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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE revising the administrative fee for the Regional Reduced Fare Permit, effective February 1, 1995, and authorizing the Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Puget Sound transit agencies and the Washington State Ferry System.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The administrative fee for the Regional Reduced Fare Permit for seniors and disabled persons is hereby increased from \$1.00 to \$3.00, effective February 1, 1995.

SECTION 2. The Executive or his designee is hereby authorized to execute and administer a Regional Reduced Fare Permit memorandum of understanding, substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, with Puget Sound transit agencies the Washington State Ferry System.

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Attachments: Exhibit A - Memorandum of Agreement to Implement a Regional Reduced Fare Permit for Senior and Disabled Persons

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Memo

September 16, 1994

TO:

Gary Locke

King County Executive

FROM: for

Carolyn Purnell

Deputy Executive for Metro/Executive Director

SUBJECT: Regional Reduced Fare Permit - DMS/LEG/9

The purpose of this memorandum is to obtain your approval to transmit to the Council a motion authorizing the Deputy Executive for Metro/Executive Director to execute and administer a change in the Regional Reduced Fare Permit Memorandum of Agreement with other Puget Sound transit agencies.

Background and Description:

In 1982 Metro entered into an interagency agreement with Everett Transit, Community Transit, Pierce Transit, Intercity Transit, Jefferson Transit, Kitsap Transit and the Washington State Ferry System to establish the Regional Reduced Fare Permit. The permit is available to persons who meet the eligibility criteria. Holders of the permit are entitled to the reduced fare privileges of the respective transit agencies, although time of day restrictions, transfer privileges and the cost of daily fares and monthly passes are set by the respective agencies. The transit agencies entered into this arrangement because there are mutual benefits to be derived from coordinating public transportation services between the respective systems, particularly with respect to facilitating inter-system transfers and standardizing privileges among these agencies.

Currently the permit has a one-time only administrative charge of \$1.00. When it is issued to qualifying individuals, the permit allows persons age 65 and over and people with disabilities to ride a Metro bus any time and anywhere for 25 cents each trip or buy a monthly or annual sticker for \$3.75 or \$45.00, respectively. Metro issues an average of 20,000 regional reduced fare permits annually.

Effective January 1, 1995, the proposed ordinance would increase this one-time charge to \$3.00 in order to recover some of the administrative and supply costs of issuing the permits. The updated permit will meet new Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. All permits issued in the past will remain valid.



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The Puget Sound Regional Council's Transportation Operators Committee held a public hearing on August 5, 1994 to receive comments on the proposed fee change. Four comments were received as a result of this public hearing notice. One person stated increasing the administrative fee would be difficult for persons on fixed incomes; another expressed support for continuing the permit and noted the fee is still modest; a third person indicated that non-English speaking citizens have a hard time reading/hearing notices written in English, and any fee increase would be difficult for the isolated senior/disabled population; and a fourth person inquired about the need to purchase a new permit and was advised that would not be necessary. At its meeting on August 11, 1994, the PSRC's Transportation Policy Board concurred with the proposal to increase the administrative fee for the permit and recommended the execution of the new Memorandum of Understanding between the participating agencies.

Budget:

The proposed fee change is projected to generate \$40,000 in 1995.

Approval of the requested action is granted by your signature below.

Approved:

Gary Locke

King County Executive

9-21-94

Date

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

To Implement a Regional Reduced Fare Permit for Senior and Disabled Persons

This agreement is entered into as of the 8th day of September, 1994, by and between the City of Everett, Intercity Transit Authority, Jefferson Transit Authority, King County (through its Department of Metropolitan Services), Kitsap County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority, Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority, Snohomish County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation, and Washington State Ferries; hereinafter called the "parties".

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the requirements for and implementation of the Regional Reduced Fare Permit originally established by the parties in memoranda of agreement dated May 17,1982, August 8,1984 and August 8,1987. This agreement supersedes these three prior agreements.

Section 2. Background: Federal regulations require operators of public transportation services receiving assistance under Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act to charge senior and disabled persons no more than one-half the normal peak-hour fare during off-peak hours. Further, the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) requires that a personal care attendant accompanying an A.D.A.-eligible person ride fare-free on paratransit service. The parties anticipate that A.D.A.-eligible persons will desire to ride fixed-route bus service and will encourage such usage through this agreement.

Public transportation operators must establish procedures to comply with the requirements of both Acts mentioned above, including eligibility criteria and procedures for certifying eligible persons. Without this agreement among the parties, senior and disabled persons in the Puget Sound Region would be required to apply for certification of eligibility from each of the parties where reduced fare privileges are desired; also, A.D.A.-eligible persons within the region desiring both a Regional A.D.A. Paratransit Card and Regional Reduced Fare Permit would be required to go through two separate certification processes.

The parties agree that all policies and procedures established in this agreement, including the eligibility certification, cost, and design of the Regional Reduced Fare Permit, will be adhered to by all parties. A Regional Reduced Fare Permit issued by any of the parties will be honored by all of the parties and will result in mutual benefits by facilitating interagency public transportation use by senior and disabled persons within the region.

Section 3. Definition of Terms: The following words used in this agreement shall have the meanings set forth in this section:

- a). A.D.A.-eligible: Shall mean certified under the Americans with Disabilities Act consistent with CFR 49, parts 37.123 and 37.125.
- b). Automatically Eligible: An applicant with a valid A.D.A. Paratransit Card will not be required to go through the standard eligibility certification process. The parties may require reasonable application procedures to determine validity of the A.D.A. Paratransit Card and to gather necessary information.
- c). <u>Disabled Person:</u> Shall mean any individual who, by reason of a medically determined physical or mental impairment which can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than three (3) months or to result in death, is unable without specific facilities, planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected.
- d). <u>Permanent Disability:</u> Shall mean any incapacity expected to last for the lifetime of the person affected.
- e). <u>Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Policy</u>: Shall mean certifying a disabled person as requiring another person as an aid to facilitate travel all or some of the time.
- f). Puget Sound Region: Shall mean the area included within the following Washington State counties: Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, and Thurston.
- g). Region/Regional: Shall mean pertaining to the Puget Sound Region.
- h). Regional A.D.A. Paratransit Card: Shall mean an eligibility card issued to A.D.A-eligible persons in conformance with specifications established by the Puget Sound Regional Council (see Attachment 1) within the following Washington State counties: Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, and Thurston.
- Regional Reduced Fare Permit Task Force: Shall mean a sub-committee of the Puget Sound Regional Council.
- j). Resident Agency: Shall mean the public transportation provider whose service boundaries include the person's place of residence.
- k). Senior: Shall mean persons of age 65 years and older.

- Temporary Disability: Shall mean an impairment expected to last for a
 continuous period of not less than three (3) months but not more than one (1)
 year.
- m). <u>Visitor:</u> Shall mean an applicant for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit from outside the Puget Sound Region.

Section 4. Cost of Regional Reduced Fare Permit: The cost of a temporary or permanent Regional Reduced Fare Permit shall be \$3.00. Replacement Regional Reduced Fare Permits may be issued for no more than \$3.00.

Section 5. Design of Regional Reduced Fare Permit: The Regional Reduced Fare Permit design, both permanent and temporary, shall conform to the authorized design specifications developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council. Parties will have the option of issuing one of the two new authorized designs. Parties shall accept the previous design issued prior to the date of this agreement. No party shall issue an unauthorized design, nor make changes to the authorized designs without agreement among all parties. A photo is required on all Regional Reduced Fare Permits except those issued to senior persons. (See Attachment 2.)

Section 6. Eligibility Certification: Any of the parties may certify the eligibility of applicants as either senior or disabled on behalf of all of the parties. Applicants may apply for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit, both permanent and temporary, from any of the parties.

An applicant will be certified as eligible when any one or more of the following criteria are met:

- a). The applicant provides satisfactory proof that he or she is 65 years of age or older.
- b). The applicant provides proof of current eligibility for Social Security disability benefits or current receipt of Supplemental Security Income Benefits due to a disability.
- c). The applicant provides proof of current disability certification of 40 percent or more by the Veterans Administration.
- d). The applicant presents a valid Medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration.
- e). The applicant presents a valid Regional A.D.A. Paratransit card to their agency of residence.
- f). The applicant presents a valid A.D.A. Paratransit card from outside the region

(for issuance of a Temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permit only.)

