

ORDINANCE NO. 007-134

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
IMPLEMENTATION OF FARE
STRUCTURE REVISIONS

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

WHEREAS, Although the state has given CTA an additional \$21 million to get through the remainder of 2007, in order to maintain service and fares at current levels, CTA needs an additional \$158 million in public funding to meet a balanced budget for 2008; and

WHEREAS, CTA has asked the state for additional funding for 2008, which has not been forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, In the absence of sufficient public funding, in order to balance its 2008 budget, the Authority must implement service cuts, efficiencies, and fare increases; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board intends that the authorized 2008 budget should maintain as much availability as possible for transit dependent customers, maintain regional connections where possible, and spread the burden of service reductions and fare increases in an equitable manner; and

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

WHEREAS, After public notice, the Chicago Transit Board held a public hearing on November 5, 2007, and two additional public meetings on October 30, 2007 and November 1, 2007; 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 service changes; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board has determined that the CTA President must be authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the service changes associated with this 2008 budget, if needed; now, therefore:

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

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SECTION 1. The Chicago Transit Board hereby authorizes the President, or his designee, to take only the steps necessary to implement changes to CTA's fare structure as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

SECTION 2. These changes in CTA's fare structure, if needed to balance CTA's 2008 budget, shall be implemented on January 20, 2008, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

SECTION 3. The fee for purchase of a first Chicago Card or Chicago Card Plus is hereby waived pending registration confirmation. The fee for any addition or replacement cards (excluding those replaced due to expiration) will remain \$5.00 per card.

SECTION 4. All the Authority's ordinances, bylaws, 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:

Chairman

November 7, 2007

Assistant Secretary

November 7, 2007

EXHIBIT A

CTA FARE STRUCTURE

Single Ride Fares/Passes	Fare
Regular Full Fare Cash ¹	\$2.75 (bus); \$2.75 (rail)
Regular Full Fare Transit Card (TC)	\$2.25 (bus); \$2.75 (rail)
Regular Full Fare Chicago Card (CC)	\$2.25 (bus); \$2.25 (rail)
Peak Period Full Fare Cash ^{1, 2}	\$2.75 (bus); \$3.25 (rail)
Peak Full Fare Transit Card (TC)	\$2.25 (bus); \$3.25 (rail)
Peak Full Fare Chicago Card (CC)	\$2.25 (bus); \$2.50 (rail)
Regular TC or CC Transfer ³	\$0.25
Peak TC or CC Transfer	\$0.25
Chicago Card Bonus ⁴	10%
1-Day Passes	\$7.00
2-Day Visitor Pass	\$11.00
3-Day Visitor Pass	\$15.00
5-Day Visitor Pass	\$23.00
Full Fare 7-Day Pass	\$25.00
Full Fare 30-Day Pass	\$94.00
Other Fares ⁵	unchanged

Reduced Fares	Fare
Reduced Fare Cash ¹	\$1.00 (bus); \$1.00 (rail)
Reduced Fare TC or CC ⁶	\$0.85 (bus); \$0.85 (rail)
Peak Reduced Fare Cash	same as regular
Peak Reduced Fare TC or CC	same as regular
Reduced TC/CC Transfer	\$0.15
Peak Reduced TC/CC Transfer	\$0.15
Other Fares ⁵	unchanged
Reduced Fare 30-Day Pass	\$35.00

¹ Rail customers paying fares with cash must first add value to a Transit Card using vending machines located in each station.

² Peak Periods are 6:30-9:30 AM and 4:00-7:00 PM.

³ Transfers are not available to customers paying fares with cash. A transfer fare allows two additional rides within two hours of first ride. Transfers are valid for travel in any direction on any route, including the route of first ride.

⁴ For every \$20 purchase of pay-per-use fares, \$22 of value is added to the card.

⁵ This category includes special event services such as routes 128 and 154, as well as special contractual fare arrangements such as the U-Pass program.

⁶ The 10% bonus on Reduced Fare Transit Cards will be retained until Reduced Fare Chicago Cards become available. Once available, the 10% bonus for purchase of fares on Reduced Fare Transit Cards will be discontinued and the bonus will apply only to the Reduced Fare Chicago Card.