

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-40

AMENDING SECTION 840.03 "FARES" OF THE CODIFIED RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AUGUST 2018 FARE INCREASE UNTIL AUGUST 2021

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

WHEREAS, the Authority determined the need to increase fares in 2016 to address a budget shortfall and significant reductions in state funding and held public hearings on that subject in accordance with Chapter 214 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Authority ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2016, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2016-036 which, to lessen the impact on the public, implemented a fare increase in two stages; one increase in August 2016 and another increase to be effective in August 2018; and

WHEREAS, after the fare increase was adopted, the Authority learned that fare increases have a greater impact on ridership than previous data indicated and decided to evaluate the potential impact of the August 2018 fare increase on its ridership; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 214 of the Code does not require the Authority to hold public hearings when it delays the implementation of a fare increase; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2018, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2018-033, which delayed the implementation of the August 2018 fare increase until August 2019; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2019, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2019-042, which delayed the implementation of the August 2018 fare increase until August 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has undertaken a number of pillar studies, including a fare equity study, a system redesign study and an economic impact study, all of which will assist in determining the impact of the 2018 fare increase, previously delayed to 2020, on its ridership; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has completed most of these studies and desires to delay the August 2018 fare increase another year to allow for full consideration of the results; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has therefore determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to amend Code Section 840.03 "FARES" to delay the implementation of the August 2018 fare increase until August 2021 at the earliest.

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

Section 1. That Code Section 840.03 is hereby amended to read as follows:

840.03 FARES.

The following fare media, with the rates of fares to be charged, are established as follows:

Cash Fares	Effective August 14, 2016	Effective August 2021
Senior/Disabled	\$1.25	\$1.35
Student K-12	\$1.75	\$2.00
Bus/Rapid/BRT	\$2.50	\$2.75
Park-n-Ride	\$2.75	\$3.25
Out-of-County	\$3.75	\$4.25

Tickets/Farecards	Effective August 14, 2016	Effective August 2021
Student K-12 - single trip	\$1.75	\$2.00
Student K-12 – 5 Trip	\$8.75	\$10.00
Senior/Disabled – 5 Trip	\$6.25	\$6.75
5-ride Bus/Rapid/BRT – 5 Trip	\$12.50	\$13.75
Park-n-Ride Bus – 5 Trip	\$13.75	\$16.25

1 and 2 ride tickets available for authorized agencies. Students must have proper photo identification, if applicable.

Passes (Unlimited Rides within Cuyahoga County)	Effective August 14, 2016	Effective August 2021
Daily Passes		
Senior/Disabled All-day	\$2.75	\$3.00
Children All-Day (ages 6-12 accompanied by adult)	\$2.75	\$3.00
Bus/Rapid/BRT/All-Day	\$5.50	\$6.00
Student All Day K-12	\$4.50	\$5.00
1-Day Cleveland Pass (Limited Distribution)	\$5.50	\$6.00
2 Day Cleveland Pass (Limited Distribution)	\$11.00	\$12.00
4 Day Cleveland Pass (Limited Distribution)	\$22.00	\$24.00

7-Day Passes	Effective August 14, 2016	Effective August 2021
Senior/Disabled	\$12.50	\$13.50
Bus/Rapid/BRT	\$25.00	\$27.50
Park-n-Ride	\$27.50	\$32.50

Monthly Passes	Effective August 14, 2016	Effective August 2021
Senior/Disabled	\$48.00	\$53.00
Bus/Rapid/BRT	\$95.00	\$105.00
Park-n-Ride	\$105.00	\$120.00

Paratransit	Effective August 14, 2016	Effective August 2017	Effective August 2021	Effective August 2022
Cash fare	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.25
All Day Pass	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.50
5-Trip Pass	n/a	\$13.75	\$15.00	\$16.25
7-Day Pass	\$27.50	\$30.00	\$32.50	\$35.00
Monthly pass	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$120.00

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: May 12, 2020



 President

Attest: 

 Interim Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: May 7, 2020
	Initiator: Finance & Administration
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 amend Section 840.03 of the Codified Rules and Regulations ("Code") of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** In 2016, as a result of a budget shortfall and significant reductions in state funding, the Authority staff reviewed the fare structure for transit services and recommended modifications to the fares to be charged by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. The recommended modifications were developed after conducting fifteen public hearings/public comment periods on the fare increase and service modifications.

To lessen the impact of a fare increase on the public, in Resolution No. 2016-036, the Board of Trustees implemented a fare increase in two stages; one increase in August 2016 and another increase to be effective in August 2018. After the fare increase was adopted, the Authority learned that fare increases have a greater impact on ridership than previous data indicated and decided to evaluate the potential impact of the August 2018 fare increase on its ridership.

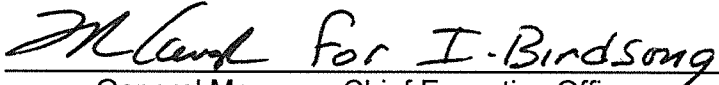
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- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Adoption of the resolution will provide the Authority with an opportunity to evaluate the impact of the fare increase on ridership and investigate alternative revenue sources to address the significant reductions in state funding.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Does not apply.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Not adopting this resolution. Not adopting this resolution would result in the August 2020 fare increase going into effect as enacted in Resolution No. 2016-036 and amended in Resolution Nos. 2018-033 and 2019-042.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that this resolution be adopted.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

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


General Manager, Chief Executive Officer