- g). The applicant obviously meets one or more of the criteria in Attachment 3.
- h.) The applicant is currently enrolled in a Washington State Individual Educational Program (IEP) (for issuance of a Temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permit only.)
- i). The applicant is certified by a Washington State-licensed physician (M.D.), psychiatrist, psychologist (Ph.D.) or audiologist (certified by the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association) as meeting the medical criteria in Attachment 3 as now existing or hereafter amended.

Parties do not have discretion to allow health care providers other than those on the approved list in Criteria i to certify applicants.

All approved health care providers certifying persons under Criteria i must provide his or her professional degree and Washington State license number as well as specify the section and subsection of the Medical Eligibility Criteria under which the applicant qualifies (see Attachment 3).

Section 7. Issuance of Permanent Regional Reduced Fare Permit:

- a). For persons who are not A.D.A.-eligible: These persons will be issued a Permanent Regional Reduced Fare Permit if they are certified as eligible under Section 6 of this agreement as having a permanent disability.
- b). For persons who have a permanent Regional A.D.A. Paratransit Card: These persons will be automatically eligible for a permanent Regional Reduced Fare Permit. However, this policy will apply only if the person applies for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit from the resident agency that issued the Regional A.D.A. Paratransit Card. As automatically eligible, these persons will not be required to go through the standard eligibility process. The parties may require reasonable application procedures to determine the validity of the Regional A.D.A. Paratransit Card and to gather necessary information.

Section 8. Issuance of Temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permit:

a). For persons residing in the region who are not A.D.A-eligible: Temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permits will be issued to persons certified as eligible under Section 6 with a temporarily disability. The temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permit will be issued for three (3) months up to and including one (1) year, and may be renewed only if the disability continues beyond that date.

- b). For persons residing in the region who have a temporary Regional A.D.A.

 Paratransit Card: These persons will be automatically eligible for a temporary
 Regional Reduced Fare Permit which will be issued with the same expiration date as
 the temporary Regional A.D.A. Paratransit Card, but will not expire prior to three (3)
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 Card extends past one (1) year. As automatically eligible, these persons will not be
 required to go through the standard eligibility process. The parties may require
 reasonable application procedures to determine the validity of the Regional A.D.A.
 Paratransit Card and to gather necessary information.
- c). For visitors (from outside the region) who have an A.D.A Paratransit Card: These persons will be automatically eligible for a temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permit, which may be issued by any of the parties for three (3) months up to and including one (1) year. The A.D.A.-eligible visitor's temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permit may be renewed upon expiration. As automatically eligible, these persons will not be required to go through the standard eligibility process. The parties may require reasonable application procedures to determine the validity of the A.D.A. Paratransit Card and to gather necessary information.
- d). For visitors (from outside the region) who are not A.D.A-eligible: These persons may apply for a temporary Regional Reduced Fare Permit which may be issued by any of the parties for three (3) months up to and including one (1) year, and may be renewed upon expiration. Applicants must be certified as eligible under Section 6 of this agreement.
- Section 9. Personal Care Attendant Policy: Applicants that require a personal care attendant (PCA) can be certified as such by the resident agency or may require certification by an approved health care provider. Persons certified for the use of a PCA will be able, at their option, to use a PCA on any system that is a party to this agreement. PCA's do not have to be certified and travel fare-free if they board and disembark at the same location as a person that is PCA-certified. PCA certification will be indicated on the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (see Attachment 2).
- Section 10. Regional Reduced Fare Permit Privileges: Each of the parties shall honor valid Regional Reduced Fare Permits issued by any of the parties. Holders of a valid Regional Reduced Fare Permit shall be entitled to the reduced fare privilege of the respective parties. This agreement does not attempt to standardize privileges among the parties. Time of day restrictions, transfer privileges, and cost of daily fares and monthly passes shall be set by the respective parties.

Section 11. Local Reduced Fare Permits (Optional): At the discretion of the parties,

local reduced fare permits for use within a party's own service area may be issued using criteria other than those established by this agreement. Such permits shall be clearly distinctive in appearance, in terms of color and design, from the Regional Reduced Fare Permit and need not be honored by any other party.

