

Section 6. To the extent not in conflict with this resolution, the following resolutions shall remain in full force and effect; 2001-14, authorizing continuation of the Inter-Agency Transfer Policy, 1996-72, adopting a Comprehensive Fare Policy; 1992-45, establishing a Paratransit Plan to Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and 1990-206, establishing a Specific Policy Governing the Distribution and Use of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Transfers.

Section 7. That the Board of Trustees may consider and approve modifications to these fares for group or volume purchases, and for pre-payment consideration.

Section 8. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: May, 16, 2006

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

<b>TITLE/DESCRIPTION:</b> A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RATES OF FARES TO BE CHARGED ON THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 2006-78
	<b>Date:</b> May 16, 2006
	<b>Initiator:</b> Finance & Administration Division
<b>ACTION REQUEST:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> 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 recommended modifications were developed after conducting eight public hearings on the fare increase. The proposal has also been reviewed by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Citizens Advisory Board and "blue ribbon" committees that were commissioned specifically to provide guidance in formulating the fare proposal.

The proposed fare structure accomplishes the goal of simplifying the Authority's fare structure.

The fares will be amended in two steps; the initial change in fares will be effective July 1, 2006 and the additional changes will be implemented effective January 7, 2008.

The existing inter-agency transfer policy adopted pursuant to Resolution 2001-14 also remains unchanged.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

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. A new schedule outlining the rates of fares to be charged has been developed.

The changes to the fare policies:

- By January 7, 2008 establishes one common fare for both bus and rail, identifying only RTA's Park-n-Ride Bus and football flyer service as a premium service.
- Adds Senior Citizen and Disabled weekly and monthly passes.
- Continues the Senior/Disabled discount which is effective all day.
- Allows Paratransit customers to continue to pay only the base rate.
- Allows ADA clients to continue to ride the regular bus and rail service at no charge.
- In most cases, reduces the degree of discounting on tickets and passes.
- Prohibits customers with tickets from using their transfer privilege to make a round trip.
- Eliminates 10-ride tickets.

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- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This action will result in an overall increase in passenger fare revenue.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not approve the resolution or change the proposed rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority modify the Authority's 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.

  
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer