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## Proof of Payment (POP) Enforcement Procedures

Finance Committee  
March 4, 2008



# **PROOF OF PAYMENT**

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**Applicable to:**

**Red Line Trains & Platforms**

**HealthLine RTVs**

**Bus Routes 7, 9, 32 while  
on Euclid Avenue**



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**Proof of Payment is presently  
used in over 16 major US  
Cities Including:**

- **Dallas**
- **Baltimore**
- **St. Louis**
- **Newark**
- **San Diego**
- **San Francisco**



# Why Proof of Payment?

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- **Adopted as a condition of the full funding Federal Grant Agreement with the FTA**
- **Paying off-board reduces travel time and replicates rail service**



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**Success of any Proof of Payment System is Directly Dependent on an Appropriate Level of Inspection and Commitment to Enforcement**



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## Enforcement by Uniformed Transit Police Officers Through an Enhancement of Transit Police Resources

- **Conduct Inspections**
- **Friendly and Knowledgeable**
- **Enhanced Security, Real and Perceived**



## **ORC Section 306.35(D)(2)**

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**Enforcement authority requires the adoption of a “Rule” by the GCRTA**



# The Required “Rule”

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**“All passengers shall pay the fare applicable to their use of the Transit System, and where required will maintain proof of payment in their possession.”**



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**Violators to be Charged a  
“Violation Fare”**



# Violation Fare

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- **Violation Fare Level to be set by RTA Board after March Public Hearing**
- **Proposed to equal the cost of a bus or rapid monthly pass (presently \$63)**
- **To be paid within seven (7) days by U.S. mail or in person at Tower City Customer Service Center**



# ORC Section 306.99

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**Failure to comply is a violation of the “rule”.**

- **Subject to criminal prosecution with a fine up to \$100 for the first offense and up to \$500 for the 2nd offense and each thereafter**



# Next Steps

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- **March Public Hearing on Violation Fare**
- **April 1, 2008 Board Retreat**
- **April Board Resolution**
- **Discussions With Municipal Courts**
- **Hiring & Training Officers**
- **Communicating With the Public**

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