Section 12. Information-Sharing: All parties to this agreement shall share information with other parties that is necessary to implement the regional program effectively.

Section 13. Regional Coordination: All parties shall meet at least twice annually through the Puget Sound Regional Council's Regional Reduced Fare Permit Task Force which shall periodically review this agreement to discuss any necessary amendments, responsibilities among the parties, and other matters pertaining to regional implementation of the Regional Reduced Fare Permit, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Urban Mass Transit Act.

<u>Section 14. Duration:</u> This agreement shall be effective as of the date first written above and shall continue from year to year unless otherwise amended or terminated by agreement of the parties.

<u>Section 15. Amendment:</u> Amendment to this agreement may be made only by written amendment signed by all parties.

Section 16. Termination: Any party may terminate its participation in this agreement by providing all other parties with written notice at least ninety (90) days in advance of the termination date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the date and year written above.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Regional ADA Card Specifications

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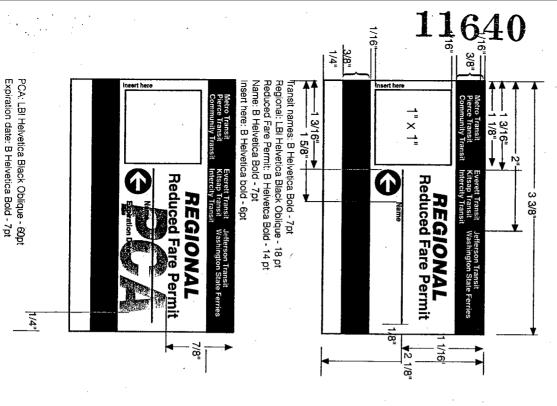
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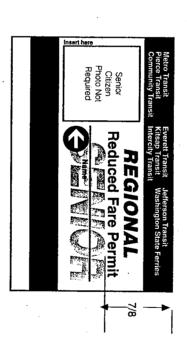
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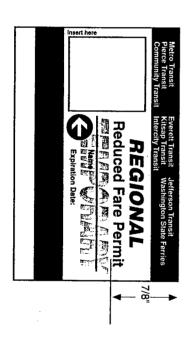


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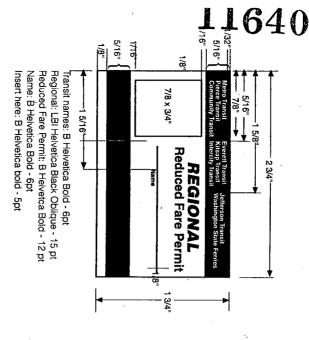
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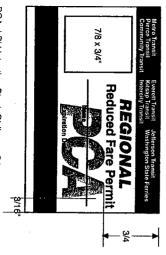
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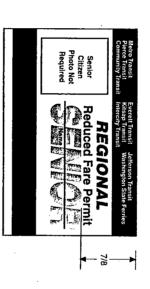
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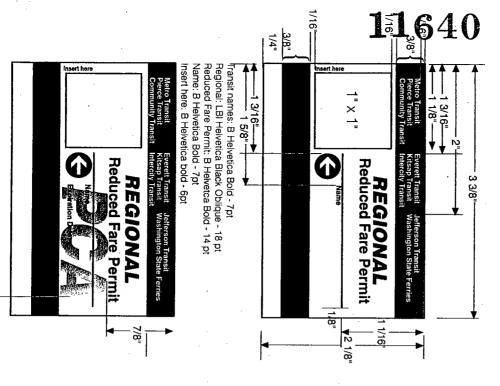
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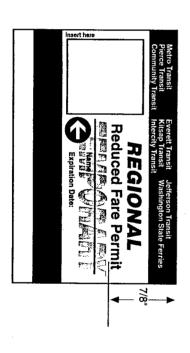


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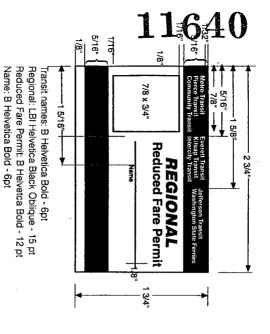
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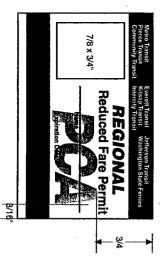
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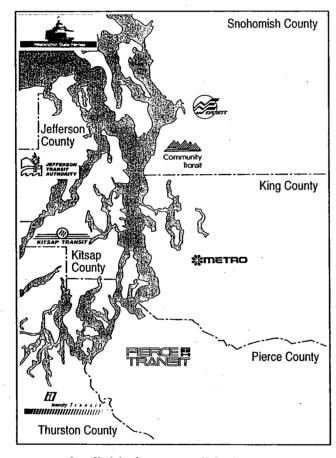
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Regional Reduced Fare Permit

For Senior And Disabled Persons

Medical Eligibility Criteria and Conditions



Available in accessible format.

Rev. August 1994

Regional Reduced Fare Permit for Senior and Disabled Persons

What is it?

The Regional Reduced Fare Permit simplifies travel for senior and disabled riders of public transportation around Puget Sound. The following public transportation systems in the Puget Sound region recognize this identification card:

- Community Transit
- **■** Everett Transit
- Intercity Transit
- Jefferson Transit
- Kitsap Transit
- Metro Transit
- Pierce Transit
- Seattle Waterfront Streetcar
- Seattle Monorail
- Washington State Ferries.

With the Regional Reduced Fare Permit, eligible persons do not need to carry more than one permit to receive reduced-fare benefits of multiple systems within the region.

Who is eligible?

Any person who presents proof of one or more of the following conditions can obtain a Regional Reduced Fare Permit:

- Is at least 65 years of age.
- Is now eligible for Social Security Disability Benefits or now receives Supplemental Security Income Benefits because of disability. (Temporary)
- Is currently certified by the Veterans Administration at a 40 percent or greater disability level.
- Has a valid Medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration. (Temporary)
- Has a valid Regional ADA Paratransit card.
- Has a valid ADA Paratransit card from outside the region. (Temporary)
- Has obvious physical impairments meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed to the right.
- Is currently enrolled in a Washington State Individual Educational Program (IEP). (Temporary)
- Is certified by a Washington State-licensed physician (M.D.), psychiatrist, psychologist (Ph.D.) or audiologist (certified by the American Speech and Hearing Association) as meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed to the right.

Where is it issued?

Any eligible person may apply for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit at the customer service offices of any of the participating transit agencies. Washington State Ferries, Seattle Waterfront Streetcar and Seattle Monorail do not issue the permits but will honor those issued by any of the other systems. Any applicant with a valid Regional ADA Paratransit card must apply to the transit agency where that person lives.

How long is it valid?

Permits issued to persons 65 or older and to persons permanently disabled will be valid indefinitely. No renewal is necessary. Persons with disabilities that will last between three months and one year may receive temporary permits. These permits, which carry an expiration date, may be renewed only if the disability continues beyond that date. Persons certified by approved health care providers as permanently disabled may receive permanent permits. Participating agencies retain the right to ask for recertification upon loss of a permit or at any other time.

What does it cost?

An individual must pay a fee of \$3 to obtain the permit. Replacement permits may be obtained from the issuing agency for \$3 or less.

How does it work?

The permit is an identification card used as proof of eligibility to pay a reduced fare. The permit has no cash value and may not be used as a transfer between systems. The permit holder must pay the amount of the reduced fare on each system used, and use of the permit is subject to any time restrictions in effect by each system.

Questions?

If you have comments or questions regarding the Regional Reduced Fare Permit, please contact your local agency. Participating agencies are listed on the last page of this brochure.

This agency reserves the right to contact your Health Care Provider for verification

perceptiveness not accounted for in prior categories HIV Disease. A person disabled by HIV disease who meets Social Security eligibility criteria or who meets Washington State (GAU/ Welfare) medical criteria.

SECTION 3. VISUAL DISABILITIES

- Persons disabled because of:
- a. Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting
- b. Contraction of visual field:

- a. Are living in a board and care home and receiving state or federal financial assistance and participate in a state or federally federal financial assistance and participate in a state of federally funded work activity center or workshop.

 Are living at home under supervision and participation in a state
- or federally funded state or federal work activity center or
- c. Are participating in any training or rehabilitation program established under federal, state, county or city governmental



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