

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UTAH TRANSIT
AUTHORITY EXTENDING FREE FARES ON THE UVX LINE
THROUGH AUGUST 2024**

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December 20, 2023

WHEREAS, the Utah Transit Authority (the “Authority”) is a large public transit district organized under the laws of the State of Utah and created to transact and exercise all of the powers provided for in the Utah Limited Purpose Local Government Entities-Special Districts Act and the Utah Public Transit District Act (“the Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Act empowers the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Authority to fix the fares charged to riders of the Authority’s transit services; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022, the Board of the Authority adopted the revised Board of Trustee Policy 4.1 – Fares (“the Policy”); and

WHEREAS, the Policy provides for the Board of the Authority to set base fares, approve discounts to base fare, and approve new or modified fare media for transit services; and

WHEREAS, Utah County (“the County”) imposed a local option sales and use tax pursuant to UTAH CODE § 59-12-2219 known as the “Fourth Quarter”; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Authority entered into interlocal cooperation agreement #2018-695 (“the Agreement”) on October 9, 2018 governing the distribution of the Fourth Quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for the County to pay the actual documented operating and maintenance costs incurred by the Authority with respect to the UVX bus rapid transit line; and

WHEREAS, the Authority utilizes fare revenue to help fund the operating and maintenance costs of service; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution R2021-11-02, providing for free fares on UVX through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Authority would like to begin fare collection on UVX in August 2024 in order to maintain the Authority’s transit systems in a financially sustainable manner and redirect monies collected from the Fourth Quarter in Utah County to other transit services in the community; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, the Authority’s service and fare change proposals will be submitted for preliminary Title VI analysis, including a public engagement period; and

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WHEREAS, finalized service and fare change proposals, including the fare structure for UVX, are due to be completed by February 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, at the February 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of the Authority, all fare and service changes, including the proposed fare structure for UVX will be discussed and open a period of public comment; and

WHEREAS, a public comment period of all fare and service changes, including the proposed fare structure for UVX, will run from February 28, 2024 to March 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, at the May 22, 2024 meeting of the Board of the Authority, there will be a discussion regarding public engagement, final service plans, fare plans, including the proposed fare structure for UVX, and a request to the Board to approve the Title VI analysis; and

WHEREAS, from May to August 2024, fare collection strategies and community education and outreach will be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to extend free fare on UVX to August 2024, ending on the change day, currently scheduled for August 14, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority:

1. That free fares for the UVX bus rapid transit line are hereby extended and authorized until August 2024, ending on the change day, currently scheduled for August 14, 2024.
2. That the Board of Trustees of the Authority directs the Executive Director, through his duly designated staff to prepare a Title VI analysis for charging fares on UVX.
3. That this Title VI analysis be presented to the Board of Trustees to approve at an open and public meeting when complete.
4. That the Board of Trustees of the Authority directs the Executive Director, through his duly designated staff to prepare a plan to be submitted to the Board, no later than the February 28, 2024 meeting of the Board on how the Authority will implement fare collection on UVX.
5. That the Board of Trustees formally ratifies actions taken by the Authority, including those taken by the Executive Director, staff, and counsel, that are necessary or appropriate to give effect to this Resolution.
6. That the corporate seal be attached hereto.

Approved and adopted this 20th day of December 2023.

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Carlton Christensen

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Carlton Christensen, Chair
Board of Trustees

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Secretary of the Authority



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