

ORDINANCE NO. 012-157

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
IMPLEMENTATION OF FARE  
STRUCTURE REVISIONS

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") is obligated to meet a statutory requirement to submit a balanced budget every year at the direction of the Regional Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of sufficient public funding, in order to balance its 2013 budget, the Authority must implement efficiencies and fare increases; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board intends that the 2013 proposed fare changes recognize both the needs of transit dependent customers and that the effect of fare changes occurs in a fair and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, A final Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis of the fare changes will be completed by staff and submitted to the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, After public notice, the Chicago Transit Board held a community meeting on December 10, 2012 and a public hearing on December 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board has considered the public's written submissions, testimony at the hearings, and e-mail submissions and has reviewed the proposed fare structure changes; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board has determined that the Authority must implement the necessary fare structure changes associated with the 2013 budget; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the President or his designee to take the steps necessary to implement changes to the Authority's fare structure as set forth on Exhibit A, attached hereto.

SECTION 2. The changes in the Authority's fare structure shall be implemented on January 14, 2013, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall remain in effect thereafter until revised.

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SECTION 3. The Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is authorized to take all actions and execute all documents on behalf of the Authority that may be necessary to carry out and comply with the intent of this ordinance, including but not limited to entry into an Intergovernmental Agreement(s) with Metra and Pace.

SECTION 4. All of the Authority's ordinances, by-laws, and regulations not inconsistent with the above sections of this ordinance shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

December 18, 2012

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Assistant Secretary

December 18, 2012

**Exhibit A**

**Proposed Fare Structure For All Routes**

Fare Group	Current Fare Structure (effective 1/1/2009)	Proposed 2013 Budget Fare Structure (effective 1/14/2013)
<b>CTA Regular Fare Types</b>		
Full Fare Bus [1]	\$2.00	Unchanged
Full Fare Rail [1]	\$2.25	Unchanged
Full Fare Cash (Bus Only)	\$2.25	Unchanged
Transfer	\$0.25	Unchanged
1-Day Pass	\$5.75	\$10
3-Day Pass	\$14	\$20
7-Day Pass [2]	\$23	\$28
Full Fare 30-Day Pass	\$86	\$100
Metra Link-Up	\$45	\$55
<b>CTA Reduced Fare Types [3]</b>		
Reduced Fare Bus	\$0.85	\$1.00 [49 CFR Part 609]
Reduced Fare Rail	\$0.85	\$1.10 [49 CFR Part 609]
Reduced Fare Cash (Bus Only)	\$1.00	\$1.10 [49 CFR Part 609]
Transfer	\$0.15	Unchanged
Reduced Fare Pre-Paid Bonus	10%	Eliminated
30-Day Reduced Pass	\$35	\$50 [49 CFR Part 609]

<b>CTA Student Fare [4]</b>		
Fare Bus & Rail on Student Permit	\$0.85	\$0.75
Transfer	\$0.15	Unchanged
Student Fare Cash (Bus Only)	\$1.00	\$0.75

<b>O'Hare Station Fare [5]</b>		
Full Fare on Transit Cards, Chicago Cards, Chicago Card Plus	\$2.25	\$5.00

<b>#128 Soldier Field Express [6]</b>		
All Round-trips	One-Way Fare: \$1 Full Fare / \$0.50 Reduced	\$5.00 round-trip \$2.50 reduced fare

## Fare Table Notes:

[1] Fares paid with Chicago Card Plus, Chicago Cards, and Transit Cards, unless otherwise noted.

[2] CTA/Pace 7-Day passes will change from \$28 to \$33.

[3] CTA offers reduced fares via an RTA Reduced Fare Permit to Seniors as required by 49 CFR Part 609 and free rides to eligible Seniors as required by 70 ILCS 3605/51(b). Similarly, CTA offers reduced fares via an RTA Reduced Riding Permit to Persons with Disabilities as required by 49 CFR Part 609 and free rides to eligible Persons with Disabilities as required by 70 ILCS 3605/52. In addition, CTA also offers reduced fares to children age 7-11.

[4] CTA is introducing a new Student Fare for elementary and high school students on school days, 5:30am to 8:30pm. Students will be required to have a Student Riding Permit to be eligible for this fare.

[5] O'Hare Station Fare is \$5.00 for Full Fare payment, including a \$2.75 surcharge. The surcharge will not apply to riders presenting passes or reduced fare cards at O'Hare Blue Line Station. For riders presenting all other fare media at the O'Hare Blue Line Station, the fare will be \$5 with the following exception which will be in effect until July 1, 2013. To exempt employees working on O'Hare International Airport property, riders presenting Chicago Card and Chicago Card Plus cards will pay only the base \$2.25 fare. On July 1, 2013, CTA will implement a system that identifies and continues to exempt employees working on O'Hare International Airport property from paying the \$2.75 surcharge.

[6] The #128 Soldier Field Express is a service jointly managed by CTA and Metra, scheduled to operate for all Chicago Bears home games at Soldier Field, and other agreed-upon events. Service operates closed-door from West Loop Metra stations to Soldier Field. Current discounted one-way fare will be replaced with a flat \$5 round-trip fare for all regular riders and \$2.50 for reduced fare riders. Revised fares will begin with first pre-season game of the 2013 Bears Season.

**Exhibit B**

**Proposed Fare Structure Comparisons**



## **CTA Proposed 2013 Budget**

*No change in base fares for bus or rail*

<b>CTA Proposed Pass Prices</b> <i>(Base Fare of \$2.25 remains the same)</i>		
<b>Passes</b>	<b>New Price</b>	<b>Current Price</b>
1-Day	\$10.00	\$5.75
3-Day	\$20.00	\$14.00
7-Day	\$28.00	\$23.00
30-Day	\$100.00	\$86.00

### Additional Notes

- \$2.75 surcharge from O'Hare (riders using passes will be unaffected)
- Student ride prices decrease to 75 cents; currently 85 cents.
- Circuit Breaker seniors and people with disabilities continue to ride free (all other reduced fares 50 percent of base fare, per federal law)

The proposed reduction in pass discounts<sup>1</sup> would take CTA from the second-highest among major American transit systems to among the middle.<sup>2</sup> (Yellow = Current | Green = Proposed)

	<b>Base Fare</b>	<b>7-Day Pass</b>	<b>Discount</b>
Boston	\$2.00	\$18.00	\$10.00
Chicago	\$2.25	\$23.00	\$8.50
New York (Proposal 2)	\$2.50	\$29.00	\$6.00
Philadelphia	\$2.00	\$22.00	\$6.00
Chicago	\$2.25	\$28.00	\$3.50
New York (Current)	\$2.25	\$29.00	\$2.50
Los Angeles	\$1.50	\$20.00	\$1.00
New York (Proposal 1)	\$2.25	\$34.00	\$(2.50)
Washington DC <sup>3</sup>	\$3.93	\$57.50	\$(2.55)

	<b>Base Fare</b>	<b>30-Day Pass</b>	<b>Discount</b>
Boston	\$2.00	\$70.00	\$50.00
Chicago	\$2.25	\$86.00	\$49.00
San Francisco	\$2.00	\$74.00	\$46.00
New York (Proposal 2)	\$2.50	\$109.00	\$41.00
Philadelphia	\$2.00	\$83.00	\$37.00
Chicago	\$2.25	\$100.00	\$35.00
New York (Current)	\$2.25	\$104.00	\$31.00
Los Angeles	\$1.50	\$75.00	\$15.00
New York (Proposal 1)	\$2.25	\$125.00	\$10.00
Washington DC <sup>3</sup>	\$3.93	\$230.00	\$5.50

<sup>1</sup> Discounts assume two rides per day at the base fare. Base fares are base rail fares; using bus fares has negligible impact.

<sup>2</sup> New York has two fare increase proposals, as shown above, for board adoption in December. San Francisco (Muni) does not have a 7-day pass.

<sup>3</sup> Washington DC has distance-based pricing. Base fare is the average of the minimum and maximum fare.

