

EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 21-17

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATING THE FARE STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) Board desires to revise the Basic and Discount Fares to generate revenues to fund operating costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (EL DORADO TRANSIT) AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, this Resolution shall become effective on ~~August 6, 2021~~ May 1, 2024 and as of such date, the El Dorado Transit Fare Structure shall be as hereinafter set forth.

I. PURPOSE, SCOPE AND AUTHORITY OF ADOPTED FARE RESOLUTION

A. Authority to Fix Rates and Charges

The Governing Board of El Dorado Transit is authorized to fix the rates and charges for all transit services. (PUC § 102285 and PUC § 99268)

B. Passenger Service Covered By Fare Structure

El Dorado Transit may provide transit service for the transportation of passengers and their baggage by any means, both within and outside the El Dorado Transit boundaries. (PUC § 102280) This Fare Structure pertains to all El Dorado Transit services.

C. Fare Evasion

Evasion of the payment of any fares; or, the misuse of passes, or tickets, with the intent to evade the payment of fares is an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed the maximum punishment allowed by law. (Penal Code § 640)

II. FARE STRUCTURE DEFINITIONS

A. Authorized Employee

“Authorized Employee” means those persons authorized by Executive Director to issue temporary passes.

B. Business Day

“Business Day” means a weekday which is not a national or state holiday observed by either the United States, the State of California, El Dorado County, County of Sacramento, or the City of Sacramento.

C. Child

“Child” means a person who has not yet reached his or her sixth (6th) birthday.

D. Complementary Paratransit

Method allowed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for the transit operator to provide Demand Response (Dial-a-Ride) during fixed route service hours upon request.

E. Daily Pass

“Daily Pass” means either an El Dorado Transit issued card or ticket or other approved card to which a specified service date or stamp is affixed on the card by El Dorado Transit.

F. Disabled

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual. Major life activities include caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working. Proof of disability may be established upon boarding by displaying an El Dorado Transit issued I.D. card, an eligibility card issued by another transit agency, or a Medicare card presented along with a valid State issued photo I.D. At the time of card issuance, persons with disabilities and Medicare cardholders must provide either a Medicare card, a DMV disabled placard identification card issued pursuant to Section 22511.5 of the *Vehicle Code*, a Social Security disabled benefits award letter, an El Dorado Transit certification form completed and signed by a physician or authorized representative or any other identification as approved by local, state or federal jurisdictions along with a valid State issued photo I.D.

G. Employee Pass

“Employee Pass” means an El Dorado Transit I.D. card issued to El Dorado Transit employees.

H. Fare

“Fare” means the price charged to transport a passenger, including the passenger’s incidental baggage, for one ride on a transit vehicle operating on Local Fixed Route, Demand Response, Paratransit or Commuter service.

I. Fare Equivalent

“Fare Equivalent” means an El Dorado Transit approved substitute for U.S. currency that may be applied toward the applicable fare by depositing it in the farebox, tapping a loaded Connect Card, credit card, Google Pay, Apple Pay or other digital payment, or showing a valid bus ticket upon boarding an El Dorado Transit bus. (i.e. El Dorado Transit issued scrip or monthly pass)

J. Fiscal Year

“Fiscal Year” means the period from July 1 of the first year stated through June 30 of the second year stated.

K. Fixed Route Service

“Fixed Route Service” means passenger service provided by El Dorado Transit vehicles in revenue service along a scheduled route, whether or not on a continuous, seasonal, experimental, or emergency basis.

L. Holiday

“Holiday” means the day of observance of a holiday as approved by El Dorado Transit.

M. Intercity Service

“Intercity Service” means an El Dorado Transit service that carries passengers significant distances between cities, towns, or other populated areas with few stops.

N. Lifetime Pass

“Lifetime Pass” means an El Dorado Transit identification card issued to persons eighty (80) years of age or older. The Lifetime Pass entitles the individual to unlimited rides on any local fixed route service.

O. Monthly Pass

“Monthly Pass” means either an El Dorado Transit issued card or other approved I.D. card to which a monthly stamp is affixed, with the month and year printed on the card by El Dorado Transit. Exception: Lifetime passes.

P. Octogenarian

“Octogenarian” means a person 80 years of age or older. Proof of age may be established upon boarding by displaying an El Dorado Transit Lifetime Pass and/or a valid Identification Card that includes a picture and identifies the person’s age.

Q. Payment

“Payment” means one of the following:

- i. The deposit of the applicable fare in U.S. currency or fare equivalents in the farebox upon boarding a transit revenue service vehicle; or
- ii. Displaying appropriate proof of payment, such as fare media provided by El Dorado Transit upon boarding an El Dorado Transit revenue service vehicle, provided that the displayed proof of payment is valid at the time of boarding; or
- iii. Tapping a Connect Card, credit card, Google Pay or Apple Pay or other digital payment onto the tap box upon boarding an El Dorado Transit bus or van with the appropriate fare being deducted from the card or the appropriate pass already loaded on the card.

R. Peace Officer

“Peace Officer” means any person currently employed by a public agency as a peace officer as defined in California Penal Code Sections 830.1 and 830.2.

S. Personal Care Attendant (PCA)

“Personal Care Attendant (PCA)” means a person who assists a disabled person during their trip on El Dorado Transit vehicles. Disabled passengers may be required to display an El Dorado Transit issued I.D. card affixed with an assistant symbol.

T. Prepaid Fare

“Prepaid Fare” means a fare that is paid before boarding a transit vehicle and is one for which proof of payment is required by El Dorado Transit.

U. Proof of Payment

“Proof of Payment” means the evidence of a prepaid fare that must be displayed by a passenger whenever required or permitted by this Fare Structure resolution in lieu of depositing the applicable fare in U.S. currency or fare equivalents in the farebox upon boarding an El Dorado Transit revenue service vehicle.

V. Retiree

Employee retired from El Dorado Transit with a minimum of five (5) years of employment with El Dorado Transit.

W. Ride

“Ride” means a continuous one-way passenger trip between any two points served by El Dorado Transit on Local Fixed Route, Demand Response, Commuter service or Intercity service without transferring to another transit vehicle.

X. RT

“RT” means the Sacramento Regional Transit District.

Y. Scrip Ticket

“Scrip Ticket” means a single paper scrip issued by El Dorado Transit with a printed denomination appearing thereon.

Z. Senior Citizen

“Senior Citizen” means a person 60 years of age or older. Proof of age may be established upon boarding by displaying an El Dorado Transit I.D. card, an eligibility card issued by another transit agency, a State Department of Motor Vehicles Driver’s License or Identification card issued pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 13000 of the *California Vehicle Code*, or a passport which includes a picture and identifies the person’s age.

AA. Student

“Student” is a person aged six (6) to nineteen (19), who has not completed a program resulting in a high school diploma or attainment of a General Education Diploma (G.E.D.) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) and attends a day program of 240 minutes per day or is enrolled in a certified home school program supervised by an adult if under age sixteen (16) years of age. Also referred to as K-12. Proof of eligibility may be established upon boarding by displaying an El Dorado Transit I.D. card or an eligibility card issued by another transit agency.

- i. To be eligible for an El Dorado Transit issued student pass, El Dorado Transit requires the production of a valid student I.D. card or other similar evidence of enrollment by the person requesting such a pass.

BB. Transit Vehicle

“Transit Vehicle” means an El Dorado Transit revenue service vehicle.

CC. Validated

“Validated” means the process of fixing the date of expiration on an El Dorado Transit ticket by an El Dorado Transit driver or authorized staff member.

DD. Student Access Card

The Los Rios Community College District student access card and the California State University Sacramento student card with Commuter sleeve entitle individuals to unlimited rides on any Local Fixed Route or Commuter Route.

EE. Revenue Service

“Revenue service” includes but is not limited to: Demand Response services, Local Fixed Routes, Commuter Routes, Intercity Routes, demonstration projects and emergency transportation at the direction of the Office of Emergency Services or other authorized emergency response teams. Charter service is excluded as defined by applicable local, state and federal statutes.

