

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(M)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 15, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution amending
Implementing Order No. 4-133
related to the Schedule of Transit
Fares, Rates, and Charges by
providing for a temporary
reduction in the Special
Transportation Services Fare
Rate Equal to \$2.00 for the
remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-
2021, eliminating transfer fare
from bus to rail, or rail to bus,
eliminating the metrobus shuttle
fare, and introducing a monthly
transit parking without monthly
transit pass prepaid pass equal to
\$45.00

Resolution No. R-593-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Transportation and Public Works Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: June 15, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
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From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Amending Implementing Order No. 4-133 Related to the Schedule of Transit Fares, Rates, and Charges

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approves the amendment of Miami-Dade County Implementing Order No. 4-133, Schedule of Transit Fares, Rates, and Charges.

Scope

This amendment will have a Countywide Impact.

Delegated Authority

None.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The temporary modification of Special Transportation Services Fare (STS) Rate Equal to \$2.00 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 will have a minimal fiscal impact since the reduction of Fare is far offset by the reduction in ridership of approximately 25 percent. The other modifications will have a minimal fiscal impact as riders using Easy Card/Mobile Payments/Open Payments already receive free transfers because of daily fare capping. The temporary reduction in paratransit revenue will be offset by the lower overall cost of paratransit service as a result of reduced ridership since the beginning of the pandemic.

The new \$45.00 Transit Monthly Parking Pass will have a positive impact that cannot be calculated at this time, but will be reevaluated as part of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

Track Record/Monitor

Implementing Order No. 4-133, Schedule of Transit Fares, Rates, and Charges is modified annually. Robert Villar, Department of Transportation and Public Works, Assistant Director, Financial Services, will be responsible for monitoring the impacts of this item.

Background

Transit Fares have been suspended since March of 2020 and will be reinstated on June 1, 2021. I have administratively effectuated the temporary STS Fare Rate modification from \$3.50 to \$2.00, but that authority expires on June 30, 2021, unless approved by Resolution. This will provide temporary relief to STS riders that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. To further address the impacts of COVID-19, it is recommended to eliminate the

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Bus to Rail Transfers, Rail to Bus Transfers, and the Shuttle Fare, as this will allow the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) greater flexibility with vehicle assignments needed to address overcrowding and social distancing.

Since COVID-19 has changed commuting habits, DTPW wishes to establish a new \$45.00 Transit Monthly Parking Pass. To date, Metrorail parking is available for \$4.50 per day or as an add-on to the monthly transit pass. It is expected that commuters who rotate between the office and work-from-home will no longer benefit from the purchase of a monthly transit pass with parking as they will pay more than if they paid daily without the monthly pass. The implementation of the New Transit Monthly Parking Pass will allow for a monthly parking pass to be purchased without the need to also buy a monthly transit pass, providing an additional option to the commuters who do not benefit from a monthly transit pass.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 15, 2021

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(M)

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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ 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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RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-593-21

RESOLUTION AMENDING IMPLEMENTING ORDER NO. 4-133 RELATED TO THE SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES, AND CHARGES BY PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FARE RATE EQUAL TO \$2.00 FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, ELIMINATING TRANSFER FARE FROM BUS TO RAIL, OR RAIL TO BUS, ELIMINATING THE METROBUS SHUTTLE FARE, AND INTRODUCING A MONTHLY TRANSIT PARKING WITHOUT MONTHLY TRANSIT PASS PREPAID PASS EQUAL TO \$45.00

WHEREAS, the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has negatively impacted Transit ridership and altered commuter habits; and

WHEREAS, Transit Fares even though fares have been suspended since March of 2020, Special Transportation Services Ridership is still approximately 25 percent below pre-pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has negatively impacted Special Transportation Services riders because of the COVID-19 pandemic have been hard on this sensitive population; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to temporarily modify Special Transportation Services Fare Rate Equal to \$2.00 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Works has utilized contracted routes to provide additional vehicles in supplementing its fixed route system, causing a shortage in fare collection equipment; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to eliminating transfer fare from bus to rail, or rail to bus;
and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to eliminate the metrobus shuttle fare; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has altered commuter habits to the point that some riders may no longer benefit from a monthly pass with parking; and

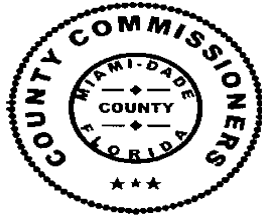
WHEREAS, this Board desires to introduce a \$45.00 monthly transit parking pass without the need to purchase a monthly transit pass,

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 upon the effective date of this resolution, in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Sen. Rene Garcia** ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman**
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye		
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of June, 2021. 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

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "B. Libhaber", written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Libhaber

I.O. No.: 4-133
Ordered: 09/17/2020
Effective: 10/01/2020

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
IMPLEMENTING ORDER

SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES RATES AND CHARGES

AUTHORITY:

