

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-63

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 Board of Trustees amended the rates of fares pursuant to Resolution 2006-078 adopted on May 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to implement a violation fare for a proof of payment system; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has met the public hearing/public comment requirements of Resolution 1995-25 and federal regulations.

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

Section 1. That effective July 1, 2008, the fare media with the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority are 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

Farecards

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

1- and 2-trip farecards available only through authorized agencies.
Student farecards available only through schools.

Passes (Unlimited Rides within Cuyahoga County)

Daily Passes

Senior/Disabled All-Day	\$ 1.75
Child 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

<u>Monthly Passes</u>	
Monthly Senior/Disabled	\$29.00
Monthly Bus/Rapid	\$63.00
Monthly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$70.00

Paratransit

Cash Fare	\$ 1.75
5-trip Farecard	\$ 8.75
Weekly Pass	\$17.50
Monthly Pass	\$63.00

Violation Fare – Proof of Payment Fare System

Passengers are required to have in their possession proof of purchase of a valid, paid fare whenever present in any facilities or vehicles that have been restricted to passengers with a pre-purchased fare. Any person found without proof of a valid, paid fare is in violation of this requirement and shall be charged a Violation Fare equal to the cost of the applicable Monthly Bus/Rapid pass. The Violation Fare shall be paid within seven (7) days by U.S. Mail or in person at the Customer Service Center. Any person failing to pay the Violation Fare shall be subject to prosecution. Any person who, having previously failed to pay a Violation Fare, is found again without proof of a valid, paid fare, where required, shall be subject to immediate prosecution.

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 customer is not entitled to receive a transfer when paying a cash fare. Customers who need to transfer can do so using passes or farecards. Each trip on a farecard provides a 2-1/2 hour boarding privilege. Bus/Rapid passes and farecards can be used on Park-n-Ride Bus service upon payment of an additional \$.25 per boarding.

Children's Fares

Each adult paying the applicable fare may be accompanied by up to three children under six (6) years of age riding free and up to three children aged six (6) through twelve (12) using Child All-Day Passes.

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:

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

Section 2. That this resolution is expressly intended as a rule of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority as that term is used in Section 306.35(D)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code. All passengers shall pay the fare applicable to their use of the transit system, and where required will maintain proof of payment in their possession. Failure to comply is a violation of this rule, and is subject to criminal prosecution under Section 306.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer will have the authority to offer multi-trip farecards other than those specifically referred to in this resolution, at the same price per trip as contained herein.

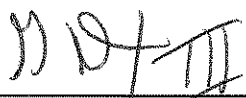
Section 4. That all other provisions of Resolution 2006-078 remain unchanged.

Section 5. 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.

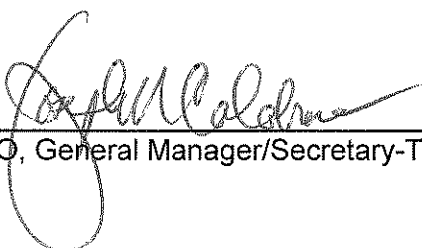
Section 6. That the Board of Trustees may consider and approve modifications to these fares for group or volume purchases, and for pre-payment consideration.

Section 7. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: April 15, 2008



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AMENDING THE RATES OF FARES TO BE CHARGED ON THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY	Resolution No.: 2008-63
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	Initiator: Operations Division
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1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: The resolution revises the fare structure of the Authority in order to implement the "Proof of Payment" fare system on the Health Line BRT and the Red Line Rapid Transit. The "Proof of Payment" fare system requires passengers to pre-purchase their fares and maintain possession of proof of payment during their trip. The resolution implements a new "Violation Fare" which will be charged to passengers who do not comply with the new requirement.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: One of the goals of the Euclid Corridor Project, and a requirement of the Full Funding Grant Agreement, is to reduce travel time on Euclid Avenue between Public Square and Windermere RTS. Among other strategies, one of the ways this is to be accomplished is by reducing "dwell time," i.e., the time the transit vehicle stands at a stop or station while passengers queue up to pay their fares. Under the "Proof of Payment" fare system, passengers will buy their fares in advance and will not be expected to pay or show proof of payment upon boarding. By eliminating fare inspection by the operator, dwell time should be substantially reduced. Further, during periods of heavy usage, all doors on the transit vehicle may be opened for immediate boarding, further reducing dwell time. This strategy will be implemented on the Red Line Rapid Transit as well, for the purpose of eliminating "on board" fare collection and reducing dwell time.

In order to ensure that passengers continue to pay their fares, fares will be inspected by Transit Police officers who will conduct on-board or stationside inspections. On the Health Line BRT and the Red Line Rapid Transit, passengers will be required to maintain in their possession proof of payment of their fare when on board the vehicle or when in any area restricted to passengers with paid fares. If a person is found in violation of this requirement, the violator will be charged a "Violation Fare" equal to the cost of a Monthly Pass, and will be required to pay the Violation Fare within one week. If the violator fails to pay the Violation Fare, he or she will be subject to prosecution. Failure to pay the Violation Fare is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 on the first offense and \$500 on each subsequent offense. Persons who fail to pay the Violation Fare and are again found in violation of the fare rules will not be permitted to pay the Violation Fare, but will be subject to immediate prosecution.

This resolution 1) implements the "Proof of Payment" fare system for the Health Line BRT and Red Line Rapid Transit, 2) establishes and fixes the amount of the "Violation Fare," and 3) establishes that the Transit Authority's fare requirements are enforceable rules under Chapter 306 of the Ohio Revised Code.

- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Other than the addition of the violation fare, no fares are being increased by this resolution. Violators are subject to prosecution. However, persons evading the Authority's other fares have always been subject to prosecution.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The Authority will incur increased costs of enforcement due to the use of separate personnel to conduct fare inspections. However, some offset will be obtained because with reduced dwell time on the Health Line BRT, the Authority is expected to save money overall by providing the same level of service with fewer (faster) vehicles.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Continue fare collection "at the door." However, this alternative would result in the Authority not being able to meet its goal of reducing dwell time on the Euclid Corridor, and providing overall better service there.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This action was discussed with the Finance Committee at their March 4, 2008 meeting. It is recommended that the Authority's amended rates of fares be accepted and the Resolution passed.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

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



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer