



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED FARE RATE STRUCTURE FOR CAPITAL METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SERVICES

WHEREAS the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) provides an integral transit service within the agency's jurisdiction with an average 130,000 boardings weekly; and

WHEREAS Capital Metro is primarily funded through a one percent sales tax collected within the boundaries of the agency's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Capital Metro provides 1.32 service hours per capita compared to 1.09 among Texas transit agencies and 1.28 among peer agencies nationwide; and

WHEREAS Capital Metro ridership per capita is 35.79 compared to 29.01 among Texas transit agencies and 35.38 among peer agencies nationwide; and

WHEREAS the base fare to ride a Capital Metro bus is 50 cents, the same charge as when the organization was created in 1985; and

WHEREAS the average subsidy per Capital Metro passenger is \$3.30 compared to \$2.97 among Texas transit agencies and \$3.31 among peer agencies nationwide; and

WHEREAS the Capital Metro monthly pass is \$10, a 50 percent discount, compared to an average of \$35 among Texas transit agencies and \$43.83 among peer agencies nationwide, representing slightly more than a 18 percent discount; and

WHEREAS Capital Metro provides free service to seniors and persons with disabilities compared to 43.3 percent and 30.80 percent among Texas transit agencies and 45 percent and 37.30 percent among peer agencies nationwide.

WHEREAS Capital Metro is considering changes to the fare structure:

- increase in the base fare to 75 cents
- reduce the monthly fare discount to 40 percent
- charge 50 percent fare to seniors, persons with disabilities (other than ADA qualifying), students under 18 years and active duty and reserve military personnel (unless in uniform)
- adjust base fare to \$1.00 with proportional increases to other fares in fiscal year 2011; and

WHEREAS Capital Metro is considering two possible fare structures for the new MetroRail and the existing express bus services:

- one fare rate to ride MetroRail or the express bus regardless of the distance or
- a zoned fare system in which riders would pay a higher fare to travel between zones along the route than solely within a zone; and

WHEREAS public input on the proposal is integral to the approval process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports the proposed increased fare schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Austin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports a tiered fare structure for MetroRail and express bus services.

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2008 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.



JOE E. HOLT
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