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

SUPERSEDES:

This Implementing Order 4-133 supersedes Resolution R-294-16 adopted April 05, 2016 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 Department of Transportation and Public Works 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 _____

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS (DTPW)
SCHEDULE OF TRANSIT FARES, RATES AND CHARGES

I. Cash Fares	Base Fare	Discount Fare ¹	Miami-Dade County Golden/Patriot Pass ^{2, 11}
A. Metrobus or Metrorail	\$2.25	\$1.10	Free
B. Metromover	Free	Free	Free
C. Transfer from bus to rail, or rail to bus **	Free	\$0.30 Free	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 Inter-County Services	\$2.65	\$1.30	Free
I. Metrobus Shuttle	\$0.25 Free	\$0.10 Free	Free
J. Metrobus Circulator	Free	Free	Free
K. Parking fee-daily maximum*	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50
L. Parking fee-special events and Non-transit patron daily maximum	\$10.00	N/A	Free
M. Juror Parking ³	Free	Free	Free
N. Full Fare Transfer Bus/Rail to Inter-County Services 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 /EASY Ticket. ~~Free bus to bus transfer when using Easy Card or Easy Ticket.~~

II. Special Transportation Service Fares Rate Equal to \$3.50	
A. Minimum Per Trip	\$3.50
B. Temporary Special Transportation Services Fare Rate Equal to \$2.00 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-2021	\$2.00

III. Prepaid Passes^{4, 12}	
A. Monthly Transit Pass ⁵	\$112.50
B. Discount Transit Passes ⁶	\$56.25
C. Regional Monthly Pass ⁵	\$145.00
D. Discount Regional Monthly Pass ⁶	\$72.50
E. Monthly Group Discount - 10% Corporate Discount ⁷	\$101.25
F. Monthly Group Discount - 15% Corporate Discount ⁷	\$95.65
G. Monthly College/Adult Education Pass ⁸	\$56.25

H. Monthly Parking Permit (add on to transit pass) ⁹	\$11.25
I. Regional Monthly Parking Fee (for non DTPW customers) ⁹	\$20.00
J. Monthly Transit Parking without Monthly Transit Pass ¹⁰	\$45.00
K. Weekly Transit Pass	\$29.25
L. Discount Weekly Transit Pass ⁶	\$14.60
M. Daily Transit Pass	\$5.65
N. Daily Discount ¹¹	\$2.80

IV. EASY Card/EASY Ticket	
A. EASY Card	\$2.00
B. EASY Ticket	Free

V. Spotter Program ¹³	
A. DTPW Construction and Facility Monitors	\$26.07
B. DTPW Escort	\$73.45

VI. Incidental Use Fees ¹⁴	
A. Filming (per Day)	\$300.00
B. Still Photoshoots (per Day)	\$140.00
C. Student Filming / Photoshoot (per Day)	\$100.00
D. Other Uses of Space at Transit Facilities (per Day) ¹⁵	\$100.00 to \$300.00

VII. DTPW may establish other rates based on costs; promotional discounts may be authorized by the DTPW Director as limited by Section 2-150 (c) of the Miami-Dade County Code; the DTPW Director may authorize use of free transit passes in exchange for community service hours for those non-profit entities and up to the amounts set forth in the annual adopted budget	
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VIII. 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.	
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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 DTPW rules and have a DTPW Reduced Fare Permit, ~~and~~ c) seniors 65 and above who do not have a Golden Passport, but have a Medicare card (not Medicaid) or DTPW Reduced Fare Permit or government-issued photo identification and d) employed individuals earning 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 Golden Passport Pass or a Patriot Passport Pass is free for the first replacement, \$10 for the second replacement and \$25 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 DTPW 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 DTPW 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 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.

⁷ As restricted by Ordinance 86-45.

⁸ May be sold only 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 DTPW employees who may purchase monthly parking permits without purchase of monthly pass.

¹⁰ Available only when using Transit¹¹ As per Resolution No. R-294-16, 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 will be eligible for a reduced fare.

¹² Replacement of all Passes will cost \$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.

¹³ Spotter Program rates will be adjusted on a yearly basis.

¹⁴ Incidental Use Fees for Transit Facilities -- include Incidental Fees for Film and Photoshoots of Metrorail/Metromover Stations, Transit facilities, Buses and Trains in service; Additional fees for filming and photoshoots to include Personnel (actual overtime rates); Train/Bus rental (when the client wants to rent a Bus or Train to park at a station) (per hour rate will apply with a four hour minimum and travel time.); Other transit property filming and photoshoot fee schedule: All filming on all transit property requires a minimum of one transit security guard at productions expense (actual rates apply).

¹⁵ The amount will be determined by the DTPW Director depending on the use of the space and the location.