

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Grove Commuter Shuttle Bus Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Resolution ✓ Ordinance Motion Discussion Only 	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A resolution and ordinance have been prepared to authorize the following:

- Direct the Village Manager and Village Attorney to execute Federal Transit Administration (FTA) mandated Certifications and Assurances for 2008; and
- Amend the official Village Policy regarding the rates to be charged for the Village bus system.

These items are a requirement of the Village's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Vehicle Lease with Pace.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2006-2011 identified *Exceptional Municipal Organization*. The Vision for 2021 identified that *Convenient Access to the Chicagoland Region* means a *Commuter Friendly Community*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The financial impact will be minimal. Staff is not aware of any current riders who meet the qualifications for senior (age 65 or older) or disabled.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the March 11, 2008 Workshop. As a component of the Village's grant agreement with PACE for the purchase of new buses for the Grove Commuter Shuttle Service, Downers Grove agreed to sign the Certifications and Assurances annually as required by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Master Agreement and the Village's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PACE. This will be the second year in which the Village will be required to sign the Certifications and Assurances agreement with PACE for the bus lease program. However, the Village has signed several similar provisions with PACE for other transit services in the past. Failure to sign any Certifications and Assurances as long as the Village is receiving grant funds from the Federal Transit Authority will result in the contract for the buses being null and void.

Staff recommends approval on the March 18, 2008 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

In February 2007, the Village entered into an agreement with Pace for the purchase of new buses for the Grove Commuter Shuttle service. As a component of this agreement, Downers Grove agreed to sign the Certifications and Assurances annually as required by the FTA Master Agreement. Failure to sign any Certifications will result in the contract being null and void. Downers Grove also agreed that by signing said required Certifications and Assurances that it will comply with all provisions for the life of the vehicles and the term of the agreement.

The Village is also required to change the fare structure for the bus service to comply with half fare requirements for handicapped individuals in accordance with Section 36c of FTA's Master Agreement. Additionally, Illinois Public Act 95-07078 (the new transit funding package) mandates that senior citizens (aged 65 and older) ride free. These changes to the fare structure must be implemented before the new buses are put in service.

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Manager **DATE:** March 18, 2008
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE BUS SYSTEM", as presented.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of this ordinance will amend rates charged for service on the Downers Grove bus system.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:



Village of Downers Grove

Official Village Policy Approved by Village Council

Description:	Rates to be Charged for Service for the Village of Downers Grove Bus System	
Res. or Ord. #:	_____	Effective Date: 03/18/08
Category:	Legislative and General Management	
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Council Policy	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Previous Policy Dated:	12/9/96, 7/20/98, and 6/1/03; 06/15/04
	Description of Previous Policy (if different from above):	
	Rates for Services of Village of Downers Grove Bus System	

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SERVICE FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE BUS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has established a bus transportation system to provide services for Village residents and others in the form of set routes and charter service; and,

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove to operate such transportation system of the Village as a self-supported enterprise; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council adopted Ordinance No. 4501 on July 20, 1998 establishing new rates for such transportation service; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to amend the rates for charter service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That rates are hereby set for the Downers Grove transportation system as follows:

1. *Commuter Service (Effective July 1, 2004)*
 - A. Monthly \$45.00
 - B. 12 Ride Tickets..... \$18.00
 - C. Single Ride Tickets \$2.00

2. *Bristol Club Route (Effective July 1, 2004)*
 - A. Hourly \$ 43.60

3. *Commuter Service for Seniors.* Pursuant to 70 ILCS 3615/3A-15, those persons sixty –five (65) years of age and over and possessing an RTA Reduced Senior Fare Card shall ride free on fixed bus routes provided by the Downers Grove bus system.
4. *Half-Fare Requirements.* Elderly individuals and disabled individuals possessing a Medicare Card shall pay one-half the rate of a single ride, or one dollar (\$1.00) during non-peak hours.

SECTION 2. The RTA Reduced Senior Fare Card is currently issued to people sixty-five (65) years of age and over. This card enables them to use all Metra, CTA and PACE services at a reduced rate.

The RTA Reduced Senior Fare Card is currently available at the following locations:

Downers Grove Township
4340 Prince Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630)968-6408

Downers Grove Park District
935 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 963-1314

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law .

Ronald L. Sandack, Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: April K. Holden, Village Clerk

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