

ORDINANCE NO. 021-118

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF FARE
STRUCTURE REVISIONS AND
APPROVING THE TITLE VI FARE
CHANGE EQUITY ANALYSIS

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, The proposed fare structure changes in the 2022 operating budget recognize the changing travel behavior of customers since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Authority’s promotional pass discounts implemented on May 29, 2021 have helped increase ridership; and

WHEREAS, A final Title VI fare change equity analysis of the fare structure changes was completed by staff and will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, After public notice, the Chicago Transit Board held a public hearing on November 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board has considered the testimony given at the public hearing along with any written comments submitted to the Authority with respect to the proposed fare structure changes; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to implement the proposed fare structure changes associated with the 2022 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 of the Chicago Transit Authority, or his designee, to take the steps necessary to implement changes to the Authority’s fare structure as set forth in Exhibit A hereto, and hereby approves the 2021 Fare Change Title VI Equity Analysis attached as Exhibit B hereto.

SECTION 2. The changes in the Authority’s fare structure shall be implemented on November 21, 2021, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall remain in effect thereafter until revised, and the 2021 Fare Change Title VI Equity Analysis shall be posted on the Authority’s website as required by Ordinance No. 013-49.

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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 new agreements or amendments of any existing intergovernmental agreement(s) with the Regional Transportation Authority or the other Service Boards that reference the existing fare structure.

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

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

November 17, 2021

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Exhibit A – Ordinance No. 021-118

	<u>Current Fare Structure</u> <u>(Effective 1/7/2018)</u>	<u>Proposed Fare Structure</u> <u>(Effective 11/21/2021)</u>
<u>CTA Regular Fare Types</u>		
Full Fare Bus [1]	\$2.25	unchanged
Full Fare Rail [1]	\$2.50	unchanged
Full Fare Cash (Bus only; no transfers)	\$2.50	unchanged
PAYG [2]	\$2.50	\$2.25 bus/\$2.50 rail
Transfer [3]	\$0.25	\$0.00
Single Ride Ticket [4]	\$3.00	unchanged
CTA 1-Day/24-Hour Pass	\$10	\$5
CTA 3-Day/72-Hour Pass	\$20	\$15
CTA 7-Day Pass	\$28	\$20
CTA/Pace 7-Day Pass [5]	\$33	\$25
CTA/Pace 30-Day Pass	\$105	\$75
Metra Link-Up [6]	\$55	\$30 (effective early 2022)
O'Hare Station Fare [7]	\$5.00	unchanged
<u>Reduced Fare Types [8]</u>		
Reduced Fare Bus	\$1.10	unchanged [49 CFR Part 609]
Reduced Fare Rail	\$1.25	unchanged [49 CFR Part 609]
Reduced Fare Cash (Bus only; no transfers)	\$1.25	unchanged [49 CFR Part 609]
Transfer	\$0.15	\$0.00
CTA/Pace 30-Day Reduced Pass	\$50	\$35 [49 CFR Part 609]
O'Hare Station Fare	\$1.25	unchanged [49 CFR Part 609]
<u>Student Fare</u>		
Bus & Rail Student Permit Fare	\$0.75	unchanged
Transfer	\$0.15	\$0.00
Student Fare Cash (Bus Only)	\$0.75	unchanged
<u>#128 Soldier Field Express [9]</u>		
All Round-trips	\$5.00	unchanged
	\$2.50 reduced fare	unchanged

[1] Fares paid with Ventra Transit Account Value

[2] PAYG - Pay as you go fare for bus and rail except at O'Hare Blue Line Station using personal bank card or phone

[3] A transfer fare allows two (2) additional rides for a single customer within two (2) hours after the first use.

[4] Single Ride Ticket fare includes transfer for bus and rail

[5] The price of the pass reflects a \$5 Pace shared pass surcharge on the CTA 7-Day Pass price.

[6] Proposal would lower the price and change business rules to allow riding in peak as well as off-peak hours in early 2022 pending approval from all service boards

[7] O'Hare Employees pay the regular rail base fare at O'Hare Blue Line Station.

[8] CTA offers reduced fares via RTA Reduced Fare Permits 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 fare 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.

[9] Passes are not eligible on this route.