

## **SOUND TRANSIT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. R99-2-2**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority superseding Resolution No. R99-2-1, Sound Transit's Fare Policy.

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority ("Sound Transit") has been created for the Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 1996, Central Puget Sound area voters approved local funding for Sound Move, the ten-year plan for regional high-capacity transit in the Central Puget Sound region; and

WHEREAS, Sound Move calls for "seamless system" through development of a uniform single ticket fare system among local and regional transit providers and development of an integrated fare policy for the entire public transit network; and

WHEREAS, Sound Move further identifies revenue forecasts and operating costs to determine farebox recovery ratio; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified the components of a "seamless system" as comprised of integrated fare policy; service integration, and common fare media; and

WHEREAS, Community Transit, Everett Transit, King County Metro, Pierce Transit and Sound Transit have adopted a Fare Integration Framework establishing a series of regional passes for use on all transit services within the Sound Transit district; and

WHEREAS, an extensive public review process was conducted throughout the Sound Transit district including outreach to subarea groups and individuals at park and ride lots, transit centers, and malls; displays at employer locations and malls; and three public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Sound Transit desires to establish a fare policy and pricing of fares for regional express bus services and commuter rail services which will begin operations in 1999; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 81.112.210 -.230 Sound Transit is authorized to implement a proof of payment system for persons traveling on Sound Transit trains and to establish, by resolution, a schedule of fines and penalties for civil infractions for non-payment of fares and to establish a proof of payment system providing for monitoring fare payment; and

WHEREAS, the fare policy builds from, and is consistent with, the fare integration framework adopted by all of the transit agencies, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R99-2-1 established a fare policy and system of basic rates for Sound Transit public transportation services, and a proof of payment system for monitoring fare payment schedule of fines and penalties for civil infractions for non-payment of fares on Sound Transit rail services effective with the commencement of Regional Express bus service and Sounder Commuter Rail service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority hereby supersedes Resolution No. R99-2-1, Sound Transit's Fare Policy as follows:

- A. Zone Boundaries – Exhibit A (revised May 29, 2002) attached to this Resolution.
- B. Adult cash and pass fares – Exhibit B attached to this Resolution.
- C. Reduced fares – Exhibit B and as provided below
  - a) Children age 5 and under: ride free with an accompanying fare paying passenger.
  - b) Youth: age 6 to 18, or older of attending senior high school.
  - c) Senior/Disabled – age 65 or older, or qualifying disability with a valid Regional Reduced Fare Permit.
- D. Transfers
  - a) Transfers between Sound Transit and other agencies will be governed by separate regional fare integration agreements to be established between transit agencies connecting with Sound Transit.
  - b) The Executive Director is authorized to establish a transfer system for Sound Transit routes. Such a system shall allow passengers to continue a trip by transferring to a Sound Transit bus or train and receive credit for the first fare paid. The fare system will specify a time limit for such transfers.

E. Ride Free Zones

- a) The Executive Director is authorized to establish ride-free zones ensuring a safe, secure, and convenient trip for customers given one or all of the following conditions:
- Cost of fare collection is greater than the revenue to be collected, or
  - Sound Transit will provide a minimal amount of total service through an existing ride free zone, or
  - Local jurisdictions and Sound Transit work out an agreement to cover lost revenue.

F. Employer/Institutional Programs

- a) The Executive Director is authorized to establish discounts for individual corporations, institutions, or mass purchases of passes when deemed to be in the interest of Sound Transit, subject to the following criteria:
- Up to a 20% discount could be offered to employers/institutions who provide a 50% or greater subsidy of pass purchases.
  - Employers/Institutions could provide passes to all their employees or students at a price no lower than the fare revenue that would be expected from their transit users if the employer did not subsidize pass purchases.

G. Special Fares


- a) The Executive Director is authorized to establish special rates and procedures for promotional and marketing campaigns that occur from time to time.

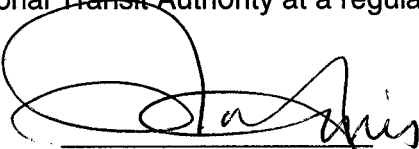
H. Proof of Payment System

- a) Sound Transit shall use a proof-of-payment system for Sound Transit rail services. The legislature granted Sound Transit the authority to implement this barrier free rail system in RCW 81.112.210 - .230. The statute specifically authorizes the Board to establish, by resolution, a schedule of fines and penalties for non-payment of fare, and to establish a proof of payment system providing for monitoring fare payment.
- b) Pursuant to applicable law, a schedule of fines and penalties for civil infractions is established as set forth in Exhibit C.
- c) The Executive Director is authorized establish procedures for implementation of a proof-of-payment system for Sound Transit rail services and take other action as necessary to provide for enforcement of fare payment and issuance of citations consistent with this policy and applicable law.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

ATTEST:

  
Marcia Walker  
Board Administrator

  
Ron Sims  
Board Chair