III. CONSTRUCTION OF FARE STRUCTURE

A. Applicable Fare

Applicable fare means the price established as set forth in Article VI as a condition of carrying one passenger on any transit vehicle for one ride on Local Fixed Route, Commuter Route, ADA Complementary Paratransit or Dial-a-Ride service.

B. Fare Payment

The applicable fare shall be paid by all persons riding on El Dorado Transit revenue service vehicles.

Fares on El Dorado Transit bus service must be paid upon boarding by either depositing into the farebox U.S. currency or fare equivalents in the amount of the applicable fare, or the passenger shall display appropriate proof of payment valid at the time of boarding in the form of a pass, ticket or a tap of their Connect Card, credit card, Google Pay, Apple Pay or other digital payment.

C. Appropriate Proof of Payment

Appropriate proof of payment means the evidence of fare prepayment that constitutes the applicable fare. Proof of payment may constitute any one of the following:

1. Monthly pass issued by El Dorado Transit including, when applicable, a monthly stamp affixed to the pass; or
2. El Dorado Transit scrip ticket; or
3. El Dorado Transit employee pass; or
4. Lifetime pass; or
5. Daily pass; or
6. Peace officer identification; or
7. El Dorado Transit retiree pass/id, or
8. Fare media approved by Executive Director within adopted fare structure, or
9. Connect Card, or

10. El Dorado Transit or Amtrak prepaid ticket

D. Fare Equivalent

Fare equivalent is an El Dorado Transit issued scrip ticket or free ride ticket issued by an authorized agent of El Dorado Transit.

E. Valid Proof of Payment

Proof of payment issued by El Dorado Transit is valid as provided below:

1. Monthly Pass/Stamp – An El Dorado Transit monthly pass shall be valid only for the month of the year printed by El Dorado Transit either on the pass or on the stamp to be affixed on an approved photo I.D. card. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a monthly pass shall be valid from the first day to the last day of the month.
2. Lifetime Pass – A lifetime pass issued to persons 80 years of age or older shall be valid during the life of the pass holder.
3. Student Pass – A student pass issued by El Dorado Transit shall be valid only to the student issued the pass for the term specified on the pass.
4. Peace Officer Identification – A peace officer badge or photo identification card issued by a public agency is valid for so long as the bearer of such badge or photo identification is employed by the issuing public entity as a peace officer.
5. Retiree Pass/ID – issued by El Dorado Transit to retired employees.
6. Bus Ticket – A ticket issued by El Dorado Transit, Amtrak or Capitol Corridor as proof of payment in printed or digital format.

IV. FARE STRUCTURE CLASSIFICATIONS

A. Basic Fare

The basic fare shall be in the amount set forth in Article VI. Any passenger paying the basic fare shall be entitled to one ride upon paying the fare.

B. Discount Fare

The discount rate for disabled persons, senior citizens and students K-12 shall be in the amount set forth in Article VI for Local Fixed Route services. Only disabled persons, senior citizens and students K-12 are entitled to one ride on local fixed route service upon displaying the proper disabled, senior citizens or student K-12 I.D. Card or required documentation set forth in Article II and payment of the fare set forth in Article VI.-One (1) child age zero (0) to five (5) may ride at no cost with an adult that

pays a fare or uses a valid prepaid fare media. If more than one (1) child is accompanying one passenger, the passenger shall pay the discount fare for the second and each additional child.

C. Free Fares

Free fares are available for Octogenarian passengers and retired El Dorado Transit employees.

i. Octogenarian Fare

Persons 80 years of age or older are entitled to ride all Local Fixed Route service for free upon displaying the proper identification card.

ii. El Dorado Transit Retiree Fare

Persons retired from El Dorado Transit under El Dorado Transit retirement policy are entitled to ride all Local Fixed Route Intercity and Commuter service for free upon displaying the proper pass/identification card.

