

RESOLUTION NO. 24-46

A RESOLUTION OF KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING ROUTINE CLARIFICATION AND INCREASES TO KITSAP
TRANSIT'S FARE STRUCTURE FOR THE CROSS-SOUND PASSENGER-ONLY
FERRY FARES, RAISING PARKING FEES AT THE ANNAPOLIS FERRY
TERMINAL AND PARKING FINES SYSTEM WIDE

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the voters of Kitsap County approved a ballot measure to fund Cross-Sound Passenger-Only Ferry (POF) service; and

WHEREAS, staff developed a fare structure for the Cross-Sound POF service which included a single-ride rate of two dollars (\$2.00) eastbound and ten dollars (\$10.00) westbound, with reduced fare rates of one dollar (\$1.00) and five dollars (\$5.00) respectively, and a monthly pass rate of one hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$168.00) with a reduced rate of eighty-four dollars (\$84.00); and

WHEREAS, Kitsap Transit is raising its original base POF fares in response to recent, ongoing inflationary conditions and growing urgency to preserve the long-term sustainability of the Marine Services fleet and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the attached policy includes a new fare structure for the Cross-Sound POF service which includes a single-ride rate of two dollars (\$2.00) eastbound and twelve dollars (\$12.00) westbound effective October 1, 2024. Effective October 1, 2025, single ride rates will be two dollars (\$2.00) eastbound and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) westbound; and

WHEREAS, reduced fare rates attributable to the new base rates will be one dollar (\$1.00) and six dollars (\$6.00) effective October 1, 2024, for eastbound and westbound trips, respectively. Effective October 1, 2025, reduced fare rates will be one dollar (\$1.00) and six dollars fifty cents (\$6.50) for eastbound and westbound trips, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the new fare structure also includes elimination of the Kitsap Transit Bus and Fast Ferry Combo Pass; offering Cross-Sound POF passholders fare-free rides on Kitsap Transit Local Foot Ferry, Routed, and On-Demand/Dial-A-Ride services for the month their Fast Ferry pass is valid; and

WHEREAS, the attached policy includes an increase of daily parking fees from five dollars (\$5.00) a day to seven dollars (\$7.00) and a monthly increase from eighty dollars (\$80.00) to one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) at the Annapolis Ferry Terminal to align parking fees with market rates in Port Orchard and to promote carpooling; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of attracting new ridership, relieving congestion, developing marketing strategies, testing prices on experimental service, and implementing other special events, programs or promotions, the Executive Director may temporarily waive, discount or increase fare, ticket and pass prices; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director is authorized to suspend fares at such time an emergency is determined to exist; and

WHEREAS, public notices were published announcing a public comment period from May 16, 2024, through the close of the Public Hearing on July 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap Transit conducted a Title VI review in accordance with Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1B Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients; and

WHEREAS, the Title VI review in accordance with Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1B Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients found no major service change finding according to agency's threshold found in the 2022-2024 Title VI Program Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the implementation of the attached Kitsap Transit Fare Policy structure

including routine clarification and increases to the Cross-Sound Passenger-Only Ferry fares, an increase of daily parking fees, and fines.

ADOPTED by the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of July, 2024.

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Greg Wheeler, Chairperson

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