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Policy Title: Transit Fare Modification Policy	Department: Transit

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires all recipients of federal transit funds to adopt a policy for soliciting public comment prior to a fare increase being implemented. The objective of the policy is to establish mass transit fare guidelines and to give the public sufficient notice to learn about and to comment on fare increases.

Fare Increases

Proposed fare increases will be presented to the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners for consideration prior to the Board authorizing the commencement of a public comment period. Once the Board of County Commissioners has authorized the public comment process to begin, the Transit Division will begin a minimum public comment period of thirty (30) days.

The public comment period will start on the day a public notice of a proposed fare increase is advertised in the newspaper. The public notice will include information on proposed action, the address where public comments can be sent, and the date and time of the public hearing. Information concerning the public notice will also be posted on TheBus website (www.HernandoBus.com). Other available means of public notice shall include posting notices on transit vehicles to communicate the proposal with the public.

A summary of public comments will be maintained by the Transit Division and provided for the public and the Board of County Commissioners to review. Upon completion of the public comment period, an advertised public hearing will be scheduled before the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners for final action. Once final action has occurred, the Fare Policy will be updated consistent with the final action of the Board.

Fare Structure (As of 7/12/2022)

FIXED ROUTE		
1-Way pass	Regular	\$1.25
	Reduced*	\$0.60
1-Day pass	Regular	\$3.00
	Reduced*	\$1.50
31-day pass	Regular	\$30.00
	Reduced	\$15.00
Student Summer Pass	May 15 – August 31	\$30.00
Children (ages 6 and under)		Free
ADA Eligible**		Free
Flamingo Card (reloadable)		\$3.00
DEMAND RESPONSE		
One way fare		\$2.50

* Reduced fare is for qualified individuals

** Riders must present their ADA Eligibility Card upon boarding

Fixed route riders have the choice to use cash, use a Flamingo Smartcard, the Flamingo App or an open payment method to pay fares upon boarding.

Demand Response riders may pay by cash or pre-paid fare upon boarding. Exact change is necessary if paying by cash.

Flamingo Cards are sold at the County Libraries (Main, West Hernando Branch and Spring Hill Branch), Pasco-Hernando State College Bookstores, and TheBus Operations Facility. These locations will accept cash, money order or credit cards. No personal checks will be accepted. Other point of sale locations may be added as appropriate.