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FARE POLICY

Effective Date: These rates and rules will take effect no sooner than January 1st, 2020. After January 1st, the Executive Director is authorized to introduce rates and rules as soon as systems are in place to support them.

Applicability: This Policy applies to all Skagit Transit Fixed Routes, Route Deviated Service, and Paratransit services. It also includes a separate consideration for special service applications, which will be studied and rates applied on a case-by-case basis.

Fixed Route Fare Structure and Policies

Local Fixed Route Fare Structure:

	REGULAR	YOUTH/ JOVENS	REDUCED/ REDUCIDO
Standard Fare Boleto estandar	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50
Free Transfers will be eliminated			
CURRENT One Day Pass (local routes including 40X) Pasa de un dia (local y 40X)	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
PROPOSED One Day Pass (local routes including 40X) Pasa de un dia (local y 40X)	\$3.00	\$1.50	\$1.50
CURRENT 31-Day Pass (local routes including 40X) Pasa de 31 dias (local y 40X)	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$12.50
PROPOSED 31-Day Pass (local routes including 40X) Pasa de 31 dias (local y 40X)	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
CURRENT Quarterly Pass for students at Skagit Valley College	\$25.00		
PROPOSED Quarterly Pass for students at Skagit Valley College	\$30.00		
PROPOSED NEW FARE TYPE Youth Summer Pass valid for June, July, and August only	\$15.00		

County Connector Fixed Route Fare Structure: NO CHANGES PROPOSED

	REGULAR	YOUTH/ JOVENS	REDUCED/ REDUCIDO
Standard Fare 80X and 90X Boleto estandar 80X y 90X	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Skagit-Whatcom One Day Pass (80X and all Skagit Transit & WTA routes) Pase por un dia Skagit-Whatcom (local Skagit Transit y WTA riytas 80X)	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$3.00
County Connector 31-Day Pass (80X, 90X and all Skagit Transit & WTA routes) Pase conector de 31 dias del condado (80X, 90X, y localSkagit Transit y WTA rutas)	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

Fixed Route Fare Policies

General Provisions:

- Except as described in this Fare Policy or as later provided by the Board of Directors, there shall be no reductions in fares.
- Except for those passes issued by WTA for Route 80X service and included in the inter-local agreement between Skagit Transit and WTA, passes from other transit systems will not be honored for transportation aboard Skagit Transit Fixed Route service unless authorized by the Skagit Transit Executive Director.
- Individual agreements to provide student passes can be entered into at a reduced rate with Skagit Valley College.

Reduced Fare:

In fulfillment of 49 USC Chapter 53, Federal Transit Laws, Skagit Transit shall offer one-half regular fare rates for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, or an individual presenting a Medicare card. This discount shall only apply to Fixed Route services.

Eligibility:

- 65 years or older
- Has an eligible disability
- Has a Regional Reduced Fare Permit or a Skagit Transit Reduced Fare Permit
- Has a Medicare card

Fare Structure Categories:

- Children 7 years of age and under will ride for free when accompanied by a fare-paying passenger.
- People 8 years of age and older shall pay the appropriate fare on all regular Skagit Transit services.
- Youth fares are for those people who are between 8 and 17 years of age or high school students with possession of a valid high school identification card.
- Eligible employees of Skagit Transit will ride for free when they are in company uniform or present an employee pass.
- Personal Care Attendants (PCA) who accompany disabled individuals who cannot otherwise travel alone shall not be charged a fare. Only 1 person may receive a free ride as a PCA at a time.
- For a period of not less than 6 months from the date the fares in the this policy are enacted, any person who is eligible to ride Skagit Transit's paratransit service shall ride Skagit Transit's local fixed route service (including the 40X) fare free. This policy shall be terminated at the discretion of the Skagit Transit Executive Director. Thereafter, these clients would qualify for the standard reduced fare on Fixed Route.

Special Fare Pass Considerations:

The Board of Directors can determine that an agency or institution can qualify for reduced fare passes that would not normally qualify under the Reduced Fare Policy. In determining this, the Board shall use the following criteria:

1. 100% federally funded institution.
2. Providing services to the low-income segment of the population.
3. Providing services and vocational training to youth under 24 years of age at no cost to the individual.
4. Providing a public service by returning services performed by the individuals to the local community.

The Board shall determine which agency or institution can enter into a contract with Skagit Transit to purchase reduced fare passes for their clients. These contracts shall restrict distribution of passes purchased under the contract to only clients of the agency or institution. Payment for passes shall be made at the time of purchase via check, authorized purchase order or voucher.

Fare Methods of Payment:

- Cash in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills
- Coin in denominations of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00
- Prepaid value added cards
- Local 1-day and 31-day passes (not valid as partial or full fare on the 80X)
- Special Event or Promotional Passes
- Employee ID
- Special use group pass

- Skagit Valley College student identification with current quarter sticker
- Valid swipe/flash of any student ID card or other valid fare instrument covered under the Skagit Transit-WTA Interlocal Agreement regarding the Route 80X.
- Cash, the 31-Day County Connector Pass, the 1-day Skagit-Whatcom Pass, or a valid Skagit Valley College or Western Washington University ID are the only valid forms of payment on the Route 80X.
- Any electronic fare medium that is operating under a contract awarded by Skagit Transit shall be accepted as payment in lieu of cash or other forms of payment.
- Credit cards can be used at Skagit Station, Skagit Transit's business office, or online thru the agency website

Fare Refunds:

Refunds are only available to remedy problems with fare cards or with electronic payment systems unless otherwise approved by a manager. Lost, damaged, stolen or expired cards will not be replaced. Paper fare cards expire One Year from the date issued.

Paratransit Fare Structure and Policies

Paratransit Fare Structure:

REGULAR	
Paratransit is currently FREE. Skagit Transit is proposing to start charging at the fare the rates below-	
Standard Fare Boleto estandar	\$2.00
Multi-Ride Punch Card for 10 Rides Tarjeta perforada multi-paseo para 10 viajes	\$20.00
31-Day Pass Pasa de 31 dias	\$60.00

Paratransit Fare Policies

General Provisions:

- Except as described in this Fare Policy or as later provided by the Board of Directors, there shall be no reductions in Paratransit fares.
- Passes from other transit systems will not be honored for transportation aboard Skagit Transit Paratransit service unless authorized by the Executive Director.
- Upon enactment of this policy, Skagit Transit shall offer a 10-ride punch card for sale to clients of the paratransit service. After the policy has been enacted for 6 months, the

Skagit Transit Executive Director is authorized to offer different types of multi ride punch cards as necessary to meet the needs of operating the paratransit service at their discretion. These punch cards may be a physical card or an electronic medium. The punch cards will only be valid for the paratransit service.

- Skagit Transit will offer a grace period for six (6) months upon enacting this fare policy. Some clients may board the paratransit service unaware that they do not possess the correct fare to ride. Anyone not possessing the appropriate fare will be provided with a ride. Skagit Transit staff will communicate with the client and any caregiver or guardian of that client about the need to pay the appropriate fare on future rides.
- Monthly passes for paratransit service will not be sold onboard the vehicles by the vehicle operators.
- Exact change is required as vehicle operators cannot make change.

Fare Methods of Payment:

- Cash in denominations of \$1 or \$2 bills
- Coin in denominations of 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00
- Multi-Ride punch cards
- 31-day passes
- Special Event or Promotional Passes
- Employee ID
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