

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution amending
Implementing Order No. 4-133
related to the schedule of transit
fares, rates, and charges by
providing for a reduced fare for
employed individuals who make
between 150 percent and 200
percent of the federal poverty
level as defined by the United
States Department of Health
and Human Services

This item was amended at the 3-16-16 Transit & Mobility Services Committee to provide reduced transit fare for those individuals earning between 150 percent and 200 percent of the federal poverty level as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The title of this resolution was also modified to reflect this change.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Chairman Jean Monestime, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez.



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Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of social equity required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's _____, 3/5's _____, unanimous _____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AMENDING IMPLEMENTING ORDER NO. 4-133 RELATED TO THE SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES, AND CHARGES BY PROVIDING FOR A REDUCED FARE FOR EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE BETWEEN 150 PERCENT AND 200 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Chairman's Council for Prosperity Initiatives (CPI) is focused on policies to ease the economic hardships of working families in Miami-Dade County by reducing the costs of transportation and housing, while increasing gainful employment opportunities for the working poor; and

WHEREAS, a representative of King County Transit made a presentation to the CPI on November 30, 2015 about the successful implementation of a low-income reduced fare program in the metropolitan Seattle region; and

WHEREAS, the American Automobile Association (AAA) estimates that the annual cost in 2015 to own and operate a vehicle was \$8,698.00 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, AAA estimates that the costs for drivers who commute using a private vehicle is 58 cents for each mile driven; and

WHEREAS, the monthly cost for purchasing gasoline, especially during periods of relatively inexpensive fuel, may cause consumers to wrongfully conclude private vehicle transportation is less costly than a monthly transit pass; and

WHEREAS, a monthly transit pass from Miami-Dade Transit, without parking, costs an individual \$112.50; and

WHEREAS, by providing a 50 percent discount in transit rates for commuters who are earning >>between 150 percent and<<¹ ~~[[less than]]~~ 200 percent of the federal poverty level, the economic choice between transit service and private vehicle transportation becomes more apparent; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 federal poverty guidelines reflect that an individual earning \$23,760.00 annually would be considered at 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous federal and state agencies that rely on the federal poverty guidelines, such as the Florida Department of Children and Families, whose staff could simultaneously enroll qualified individuals in the reduced transit fare program; and

WHEREAS, reducing transit fares for those individuals making >>between 150 percent and<< 200 percent ~~[[or less]]~~ of the federal poverty level would assist the working poor in getting to and from places of employment; and

WHEREAS, reducing transit fares will likely attract new riders interested in saving money on their daily commute to and from work; and

WHEREAS, an increase in transit usage would result in a reduction of road congestion and pollution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the amendment of Miami-Dade County Implementing Order No. 4-133, Schedule of Transit Fares, Rates, and Charges, to go into effect on July 1, 2016 in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein.

¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words double stricken through and/or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ are deleted, words double underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Chairman Jean Monestime, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

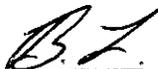
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of April, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Bruce Libhaber

Implementing Order

Implementing Order No.: IO 4-133

Title: SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES RATES AND CHARGES

Ordered: 9/18/2014

Effective: 10/01/2014

AUTHORITY:

Section 1.01, 2.02, and 5.02 of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter and Amendment and Section 2.150 of the Code of Miami-Dade County

SUPERSEDES:

This Implementing Order 4-133 supersedes Ordinance 13-92 adopted 9-19-13, as it relates to those items specified in the attached fee schedule. Any items not expressly superseded herein remain in effect.

POLICY:

This Implementing Order establishes a schedule of fees for transit fares, rates and charges.

FEE SCHEDULE:

The fee schedule adopted by this Implementing Order is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The official fee schedule is also filed with and subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and on file with the Clerk thereof. Fees that are charged by the Miami-Dade Transit Department shall be the same as those listed in the official fee schedule on file with the Clerk of the County Commission.

