

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-142

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 2008-63 adopted on April 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to modify certain rates of fare to offset rising fuel costs; 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 the base rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority are as follows:

Cash Fares

Senior/Disabled	\$0.75
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

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-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 fourteen (14) days of the Notice of fare violation by U.S. Mail or in person at the Customer Service Center. The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to administratively extend the time of payment of the Violation Fare for a period not greater than twenty-one (21) days for the effective administration and enforcement of payment of the Violation Fare after giving thirty days notice to the public. Any person failing to pay the Violation Fare within established time limits 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:

- Prevailing 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 the following Diesel Fuel Surcharge schedule be adopted based on the quarterly average of the Authority's actual price of diesel fuel per gallon. Fuel costs will be evaluated at the end of each calendar quarter. The quarterly average will determine the surcharge level that applies. If the quarterly average would increase or decrease to a new surcharge level, the corresponding fare will go into effect on a date to be determined by the General Manager/ Secretary-Treasurer, but no sooner than thirty (30) days following the end of the quarter.

Section 3. That the fuel surcharge be established as follows:

Authority's Quarterly Average Cost Of Diesel Fuel/Gallon	Surcharge Level
Up to \$3.00	\$0
\$3.01 to \$4.00	\$0.50
\$4.01 to \$4.75	\$0.75
\$4.76 and above	\$1.00

Section 4. That the quarterly average price of diesel fuel as of the end of the third quarter 2008, was in the \$3.01-\$4.00 range. Under this resolution, this allows the Authority to implement the \$0.50 surcharge level. Because Governor Strickland has committed to provide funds to lessen the impact of increasing fuel costs, only part of the fuel surcharge will be implemented at this time.

Section 5. That effective October 27, 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	\$0.85
Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$1.25
Bus/Rapid	\$2.00
Park-n-Ride Bus	\$2.25
Out-of-County	\$3.25

Farecards

Students – per trip	\$1.60
5 - Trip Senior/Disabled	\$4.25
5 - Trip Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$6.25
5 - Trip Bus/Rapid	\$10.00
5 - Trip Park-n-Ride Bus	\$11.25

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	\$2.00
Child All-Day (ages 6 – 12)	\$2.00
Individual All-Day	\$4.50

Weekly Passes

Weekly Senior/Disabled	\$8.50
Weekly Bus/Rapid	\$20.00
Weekly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$22.50

Monthly Passes

Monthly Senior/Disabled	\$32.00
Monthly Bus/Rapid	\$76.00
Monthly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$85.00

Paratransit

Cash Fare	\$2.00
5-trip Farecard	\$10.00
Weekly Pass	\$20.00
Monthly Pass	\$76.00

All provisions related to the Violation Fare, Miscellaneous Fares, Transfers, Children's Fares, Waiver of Fixed-Route Fares for Paratransit Users, and Out of County Service outlined in Section 1 of this resolution remain in effect

Section 6. That the remainder of the \$0.50 surcharge has been deferred until September 1, 2009. If the State Legislature provides an enhanced level of funding for Public Transportation in the 2010-2011 State Biennial Budget, the remainder of the surcharge increase may be rescinded. If adequate funding for public transportation, as determined by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees, is not included in the State Biennial Budget, the remainder of the \$0.50 fuel surcharge will go into effect September 1, 2009 and the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will be as follows:

Cash Fares

Senior/Disabled	\$1.00
Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$1.50
Bus/Rapid	\$2.25
Park-n-Ride Bus	\$2.50
Out-of-County	\$3.50

Farecards

Students – per trip	\$1.75
5 - Trip Senior/Disabled	\$5.00
5 - Trip Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$7.50
5 - Trip Bus/Rapid	\$11.25
5 - Trip Park-n-Ride Bus	\$12.50

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	\$2.50
Child All-Day (ages 6 – 12)	\$2.50
Individual All-Day	\$5.00

Weekly Passes

Weekly Senior/Disabled	\$10.00
Weekly Bus/Rapid	\$22.50
Weekly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$25.00

Monthly Passes

Monthly Senior/Disabled	\$38.00
Monthly Bus/Rapid	\$85.00
Monthly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$95.00

Paratransit

Cash Fare	\$2.25
5-trip Farecard	\$11.25
Weekly Pass	\$22.50
Monthly Pass	\$85.00

All provisions related to the Violation Fare, Miscellaneous Fares, Transfers, Children's Fares, Waiver of Fixed-Route Fares for Paratransit Users, and Out of County Service outlined in Section 1 of this resolution remain in effect

Section 7. That effective April 1, 2010 the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will be based on the Authority's quarterly average of the actual cost of diesel fuel and in accordance with the following chart:

Authority's Quarterly Average Actual Cost Of Diesel Fuel/Gallon	Up to \$3.00 (Base Rates of Fares)	\$3.01 to \$4.00	\$4.01 to \$4.75	\$4.76 and above
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Cash Fares

