

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Fee Schedule Amendment – Apple Country Public Transit Fares

PRESENTER: Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Amended Fee Schedule for Transit Fares

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Apple Country Public Transit offers free fares to all Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) students and staff. However, students who physically attend BRCC are not eligible for this fare rate as they are technically Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS) students. To eliminate this issue and offer this benefit to a broader range of students, the Planning Department proposes amending the fee schedule to include HCPS students in the free fare category.

This amendment will hardly affect the system's bottom line, but it will make a difference in the lives of individuals who are transportation insecure. Children under the age of thirteen already ride for free when accompanied by a paying adult. This change in fare structure will allow more students to get to their destinations without being a cost burden.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the attached fee schedule as presented.

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve the proposed fee schedule as presented.

PUBLIC TRANSIT	
Item	FY25 Fee
Fixed Route Fare - Single Trip	\$0.75
Paratransit Fare - Single Trip	\$1.50
Discount Cash Fare for Elderly, Medicare, and Persons with Disabilities	\$0.35
Children under 12	Free
Blue Ridge Community College Student or Staff	Free
Henderson County Public School Student	Free
Ticket Booklet (20 tickets)	\$10.00
Monthly Pass (Unlimited ridership)	\$15.00