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Approved by the County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency ____

**MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT)
SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND CHARGES**

I. Cash Fares	Base Fare	Discount Fare ¹	Miami-Dade County Golden/Patriot Pass ²
A. Metrobus or Metrorail	\$2.25	\$1.10	Free
B. Metromover	Free	Free	Free
C. Transfer from bus to rail, or rail to bus **	\$0.60	\$0.30	Free
D. Transfer from bus to Metromover	Free	Free	Free
E. Transfer from Metromover to bus	\$2.25	\$1.10	Free
F. Transfer from Metrorail to Metromover	Free	Free	Free
G. Transfer from Metromover to Metrorail	\$2.25	\$1.10	Free
H. Metrobus Express/Special	\$2.65	\$1.30	Free
I. Metrobus Shuttle	\$0.25	\$0.10	Free
J. Parking fee-daily maximum*	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50
K. Parking fee-special events and Non-transit patron daily maximum	\$10.00	N/A	Free
L. Juror Parking ³	Free	Free	Free
M. Full Fare Transfer Bus/Rail to Express Bus Transfer**	\$0.95	\$0.45	Free

* The Golden Passport and Patriot Passport holders are entitled to purchase a monthly parking permit. The discounted fare patrons must purchase a discount monthly pass in order for them to buy a monthly parking permit.

**Transfers are only available with the EASY Card. Free bus to bus transfer when using Easy Card.

II. Special Transportation Service Fares Rate Equal to \$3.50	
A. Minimum Per Trip	\$ 3.50

III. Prepaid Passes ⁴	
A. Monthly Transit Pass ⁵	\$112.50
B. Discount Transit Passes ⁶	\$ 56.25
C. Monthly Group Discount- 10% Corporate Discount ⁷	\$101.25
D. Monthly Group Discount - 15% Corporate Discount ⁷	\$ 95.65
E. Monthly College/Adult Education Pass ⁸	\$ 56.25
F. Monthly Parking Permit ⁹	\$ 11.25
G. Weekly Transit Pass ¹⁰	\$ 29.25
H. Discount Weekly Transit Pass ⁶	\$ 14.60
I. Daily Transit Pass	\$ 5.65
J. Daily Discount ¹¹	\$ 2.80

IV. EASY Card	
A. EASY Card	\$2.00

V. MDT may establish other rates based on costs; promotional discounts may be authorized by the Miami-Dade Transit Director as limited by Section 2-150 (c) of the Miami-Dade County Code.

VI. All of the above rates, fares, and charges shall automatically be adjusted every three years, without the need for any further action by the Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with the average rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding three years. Any adjustments in rates, fares, or charges made pursuant to this provision shall be rounded to the nearest five cent increment.

¹ Applicable at all times on Metrobus and on Metrorail when using the Monthly Discount Fare Permit. Those patrons entitled to reduced fares are: a) youths through grade 12 with proper student identification, b) persons with disabilities as defined by MDT rules and have a MDT Reduced Fare Permit, [and] c) seniors 65 and above who do not have a Golden Passport, but have a Medicare card (not Medicaid) or MDT Reduced Fare Permit or government-issued photo identification and d) employed individuals earning ~~[[up to]]~~ >>between 150% and <<200% of the federal poverty level as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a period of 2 years from the date of issuance.

² Applicable at all times to permanent Miami-Dade County citizens who qualify for a Golden Passport or Patriot Passport who display a valid Pass. Replacement of a Pass costs \$5 for the first replacement, \$20 for the second replacement and \$50 for the third or more replacement. Fees are waived when a police report listing the Pass as stolen is submitted. Misuse of a Golden Passport or Patriot Pass will result in forfeiture of its use for one year.

³ As per Resolution No. R-365-13

⁴ MDT may issue other prepaid media with price and rules determined from other portions of this rate schedule.

⁵ Promotional discounts may be authorized by the Transit Agency Director as limited by Section 2-150(c) of the Miami-Dade County Code.

⁶ Available to any Medicare recipient (must show Medicare card at time of purchase), qualified people with disabilities and Miami-Dade youth in grades 1-12 (with a valid permit/ID) and employed individuals earning ~~[[up to]]~~ >>between 150% and<< 200% of the federal poverty level as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a period of 2 years from the date of issuance<<.

⁷As restricted by Ordinance 86-45

⁸ May be sold in bulk quantities to participating colleges, universities, or vocational/technical education centers within for individual sale to full-time students only, as restricted by Ordinance 88-83.

⁹ Available only when purchased in combination with a monthly pass except for a Patriot Pass, Golden Passport and MDT employees who may purchase monthly parking permits without purchase of monthly pass.

¹⁰ When weekly passes sold to hotels as part of a promotional effort, hotels will be allowed to retain \$3 per weekly pass sold and \$ 1.50 per discount weekly pass sold.

¹¹ Employed individuals earning ~~[[up to]]~~ >>between 150% and<< 200% of the federal poverty level as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a period of 2 years from the date of issuance.