Senior/Disabled	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.15	\$1.35
Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00
Bus/Rapid	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.75
Park-n-Ride Bus	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$3.00
Out-of-County	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$3.75	\$4.00

Farecards

Students – per trip	\$1.50	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.25
5 - Trip Senior/Disabled	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$5.75	\$6.75
5 - Trip Trolley/Loop/Circulator	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$8.75	\$10.00
5 - Trip Bus/Rapid	\$8.75	\$11.25	\$12.50	\$13.75
5 - Trip Park-n-Ride Bus	\$10.00	\$12.50	\$13.75	\$15.00

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	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$3.00
Child All-Day (ages 6 – 12)	\$1.75	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$3.00
Individual All-Day	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$6.00

Weekly Passes

Weekly Senior/Disabled	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$11.50	\$13.50
Weekly Bus/Rapid	\$17.50	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$27.50
Weekly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.00

Monthly Passes

Monthly Senior/Disabled	\$29.00	\$38.00	\$43.00	\$51.00
Monthly Bus/Rapid	\$63.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$104.50
Monthly Park-n-Ride Bus	\$70.00	\$95.00	\$104.50	\$114.00

Paratransit

Cash Fare	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.75
5-trip Farecard	\$8.75	\$11.25	\$12.50	\$13.75
Weekly Pass	\$17.50	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$27.50
Monthly Pass	\$63.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$104.50

All provisions related to the Violation Fare, Miscellaneous Fares, Transfers, Children's Fares, Waiver of Fixed-Route Fares for Paratransit Users, and Out of County Service outlined in Section 1 of this resolution remain in effect

Section 8. 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.

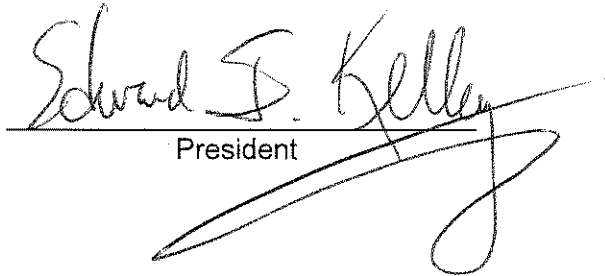
Section 9. That all other provisions of Resolution 2006-078 and 2008-63 remain unchanged.

Section 10. 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 complimentary 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 11. That the Board of Trustees may consider and approve modifications to these fares for group or volume purchases, and for pre-payment consideration.

Section 12. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: October 14, 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.: 2008-142
	Date: October 9, 2008
	Initiator: Finance & Administration and OMB
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:** The resolution revises the fare structure of the Authority in order to implement a diesel fuel surcharge to offset the raising cost of diesel fuel.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The cost of diesel fuel has risen from about \$2.30/gallon in October 2007 to about \$4.18/gallon in June 2008. This meteoric rise in price has caused RTA's diesel fuel costs to rise from \$11.9 million in 2007 to a projected \$19.9 million in 2008. This is a 68% increase in cost in one commodity. To maintain financial ability to provide service to our customer base, a fuel surcharge is required. Protection against possible continuing rising prices and costs for energy dictates a schedule of fuel surcharges tied solely to increasing costs for diesel fuel.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This action modifies the rates of fares to be charged on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. The fuel surcharges fluctuate depending on the Authority's actual price of diesel fuel per gallon. The surcharges are set on fuel price ranges of \$3.01-\$4.00, \$4.01-\$4.75 and \$4.76 and above. Fares cannot be changed until the price of diesel fuel has established a quarterly average price per gallon in the new range. At that point fares can be increased or decreased, depending on the direction of movement of price, approximately thirty days thereafter.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This action will maintain a stable financial picture for RTA in spite of volatile diesel fuel prices. The dramatic rise in fuel costs during the October 2007-June 2008 timeframe has resulted in the need for a \$.50 fuel surcharge and service cuts of 10-12% to maintain a reasonable fiscal scenario for RTA. The public needs and desires the current level of service from RTA. The State of Ohio, under the leadership of Governor Strickland, will provide temporary funding that has reduced the short-term impact of higher fuel costs. The effective date of the \$.25 fuel surcharge will be October 27, 2008. As such, this resolution defers a portion of the fuel surcharge until September 1, 2009 by reducing the fuel surcharge to \$.25. Due to the timing of this change, the increase in the cost of monthly passes will take effect with the December passes.

Under separate action, service cuts will be reduced to about 4%. If adequate funding for public transportation is not provided by the State in the 2010-2011 Biennium budget, the remainder of the \$.50 fuel surcharge will be implemented and the balance of the service cuts will be made.

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not approve the resolution or change the proposed rates of fares to be charged by this resolution on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. Consider individual fare increases as the financial situation dictates as fuel prices rise or fall.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This action was discussed with the Finance Committee at their September 9, 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