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## **Public Hearings Set for Proposed Bus Fare Increases in Clermont County**

**Batavia, Ohio.** Clermont Transportation Connection (CTC) will hold a series of four public hearings to obtain community input on a proposal to increase passenger fare rates for CTC and Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) bus services. CTC has proposed the rate increase, faced with a growing demand for service and a shrinking operating budget. “We are projecting an operating deficit for 2012,” said CTC Director Ben Capelle. “We have to rely on local contracts, federal grants, and passenger fares to fund CTC. Unfortunately, the only way we can keep the system operating is to increase fares.” CTC and SORTA combined provide 250,000 trips to county citizens each year. The proposed increase could impact both CTC’s express and door-to-door services, along with Metro routes 82X, 28, and 29X; CTC is responsible for much of the funding for Metro services in Clermont County.

The public hearings will be held on Monday, August 1, 6 p.m., at the Amelia Branch of the Clermont County Public Library (Meeting Room), located at 58 Maple Street in Amelia; Tuesday, August 2, 6 p.m., at the Union Township Civic Center (Trustee Meeting Room), located at 4350 Aicholtz Road in Union Township; Wednesday, August 3, 10 a.m., at the Clermont County Administration Building (third floor Commissioners Meeting Room), located at 101 E. Main Street in Batavia, and on Wednesday, August 3, 6 p.m., at the Miami Township Civic Center (Trustee Meeting Room), located at 6101 Meijer Drive in Miami Township. “CTC will provide additional door-to-door service to individuals who need to ride the bus to attend the hearings,” said Capelle. “Call 732-7433 to schedule a ride.”

The proposed rate hike would increase CTC adult door-to-door fares from \$4 to \$5, senior and disabled fees from \$2 to \$2.50, child fees from \$2 to \$5 and student fares from \$3 to \$5. The CTC express route fees could increase adult fares from \$3 to \$4.25; adult fares for local routes could increase from \$2 to \$4.25. SORTA express routes could increase adult fares from \$3 to \$4.25. For a complete list of proposed fare increases, visit the website [www.ctc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov](http://www.ctc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov).

“According to OKI (Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments), over 45 percent of Clermont County’s population commutes into Hamilton County and Cincinnati each day,” said Capelle. “Riding the bus to and from work is an attractive option for a growing number of commuters, faced with high gas prices and parking costs. We are doing all we can to keep riding the bus an affordable option.”

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