D. Special Services

Special services are fixed route service provided under contract between El Dorado Transit and a third party. Special services are open to the public upon payment of the applicable fare. Unless otherwise indicated below, the fare for special services shall be in accordance with the fare structure classifications as set forth in this Article VI. Fares shall not be collected for special service if the cost of such service is paid under the terms of a contract.

V. FARE PREPAYMENT

A. Basic Monthly Pass

The basic monthly pass consists of either an El Dorado Transit issued monthly pass card or an approved card to which an El Dorado Transit monthly stamp is affixed. This pass entitles the bearer to ride on all Local Fixed Route and Commuter services, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. The pass may be purchased from El Dorado Transit or designated El Dorado Transit pass outlets by any person; and
2. The pass is valid only on specified services during the month of the year printed by El Dorado Transit on the pass or stamp that is affixed to the bearer's approved card. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a monthly pass shall be valid through the first day of month through the last day of the month; and

3. The monthly pass constitutes prepayment of the basic fare or any fare established in an amount lower than the basic fare of the service for which it is valid; and
4. The monthly pass card or monthly stamp shall be non-refundable and non-exchangeable and shall be sold for the amount established in Article VI. El Dorado Transit is not responsible for lost or stolen passes.

B. Discount Monthly Pass

The discount monthly pass consists of an El Dorado Transit monthly pass card. This entitles the bearer to ride all local fixed route services, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. This pass may be purchased only by disabled persons, senior citizens and students K-12; and
2. This pass is valid only during the month of the year printed by El Dorado Transit on the card or loaded onto the Connect Card. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a discount monthly pass shall be valid from the first day through the last day of the month; and
3. For disabled persons, senior citizens and students K-12, this pass constitutes prepayment of the discount fare or any fare established in any amount lower than the discount fare of the service for which it is valid; and
4. The discount monthly pass is non-refundable, non-exchangeable and non-transferable and shall be sold for the amount established in Article VI. El Dorado Transit is not responsible for lost or stolen passes.

C. Basic Day Pass

The Basic Day Pass consists of an El Dorado Transit daily pass card. This entitles the bearer to ride all fixed route services subject to the following limitations and conditions.

1. The pass may be purchased from El Dorado Transit drivers or at the El Dorado Transit office on the day of the pass; and
2. The pass is valid only on specified services during the day of the month printed by El Dorado Transit on the pass or stamp that is affixed to the bearer's approved card or loaded onto the bearer's Connect Card. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a daily pass shall be valid from the first pick-up of the day through the last drop-off of the day on the local fixed routes; and
3. The daily pass constitutes prepayment of the basic fare or any fare established in an amount lower than the basic fare of the service for which it is valid; and

4. The daily pass card or daily stamp shall be non-refundable and non-exchangeable and shall be sold for the amount established in Article VI. El Dorado Transit is not responsible for lost or stolen passes.

D. Discount Day Pass

The Discount Day Pass consists of an El Dorado Transit daily pass card. This entitles the bearer to ride all Local Fixed Route services subject to the following limitations and conditions.

1. This pass may be purchased only by disabled persons, senior citizens and students K-12; and
2. This pass is valid only on specified services during the day of the month printed by El Dorado Transit on the pass or stamp that is affixed to the bearer's approved card or loaded onto the bearer's Connect Card. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a daily pass shall be valid from the first pick-up of the specified service day through the last drop-off of the specified service day on the local fixed routes; and
3. For disabled persons, senior citizens and students K-12, this pass constitutes prepayment of the discount fare or any fare established in any amount lower than the discount fare of the service for which it is valid; and
4. The discount daily pass card or daily stamp shall be non-refundable and non-exchangeable and shall be sold for the amount established in Article VI. El Dorado Transit is not responsible for lost or stolen passes.

E. Employee I.D.

A valid El Dorado Transit employee I.D. card entitles the lawful bearer to ride on all El Dorado Transit services at no charge.

F. Retiree Pass

A valid El Dorado Transit Retiree I.D. entitles an El Dorado Transit retiree with a minimum of five (5) years of employment with El Dorado Transit to ride all Local Fixed Route, Intercity and Commuter services at no charge.

