

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc.
August 21, 2019 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
3:00pm – TCAT Large Conference Room
737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY

Attendees

Board Members: Bridgette Brady; Deborah Dawson; Laura Lewis; Ducson Nguyen (via phone); Frank Proto; Denise Thompson (via phone)

Absent: Jennifer Dotson; Dan Klein; Gary Stewart

Staff Attendees: Susan Brock; Megan Pulver; Pamela Torelli; Scot Vanderpool; Matt Yarrow

Call to Order

Chairperson Ducson Nguyen called the meeting to order at 3:09pm.

Action Items

Resolution 2019-11 – Increase Outbound Single Ride Cash Fare for Zone 2 Boardings was presented. Moved by D. Dawson and seconded by F. Proto. A friendly amendment was made to revise the last Whereas clause to state that no public comments were received. The resolution as amended was approved by a vote of 6-0-0 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2019-11
INCREASE OUTBOUND SINGLE RIDE CASH FARE FOR ZONE 2 BOARDINGS

WHEREAS, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT) is taking steps to eliminate the Zone 2 fare so all single ride cash fares for trips within the system cost the same regardless of boarding or destination locations; and

WHEREAS, at its June 27, 2019 meeting, the TCAT Board of Directors approved elimination of the Zone 2 inbound fare and approved a single ride cash fare structure for all inbound trips and all outbound trips except those originating in Zone 2, with the changes effective August 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this action reduced the inbound cash fare for Zone 2 boardings from \$2.50 to \$1.50 (adult) and from \$1.25 to \$0.75 (youth and half-fare); and

WHEREAS, the outbound cash fare for trips originating in Zone 1 has been the same regardless of destination in Zone 1 or 2, so no changes have been proposed to that fare structure; and

WHEREAS, due to the decrease in Zone 2 inbound fares, the minimal number of outbound riders whose trips originate in Zone 2, and TCAT's desire to simplify its fare structure, TCAT has been considering whether to treat all outbound trips the same; this would increase the outbound single ride cash fare for trips originating in current Zone 2 as described below; and

WHEREAS, at its June 27, 2019 meeting, the TCAT Board of Directors established a 30-day public comment period and set a public hearing for July 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm, to hear all persons concerning a proposed increase in the outbound single ride cash fare for trips originating in current Zone 2 from \$0 to \$1.50 (adult) and from \$0 to \$.075 (youth and half-fare); and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2019, TCAT posted notices of the public hearing and public comment period in all buses and in key bus shelters; and

WHEREAS, on and after July 5, 2019, TCAT publicized the public hearing and public comment period via a press release issued to local media outlets, and on its website and social media platforms; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2019, a legal notice of the public hearing and the public comment period was advertised in the Ithaca Journal; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held on the specified date and time in the large conference room in TCAT's facility at 737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, New York, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to the proposed fare increase; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period closed 30 days after TCAT's public notice ran in the Ithaca Journal; and

WHEREAS, TCAT received no public comments on this matter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the TCAT Board of Directors approves the proposed increase in the outbound single ride cash fare for trips originating in current Zone 2, effective August 25, 2019, so that the following single ride cash fare structure will exist for all inbound trips and for all outbound trips, effective August 25, 2019:

Adult (ages 18-59).....	\$1.50
Youth (ages 6-17)	\$0.75
Child (5 and under)	Free
Half-fare (seniors age 60+).....	\$0.75
Half-fare Medicare / persons w/ disability	\$0.75

Next meeting: 4:00pm, September 26, 2019

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by F. Proto, seconded by L. Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Pamela Torelli, Recording Secretary, September 26, 2019.