

RESOLUTION

NO. R-21-215

CITY HALL: June 17, 2021

BY: COUNCILMEMBER GISLESON PALMER

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (State) was created by Act 439 of the 1979 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and authorized in the Revised Statutes of Louisiana at 48:1651, as amended to promote concerted governmental action toward the alleviation of serious traffic conditions and congestion within the New Orleans Metropolitan area by encouraging local governments to participate in the activities of a regional mass transportation authority; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of New Orleans (Council) by Resolution R-79-207 of August 2, 1979 elected to participate as a member in the RTA; and

WHEREAS, the Council by Resolution R-81-735 of December 30, 1981 unanimously endorsed the regional transit concept as the most viable solution to the transit problems facing Orleans Parish; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1983 the City of New Orleans and the RTA executed the Transit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Section 12(b) of Article III of the same Transit Agreement requires the RTA to seek approval of the Council for changing any fare; and

WHEREAS, the RTA experienced a stark decline in ridership and revenue due to COVID-19, with transit services reduced to 50% of normal operations at the height of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the RTA operations have gradually come back online with all modes currently operating at 80% of pre-COVID levels; and

WHEREAS, as cities and states ease COVID-19 restrictions, transit agencies across the country are creating new and innovative ways to bring back transit riders, including reduction in fare costs; and

WHEREAS, the RTA undertook a fare structure adjustment with three goals: to simplify the fare structure, introduce youth and senior passes, and reduce the cost of a monthly pass; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of designing the fare adjustments, RTA staff conducted a peer analysis utilizing 15 peer agencies across the country; and

WHEREAS, RTA staff presented their recommended fare changes to the Transportation and Airport Committee of the Council on May 26th, 2021, **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of New Orleans hereby approves the RTA proposed revised fare structure as documented in Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of Council transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Alex Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer of the RTA and Flozell Daniels, Jr., Chairman of the RTA Board of Commissioners.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT A

<u>Scenario Description</u>	<u>Base Case</u>	<u>Revised Fare Structure</u>
<u>Single-Fare Rides (Bus and Streetcar)</u>	-	-
<u>Single-Ride Fare</u>	<u>1.25</u>	<u>1.25</u>
<u>10 One-Way Tickets</u>	<u>12.50</u>	-
<u>Single-Ride Fare w/Transfer</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.25</u>
<u>Single-Ride Express Fare</u>	<u>1.50</u>	<u>1.25</u>
<u>Single-Ride Express Fare w/Transfer</u>	<u>1.75</u>	<u>1.25</u>
<u>Single-Ride Senior/Disabled Fare</u>	<u>0.40</u>	<u>0.40</u>
<u>Single-Ride (Youth / K-12)</u>	-	<u>0.50</u>
<u>Single-Fare Rides (Ferry)</u>	-	-
<u>Single-Ride Ferry Only Fare</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>
<u>Single-Ride Senior/Disabled Ferry Only Fare</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
<u>Single-Ride Ferry Only Vehicle Driver Fare</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>
<u>Single-Ride Ferry Only Vehicle Driver Plus Trailer Fare</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<u>Single-Ride Senior/Disabled Ferry Only Vehicle Driver Fare</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
<u>Single-Ride Senior/Disabled Ferry Only Vehicle Driver Plus Trailer</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>
<u>Single-Ride Ferry Only Vehicle Additional Passenger Fare</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>

<u>Scenario Description</u>	<u>Base Case</u>	<u>Revised Fare Structure</u>
<u>Day Pass</u>	-	-
<u>1-Day Jazzy Pass (Revised Structure Usable on All Modes)</u>	<u>3.00</u>	<u>3.00</u>
<u>1-Day Integrated Pass</u>	<u>7.00</u>	=
<u>1-Day Jazzy Pass (Senior/Disabled)</u>	=	<u>0.80</u>
<u>1-Day Jazzy Pass (Youth / K-12)</u>	=	<u>1.00</u>
<u>Regional Ride</u>	<u>6.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>
<u>3-Day Pass</u>	-	-
<u>3-Day Jazzy Pass</u>	<u>9.00</u>	=
<u>5-Day Pass</u>	-	-
<u>5-Day Jazzy Pass</u>	<u>15.00</u>	=
<u>5-Day Ferry Pass</u>	<u>18.00</u>	=
<u>5-Day Integrated Pass</u>	<u>30.00</u>	=
<u>31-Day Pass</u>	-	-
<u>31-Day Jazzy Pass (Revised Structure Usable on All Modes)</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
<u>31-Day Ferry Pass</u>	<u>65.00</u>	=
<u>31-Day Integrated Pass</u>	<u>105.00</u>	=
<u>31-Day Jazzy Pass (Senior/Disabled)</u>	=	<u>14.00</u>
<u>31-Day Jazzy Pass (Youth / K-12)</u>	=	<u>18.00</u>