

**INTERCITY TRANSIT
RESOLUTION 02-2021
ADOPTING A FLAT RATE VANPOOL FARE STRUCTURE**

A RESOLUTION adopting a revised fare structure for Intercity Transit’s vanpool program, providing for a simple flat rate fare structure, establishing a five-year demonstration period to evaluate the effectiveness of the flat rate vanpool fare change, and establishing an effective date and process for implementation.

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit is a public transportation benefit area created under Chap. 36.57A RCW; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit’s mission is to provide and promote public transportation choices that support an accessible, sustainable, livable, healthy, prosperous community; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit provides public transportation services which include Intercity Transit’s vanpool program serving rideshare, employer and employee transportation needs within the PTBA and throughout the Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County voters approved Proposition 1, November 2018, supporting a “transformational” transit system; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity Transit Authority has directed staff to bring forward program and policy changes that support implementing Intercity Transit’s adopted Long Range Plan and Strategic Plan consistent with Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, during 2021 the Intercity Transit Authority, Community Advisory Committee and the public reviewed the current Vanpool Program fare structure and directed staff to provide options to simplify the fare structure to support access to public transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and appropriate to implement a simplified flat rate fare structure for the Vanpool Program providing flexibility in response to changing work parameters and better support access to jobs, which benefits employees and employers in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity Transit Authority held a public hearing on the proposed Vanpool Program fare changes on August 18, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Flat Rate Vanpool Fare Adopted. The flat rate fare structure for Vanpool Program services attached as “Exhibit A” to this Resolution is hereby adopted and shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

Section 2. Implementation Required. Implementation of the new fare structure requires a significant update to the accounting and reporting software used to track vanpool fares for participants. The intent of the Authority is to authorize implementation of the new fare structure as soon as possible. Staff is hereby authorized to offer the new flat rate fare set forth in "Exhibit A" prior to January 1, 2022, as an incentive, consistent with the Intercity Transit's mission, subject to the updates required to track the program which need to be implemented prior to transitioning existing and new users to the flat rate structure. Staff shall report to the Authority on the status of the implementation if it is delayed beyond January 1, 2022.

Section 3. Five-Year Demonstration of Flat Rate Vanpool Fares Established. Annual review of the vanpool fare policy shall occur for a period of at least five years. Timing of the review should coincide with annual review and updates of the *Strategic Plan* and annual budget process; provided, the Authority may review the vanpool fare policy at any time in accordance with applicable procedures, including a public hearing, as may be required in accordance with the Intercity Transit Bylaws.

Section 4. Effective Upon Adoption. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption provided current vanpool fares will continue to be collected in accordance Resolution 02-2012 and shall continue thru the fall of 2021 to provide time to transition the program to the new fare system and coordinate existing vanpool users to the new flat rate fare, with a planned effective date for the new fare structure of January 1, 2022.

Section 5. Repeal of Existing Vanpool Fare Structure. Vanpool fares adopted under Resolution 02-2012 are hereby repealed and replaced with the flat rate vanpool fare structure as set forth in "Exhibit A" of this Resolution effective January 1, 2022, unless implemented earlier as allowed under Section 2 above.


ADOPTED: This 15th day of September 2021.

INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Carolyn Cox, Chair

ATTEST:



Pat Messmer
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Jeff Myers

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EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED VANPOOL FARE STRUCTURE

Daily Round Trip Miles	Monthly Fare
0-25	\$25
26-50	\$50
51-75	\$75
76-100	\$100
101-125	\$125
126-150	\$150
151-175	\$175
176-200	\$200
Daily Trip Fare	\$10



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