G. Lifetime Pass

A lifetime pass consists of an El Dorado Transit I.D. card and is issued only to persons 80 years of age or older. A lifetime pass entitles the bearer and the bearer's Personal Care Attendant (PCA) to ride for free on all Local Fixed Route service and is valid during the life of the passholder. A lifetime pass is non-transferable and non-exchangeable.

H. Peace Officer Identification

A valid peace officer identification consists of a badge or photo identification card issued by a public agency to persons employed as peace officers. A peace officer identification entitles the bearer to ride on all fixed route service at no charge.

I. Scrip Ticket

All scrip tickets will be sold for the price corresponding to the denomination appearing on the ticket.

J. I.D. Cards

I.D. cards including Connect Cards may be acquired for up to Five Dollars (\$5.00).

VI. FARE AND MONTHLY PASS PRICING

Effective: August 6, 2021, the reduced fares and Daily Max are based on grant awards and may be reversed if grants for fare decreases are not available

A. Local Fixed Routes

Route **20**-Placerville, Route **25**-Saturday Express, Route **30**-Diamond Springs/El Dorado, Route **35**-Diamond Springs Saturday, Route **40**-Cameron Park/Shingle Springs, Route **50x**-50 Express, Route **60**-Pollock Pines/Camino and other fixed routes as developed.

One-Way Fare:	General... \$1.50	Senior/Disabled/Student K-12....\$0.75
Daily Pass:	General... \$6.00	Senior/Disabled/Student K-12....\$3.00
Monthly Pass:	General... \$60.00	Senior/Disabled/Student K-12...\$30.00
Temporary Fares	General... \$30.00	Senior/Disabled/Student K-12...\$15.00
Combo RT Pass:	General... \$110.00	Senior/Disabled/Student K-12...\$80.00
Temporary Fares	General...\$100.00	Senior/Disabled/Student K-12...\$65.00

College Student with Valid Student Access Card: Free

Temporary Daily Connect Card Max: General...\$4.50 Senior/Disabled/Student K-12...\$2.25

B. Sacramento Commuter Routes:

Monthly Sacramento Commuter Pass	\$180.00
Monthly Combination El Dorado Transit/RT	\$210.00
Sacramento One-way fare	\$5.00
College Student with Valid Student Access Card	Free
Temporary K-12 With Local Fixed Route Monthly Pass	Free

C. Dial-A-Ride (DAR) and Senior Day Care (Adult Day Services):

DAR and Senior Day Care (Adult Day Services): \$3.00 One-way fare
~~fares based on mileage of trip from pickup location to drop-off location:~~
~~Up to four (4) miles \$2.00 One-way fare~~
~~More than four (4) miles additional \$0.50 fare per mile~~

D. Sac-Med:

Sac-Med Service \$10.00 One-way fare

E. ADA Complementary Paratransit:

ADA Complementary Paratransit \$3.00 One-way fare

F. Sacramento/South Lake Tahoe Intercity Service:

Sacramento to Tahoe Wye and Stateline Transit Center	\$34.00
Sacramento to Cameron Park	\$20.00
Sacramento to Placerville	\$20.00
Tahoe Wye and Stateline Transit Center to Sacramento	\$34.00
Tahoe Wye and Stateline Transit Center to Cameron Park	\$20.00
Tahoe Wye and Stateline Transit Center to Placerville	\$20.00
Cameron Park to Sacramento	\$20.00
Cameron Park to Tahoe Wye and Stateline Transit Center	\$20.00
Placerville to Sacramento	\$20.00
Placerville to Tahoe Wye and Stateline Transit Center	\$20.00

Children under the age of two (2) ride for free with a paying adult on the Sacramento/South Lake Tahoe Intercity Service.

VII. Fare structures for demonstration projects shall be set by the Executive Director for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. After a twelve (12) month period, El Dorado Transit will review and consider for adoption, a fare structure for any new service developed through such demonstration project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board, held on ~~August 5, 2021~~ April 4, 2024 by the following vote of said Board:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

George Turnboo, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board