

RESOLUTION R-14-087

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT BUS FARES; RESCINDING RESOLUTION R-11-157 AND ANY OTHER PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT BUS FARES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 125.01, Florida Statutes, and Manatee County Ordinance 74-6 authorize the Board of County Commissioners to establish public transportation systems within the territorial confines of Manatee County, including the establishment of fares; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the County to promote transit usage in order to afford greater accessibility and mobility for the general public, relieve increasing traffic congestion, support fuel-efficient transportation, and enhance the economic development of the County; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT), has already conducted several public workshops to review the proposed fare structure and receive public feedback; and

WHEREAS, Federal Transit Administration regulations require the County to hold a public hearing only when significant modifications to the basic fare structure or service levels is planned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioner of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. Existing Fixed Route Transit Bus Fares currently in effect per Resolution R-11-157 shall be rescinded. However, the Senior (80 or older) no charge fare and Regional Bus Pass (R Card) rates will remain unchanged.

2. Effective October 6, 2014, the new Fixed and "Flex" Route fare structure will be:

• Basic Cash Fare (Adults)	\$1.50
• Disabled/Seniors/Military/Students	\$0.75
• Children (6 years and older)	\$0.75
• Children (5 years and younger)	No Charge
• Transfers (one way)	Eliminated
• Senior (80 years or older)	No Charge
• M Card: 31 Day Unlimited Ride Regular Pass	\$40.00
• M Card: 31 Day Unlimited Ride Discount Pass (Disabled/Seniors/Military/Students)	\$20.00
• M Card: 7 Day Unlimited Ride Regular Pass	\$12.00
• M Card: 7 Day Unlimited Ride Discount Pass (Disabled/Seniors/Military/Students)	\$6.00
• M Card: Unlimited Ride Regular Day Pass	\$4.00
• M Card: Unlimited Ride Discount Day Pass (Disabled/Seniors/Military/Students)	\$2.00
• R Card: 30 Day Unlimited Ride Regular Pass	\$60.00
• R Card: 30 Day Unlimited Ride Discount Pass (Disabled/Seniors/Military/Students)	\$30.00

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3. Special activities, promotional or seasonal events, shuttle service, special services purchased through MCAT's M Card system, or other miscellaneous service are an integral part of Manatee County Area Transit's strategic marketing plan. Fare box rates for such activities will be established by the Public Works Director or designee, as deemed appropriate, for each respective event or activity.

4. Non-profit social service and government agencies can buy regular bus passes in bulk at discounted rates. A 10% discount for a minimum purchase of 200 bus passes is hereby established, with a 15% discount for bulk purchases of 500 or more.

5. MCAT will honor SCAT bus passes irrespective of where a passenger boards on the Route 99 and Long Boat Key Trolley Routes to better facilitate inter-system connectivity and Regional travel.

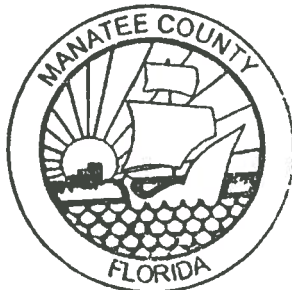
6. Two-Ride agency bus passes will continue to be provided for select non-profit agencies (current users in the last 12 months). The Public Works Director or designee will establish eligibility for these passes and annual prices. No bulk discount is available for this bus pass.

7. The Public Works Director or designee can disburse no more than 3,000 Transit day passes per year to enhance current Transit marketing efforts. The day passes will highlight the total capabilities of the bus system and network. A comprehensive review and assessment of all Transit bus fares will be conducted, and a full report and recommendation will be provided to the Board of County Commissioners on an as-needed basis.

8. This Resolution, following the adoption of this Resolution, shall become effective on October 6, 2014.

9. At such time as the fares provided herein become effective, Manatee County Resolution R-11-157, and any other previously adopted Resolution establishing Fixed Route Transit Bus Fares, shall be rescinded in their entirety.

Adopted, with a quorum present and voting, this 17th day of June, 2014.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By Larry Bustle
Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: R.B. Shore
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk