



(DOT) Transit Half-Fare Policy

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1. PURPOSE

The Half-Fare Policy was developed to meet Federal requirements. As required by Section 5(m) of the Federal Transit Act, during off-peak hours, Elderly and Persons with disabilities must not be charged more than one-half of the base fare charged others during peak periods. Section 9(e)(3)(D) of the Federal Transit Act requires that the half-fare requirement be applied to holders of Medicare cards issued pursuant to Title II or XVIII of the Social Security Act.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all County agencies, elected offices, departments, full-time, part-time and non-employees (temporary employees, volunteers, service providers, vendors, contractors, and any other entities) engaged in activities related to fare collection and sales for county's transit system. If you have questions regarding this policy, contact the Transit Division Manager.

3. GOVERNING LAWS, REGULATIONS & STANDARDS

Guidance	Section
Georgia Open Records Act	O.C.G.A. 50-18-70, et Seq.
Federal Transit Administration	49 CFR Section 609 and appendix
Georgia Archives as adopted by County Code	https://www.georgiaarchives.org/records/retention_schedules
And all other applicable laws and regulations	

4. DEFINITIONS

- **Elderly** – persons aged 65 and over
- **Persons with disabilities** - persons who by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary disability, including any person who is wheelchair bound or has semi-ambulatory capabilities, is unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize public transportation and service effectively.
- **Off Peak Hours** – Weekdays 9:00am -4:00pm or after 7:00 pm. Saturdays all day
- **Peak Hours** – Weekdays 5:00am-9:00 am, 4:00pm – 7:00pm



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5. POLICY

During off peak hours, CCT will charge Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, and holders of Medicare cards a fare not to exceed one-half of the regular adult fare charged during peak periods.

APPLICABILITY

Elderly, Disabled, Medicare Card Holders

FARES

Not to exceed one-half of the regular adult fare charged during peak periods

FARE CATEGORIES

Single Ride, Multiple Tickets, Monthly Passes

SERVICE CATEGORIES

Local Fixed Route

Note: Half-fare not applicable to express or paratransit service

6. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this policy must be justified and approved in advance. The County may deviate from the policy when written justification is provided to the BOC by the DOT Director.

REVISION HISTORY

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	4/27/2006		Board directed during work session for DOT to remove all restrictions to encourage senior ridership
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