

## Transit Police officers want to see your fare

If you have ridden the HealthLine recently, you've probably been asked to present your proof-of-payment to RTA's Fare Enforcement Officers.

These Transit Police patrol the HealthLine to ensure that you paid your fare. If you are not able to produce a valid fare, police will issue you a Violation Fare Notice (VFN), equal to the price of a monthly farecard (currently \$76).

Fare Enforcement Officers have issued more than 1,000 VFNs since January. Fines must be paid within 14 days. If there is no record of a VFN payment, and a fare evader is caught a second time, will be issued for a court appearance.

These officers also provide extra security along Euclid Avenue. They help prevent disorder and criminal activity while maintaining peace on RTA property. Their presence on Euclid Avenue helps RTA disburse more officers to other areas of the system, which serves 57 million riders annually.

Each time a Violation Fare Notice is issued, past criminal history is checked. Since January, Transit Police have made more than 70 arrests for passengers with outstanding warrants.

When someone with an outstanding warrant is found, that person is arrested and transported to the city where the warrant was issued. Transit Police ensure safety for all riders by removing these persons from the streets.

The proof of payment system will soon be implemented on the Red Line. Officers will continuously patrol stations and board Red Line trains to ensure safety for customers.

So, the next time you are asked to present your farecard to an officer, recognize the added security you are receiving. More than 110 Transit Police work to protect and serve all riders.

For more information on Transit Police and crime prevention tips, visit [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com). In an emergency, call Transit Police 24/7 at 216-566-5163.

## June 9 meeting to discuss design of new UC Station

The design of a new Red Line rail station at University Circle will be the topic of a community meeting at the Cleveland Heights Community Center, One Monticello Boulevard, at 7 p.m. June 9.

The design architect will present his concept. Cleveland Heights Mayor Edward J. Kelley urges residents to attend.

"The University Circle Station is part of the gateway to Cleveland Heights," said Kelley. "The project is vital to our City. It's appropriate for residents to view the proposed design and offer feedback."

RTA awarded a contract to URS Corporation to design a new rapid transit station. The construction cost of the station is budgeted at \$10 million. It will take 24 months to complete.

The University Circle Station – also called the University-Cedar Station – is an important transit hub. Built in 1953, it is a primary bus transfer point on the East Side, with 7 RTA bus lines serving the station -- #7, #8, #9, #32, #48/48A, #50, #821 and the free Circle Link service.

The new station may incorporate the following:

- Consolidation of bus loop and passenger areas to the north side of Cedar Hill/MLK
- Removal of the southern entrance and bus slip ramp
- Expansion of the pedestrian walkway from the rapid station to the bus station
- Signature architecture symbolizing the regional gateway of the station

If you cannot attend the meeting, view the project summary at [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com). You can send comments to [mfeke@gcrta.org](mailto:mfeke@gcrta.org) or write to Maribeth Feke at RTA, 1240 W. Sixth St., Cleveland, OH 44113.



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## RTA service changes on Sunday, June 14

RTA is changing a number of timetables on June 14. The following changes are significant

**Red Line (#66):** a 20-minute off-peak frequency will accommodate construction at the Puritas Station.

**#3 Superior:** As requested by East Cleveland, the route will no longer use Belmore Road. It will follow Superior Avenue to Euclid Avenue.

**#19 Broadway-Miles:** To reduce the walk distance between the #19 and the #41, the #19 will use Emery and Warrensville Center roads between Miles/Emery and Miles/Warrensville.

**#20Z Metroparks Zoo:** Will operate only on Saturdays and Sundays, from June 14 until late August. The exact date will be announced.

**#55 Clifton:** Evening trips will operate between Public Square and the Westgate Transit Center.

### Other timetables that will change in June

Blue/Green Lines (#67/67A), #1, #7, #9, #10, #22, #26, #32, #41, #45, #48, #50, #51F/251/451 #52, #70, #90, #135, #145

### How to get a new timetable

- Posted on [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com).
- RTA's Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.
- Customer Service Center at Tower City

# RTA puts \$45 million of federal stimulus money to good use

RTA qualifies for \$45.75 million in stimulus money, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Half of those funds must be obligated by Sept. 1. RTA is combining the stimulus funds with \$19.16 million in existing grants to create a total program of \$64.81 million.

## The RTA Board has awarded \$ 13.5 million in contracts from this total program.

- \$9.5 million to build a new Red Line rail station at Puritas-West 150<sup>th</sup>. A ground-breaking ceremony was held May 27.
- \$1.74 million to buy 15 KM electronic control group units for heavy-rail vehicles.
- \$400,000 to design the rehab of the one-mile Red Line S-curve track between the West 98<sup>th</sup> and West 117<sup>th</sup> street stations.
- \$732,000 for rail materials and equipment -- a spot tamper for setting smooth track, 13 pan-

tograph units, line breakers on rail cars, track ballast (stones), 40 heavy-rail electric couplers, and 5 heavy-rail vehicle heaters.

- \$40,000 to finish the first of two surveys of rail grade crossings in Shaker Heights
- \$42,000 to hire a plinth expert for the Waterfront Line. A plinth connects rail ties to a concrete foundation.

Another \$30.6 million of work is in the Procurement process.

## In June, the Board will consider resolutions to:

- Perform an alternatives analysis for extending the Blue Line through the intersection of Van Aken and Chagrin boulevards.
- Hire a firm to design a new station at Brookpark Rapid location.
- Purchase land to expand the Westlake Park-N-Ride.

**The following projects are being advertised. For details, go to [rideRTA.com](http://rideRTA.com) > business center > contract opportunities.**

- Award contracts for construction and public art for the new Stephanie Tubbs Jones (East Side) Transit Center at Cleveland State University.
- Award construction contracts for the new East 55<sup>th</sup> Street rail station.
- Purchase 18 rail material and equipment contracts, 22 heavy-rail overhaul materials, and complete rail grade crossing designs.

In July, the RTA Board will consider the purchase of 50 Paratransit vehicles.

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## Music Festival set Aug. 7-9

The 3-day North Coast Music Festival will feature more than 50 bands from around the nation and the world. From Aug. 7-9, it will be held on Malls B and C downtown. This is a 3-day, multi-stage event.

The festival will recognize military heroes at a two-hour Welcome Home Party on Sunday, Aug 9. The festival will distribute 2,000 tickets free-of-charge to veterans via many partner organizations. The festival is planning a motorcycle rally with multiple starting locations to show the support to the veterans at the event.

The festival also plans to host the Ms. North Coast Model contest, with semi-finals on Aug. 6, just prior to the pre-party at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and finals at the festival.

Many fashion industry notables are expected in Cleveland the week of Aug 3.

Visit [NorthCoastMusicFestival.com](http://NorthCoastMusicFestival.com) for more info.

## Three West Side meetings set to discuss transit issues

Three meetings will be held on Cleveland's West Side in June, to hear comments on how to best align land uses with existing and future rail stations.

The meetings, sponsored by All Aboard Ohio and the Ohio City Near West Development Corp., each run from 6-7:30 p.m.

- **June 11**, St. Rose of Lima Church Hall, 11411 Detroit Ave., Cudell
- **June 17**, Castele Learning Center, Lutheran Hospital, 1730 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St., Ohio City
- **June 24**, St. Colman Church, Basement meeting room, 2027 W. 65<sup>th</sup> St., Detroit-Shoreway

## July 4 holiday service

- RTA will operate a Sunday/Holiday schedule on July 4.
- RTA will operate a weekday schedule on Friday, July 3.
- RTA offices will be closed on Friday, July 3.
- The Telephone Information Center will be closed on July 4.

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## HealthLine ridership grows

Ridership on RTA's new HealthLine continues to grow. The new bus-rapid transit (BRT) service opened on Euclid Avenue Oct. 25, 2008.

Ridership for November – the first full month of service – was 279,000. It has grown each month, and was 334,000 in April.