

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11

AMENDING THE RATES OF FARES TO BE CHARGED BY THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2006, the following resolutions were rescinded: 2002-38, amending rates of fares to be charged; 2001-41, authorizing a limited waiver of fares for Paratransit; 1999-167, waiving the fare surcharge for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; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2006, the following resolutions were rescinded: 1996-122, revising the transfer provisions; 1996-121, establishing Waterfront line service; 1996-73, establishing an off-peak pass program; 1993-1, fixing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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Authority has met the public hearings/public requirements 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 rescind the Diesel Fuel Surcharge enacted in Resolution 2008-142.

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

Section 1. That effective April 1, 2010, there are established the following fare media with the rates of fares to be charged by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority as follows:

Cash Fares

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

Tickets

Students – single ride	\$ 1.75
5 - Ride Senior/Disabled	\$ 5.00
5 - Ride Bus/Rapid	\$ 11.25
5 - Ride Park-n-Ride Bus	\$ 12.50

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	\$ 2.50
Children 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

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

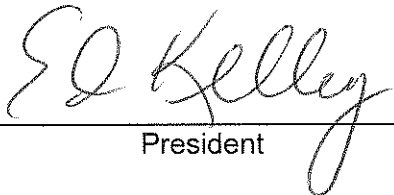
Section 2. That this resolution is expressly intended as a rule of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority as that term is used in Section 306.35(D)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code. All passengers shall pay the fare applicable to their use of the transit system and, where required, will maintain 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. 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. This resolution supersedes and replaces Resolution No. 2008-142.

Section 4. That the Board of Trustees may consider and approve modifications to these fares for group or volume purchases and for pre-payment consideration.

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

Adopted: February 16, 2010



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AMENDING THE RATES OF THE FARES	Resolution No.: 2010-11
	Date: February 11, 2010
	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: This resolution increases the rates of fares for transit service provided by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: Resolution 2008-142 revised fares to implement a \$0.50 fuel surcharge to offset the volatile and extremely high cost of diesel fuel in 2008 and 2009. Fuel prices have declined and the Energy Price Risk Management Program was authorized. Consequently, the average quarterly cost of diesel fuel for the Authority will fall below \$3.00 per gallon by the end of 2009 or the first quarter of 2010. The fuel surcharge will no longer be authorized.

The recession of 2008-2009 has drastically reduced the revenue collected from the Sales & Use Tax. This tax provides the bulk of the Authority's operating funds (70%). It declined by 11% and over \$18 million in 2009. That decline was the largest in sales tax history. Economic forecasts indicate there will not be a near term recovery. As a consequence, the Authority needs to raise base fare so that revenue is commensurate with that established under Resolution 2008-142. If that fare level is not maintained, additional cuts in service levels will be required.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.

5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This action increases the rates of fares to be charged by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. It does not increase the fare paid by passengers, but it removes the fuel surcharge and replaces it with a permanent fare increase equal to the current amount (\$.50) of the fuel surcharge.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This change in fare rates will maintain a reasonably stable financial picture for RTA for 2010 and beyond. A 12% service cut must be made even with this modification. If the fares are not revised to maintain the base \$2.25 level, an additional service cut beyond the 12% will be needed to balance the budget.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Not approve the resolution, which may require implementation of a larger service reduction to balance the budget.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: This action was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and public hearings were held. It is recommended that the Authorities amended rates of fares be accepted and the Resolution passed.

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



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer