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Oct. 14 vote set on proposed fuel surcharge

The RTA Board plans to hold a special meeting at 9 a.m. Oct. 14 to vote on a proposed fuel surcharge, to help close the gap on a projected \$20-million deficit in 2009. If approved, the fuel surcharge could take effect as early as Oct. 27.

Fuel Surcharge Fares

Cash	Current	New
Senior/Disabled	.75	.85
Trolley/Loop/Circulator	1.00	1.25
Bus/Rapid	1.75	2.00
Paratransit	1.75	2.00
Park-N-Ride	2.00	2.25
Out of County	3.00	3.25

Farecards

5-Trip Senior/Disabled	3.75	4.25
5-Trip Loop/Trolley/Circ.	5.00	6.25
5-Trip Bus/Rapid	8.75	10.00
5-Trip Paratransit	8.75	10.00
5-Trip Park-N-Ride	10.00	11.25

All-Day Pass

Individual	4.00	4.50
Senior/Disabled/Child	1.75	2.00

Weekly Pass

Senior/Disabled	7.50	8.50
Bus/Rapid	17.50	20.00
Paratransit	17.50	20.00
Park-N-Ride	20.00	22.50

Monthly Pass

Senior/Disabled	29.00	32.00
Bus/Rapid	63.00	76.00
Paratransit	63.00	76.00
Park-N-Ride	70.00	85.00

Proof-of-payment begins Oct. 27 on Euclid Avenue

On Oct. 27, a “proof-of-payment” system to collect fares take effect at all HealthLine stations. It affects all RTA vehicles that serve HealthLine stations.

Passes and farecard trips must be activated before boarding. You must pay your fare prior to boarding and retain proof-of-payment while riding. Fares will not be sold on-board.

If you are a student at a college with a U-Pass program, carry your student U-Pass card.

If you already have an activated RTA pass with you, or a farecard with an active trip, hang on to it. If you do not have a valid proof-of-payment, you need to purchase one before you board. Use the fare vending machine on the station platform.

Once you are on board, a fare enforcement officer or the operator may ask you to show a proof-of-payment.

If you are found on-board without a valid fare, you will be issued a “violation fare notice.” The payment of a violation fare is equal to the cost of a Bus/Rapid monthly pass, and must be paid within 14 days.

Non-payment of the violation fare may lead to criminal prosecution, as specified in the Ohio Revised Code, 2917.41.

What to activate before you board

- Monthly Passes are already activated for the month they were purchased for.
- 7-Day Flex Passes must be activated before the first use only.
- All-Day Passes must be activated if purchased off-board.
- On 5-trip Farecards, each trip needs to be activated.



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What's a fuel surcharge?

On Oct. 14, the RTA Board of Trustees will vote on adding a 25-cent fuel surcharge to the base fare. Here's how it works.

A fuel surcharge is not a fare increase. A fare increase is permanent, while a fuel surcharge can go up or down, depending on the cost of diesel fuel.

The base fare + fuel surcharge = the fare you pay. For instance, for Bus/Rapid cash fare, you would pay a base fare of \$1.75, plus a fuel surcharge of 25 cents, or \$2 total, under the proposal now being considered.

Because RTA was able to lock in the price of diesel fuel at \$3.17 a gallon for 2009, additional fuel surcharges will not change until after Sept. 1, 2009. If additional State funding becomes permanent, fares may not even increase then.

If additional State funding is not in place by Sept. 1, 2009, fares could change as often as once every three months, depending on what RTA pays for fuel.

- If the cost of diesel fuel drops below \$3 a gallon, the surcharge goes away.
- If the cost of diesel fuel falls between \$3 and \$4 a gallon, the fuel surcharge is 50 cents. Because Gov. Strickland was able to allocate an additional \$9 million to RTA, officials are seeking a 25-cent increase, instead of a 50-cent increase.
- If the cost rises to \$4.01-\$4.75 a gallon, the fuel surcharge is 75 cents.
- If the cost of diesel fuel rises to more than \$4.76 a gallon, the fuel surcharge is \$1.

RTA service changes take effect Nov. 9, new timetables are needed

RTA will make service changes on Nov. 9, to help close the gap on a projected \$20-million budget deficit in 2009.

Thanks to the efforts of Gov. Strickland and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), these reductions will be much smaller than the ones presented at public hearings in August.

#3 Superior: All trips will serve Huron Hospital – via Superior, Terrace and Belmont – on the way to/from Windermere. Late-night trips will operate to/from Windermere, instead of ending at Superior-Lakeview.

#4 Wade Park: Late-night short trips on East 123, Arlington and East 125 will be discontinued.

#7 Monticello-Euclid Hts.: Service will be discontinued on Anderson.

#9 Mayfield: Service will be discontinued on Ridgebury.

#11 Quincy/#13 Buckeye: #11 will be consolidated with #13, so that the #11 serves Buckeye, instead of Shaker and MLK. Service will be discontinued on Buckeye between Woodland and Woodhill, on Shaker Blvd. between Woodhill and E. 116, and MLK between Shaker and E. 116.

#20A W. 25-State: A reduced number of peak-period, peak-direction trips will continue to/from North Royalton. All other daytime trips will operate to/from Parmatown via Pleasant Valley and Ridge (current evening/weekend alignment).

#24 Van Aken/Tri-C: Service will operate from 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m. weekdays and 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays. There is no Sunday service.

#36 Eddy: Route will be discontinued. The #3 will provide service to the front door of Huron Hospital.

#39 Lakeshore: The branch to the Euclid Park-N-Ride via Babbitt will be discontinued.

#41 Warrensville: All trips traveling east of Southgate will follow the Columbus Road alignment. Service will be discontinued on Libby and Aurora between Northfield and Perkins. Service on Kimberly, Randolph, Eldridge, and Ridgeway will be discontinued.

#42 Fairmount: Route will be discontinued.

#45 Ridge: The Y and R route branches will be consolidated south of the Parmatown Transit Center. Weekend #45 service on Ridge south of Parmatown (Day Drive) will be discontinued (#20A will serve Ridge between Day and Pleasant Valley). Evening and weekend #45 trips will end at Tri-C West. Weekday, daytime #45 trips will operate to/from the North Royalton Loop and will pull into the Tri-C West campus.

#50 E. 116-Harvard-W. 117: The route will be extended north via W. 117, Edgewater, Cove and Lake to end at the Gold Coast and Winton Place.

#52 Westgate: All trips will operate via W. 210 (#52 service will be discontinued on Wooster). The route will operate out of W. 117-Madison Station instead of West Park Station. The bus will travel to the W. 117 Station via Triskett (but not into Triskett Station), Berea, and West 117. Late-night service to Fairview Hospital, Brookpark Station and the Airport will be provided by a realigned #75.

#70 Bunts-W. 150: Service will be discontinued on Snow, Fry and Holland. All trips will operate via Smith Road between Snow and Holland.

#75 North Olmsted: The route will be converted to a Red Line feeder route to/from the West Park Station. Service will be discontinued on the Berkshire/Porter deviation. The #75 will provide the late-night service to Fairview Hospital, Brookpark Station, and Hopkins Airport now provided by the #52.

#81 Tremont-Storer: The #81 will replace the #807 in service to the Steelyard Commons, from 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m.-10:45 p.m. weekends.

#86 Warren-Berea: Service will be discontinued west of the Sprague & Fair Park-N-Ride lot to Usher Road.

#86F Berea-Olmsted Falls: Route will be discontinued.

#87 Westwood: Route will be converted to a Red Line feeder route to/from the West Park Station. Not all portions of the current #87 will be served.

#88 Broadway-Northfield: #88 service will be discontinued on Maple Hts. Blvd., Clement, Mapleboro and South Blvd.

#96 Butternut: Route will be converted into a Red Line feeder route to/from Triskett Station.

#145 York Flyer: #145R will be discontinued. #145Y will operate only in the peak period, in the peak direction and will be renamed #145. Trips will not pull in to the Tri-C West campus.

#802 Southeast Circulator: Service will be discontinued between the Randall Park Mall and the Southgate Transit Center.

#804 Lakewood Circulator: The short trips between the W. 117-Madison Station and Winton Place will be discontinued (replaced by #50). Gold Coast routing will be simplified: trips to/from Winton Place will operate via Edgewater in both directions. Trips will continue to serve W. 115 in both directions from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

#806 Euclid-Euclid Beach Circulator: Trips on the Euclid Beach branch will operate only as far east as Shore Center.

#807 Tremont Circulator: The #81 will serve Steelyard Commons instead of the #807. The evening service short trips between Lakeview Terrace and Steelyard Commons will be discontinued.

Waterfront Line: Service will operate during weekday rush hours, on weekend between 9:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m., and as needed to service major events.

Minor changes will also be made to these routes. New timetables will be needed — **Red Line, Blue/Green Lines, #2, #10, #12, #14, #30, #32, #40, 48/48A, #51, #76/76F, #77F, #135, #803, #805 and #821.**

Where to Get Timetables:

New timetables are being posted on rideRTA.com. They are also available at:

- RTA's Main Office, 1240 W. Sixth St.
- Customer Service Center at Tower City

For more information, or to receive a new timetable by mail, call the RTAanswerline, 216-621-9500.