

Executive Summary

FY 2022

Proposed Fare Structure Changes

Public Comment

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I. BACKGROUND
a. Resolution

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

**Authorization to Proceed to Public Comment Period for
Proposed Fare Policy Changes**

Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) provides public transportation services within and for Allegheny County pursuant to the Second Class County Port Authority Act, as amended. Port Authority last made changes to its fare policy and structure on January 1, 2017.

In 2019, the Authority retained an outside consultant to assist it in gathering public input, reviewing other transit agency fare policies and structures and to develop potential further changes to the Authority's fare policy and structure to make it more efficient, user friendly and attract increased ridership. Based upon this review effort, Authority is now considering various fare policy and structure changes for future implementation, including the elimination of the \$0.25 ConnectCard stored value discount, elimination of the \$1.00 transfer charge and introduction of rolling monthly and weekly passes (2021 Proposed Fare Policy Changes). The proposed 2021 Fare Policy Changes are further detailed on Exhibit "A" attached to the resolution.

The resolution authorizes the Authority to proceed with a formal public comment period, including a public hearing, for the 2021 Proposed Fare Policy Changes.

3/26/21
A. Ogoreuc

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) provides public transportation services within and for Allegheny County pursuant to the Second Class County Port Authority Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Authority retained an outside consultant in 2019 to assist it in gathering public input, reviewing other transit agency fare policies and structures and to develop potential further changes to the Authority's fare policy and structure to make it more efficient, user friendly and attract increased ridership; and

WHEREAS, based upon this review effort, Authority is now considering various fare policy and structure changes for future implementation as detailed on Exhibit "A" to this resolution (2021 Proposed Fare Policy Changes); and

WHEREAS, in order to communicate with, and to receive the input of, Authority customers, other stakeholders and the general public concerning the Proposed 2021 Fare Policy Changes, the Authority seeks

to conduct a formal public comment period by which customers and the public will be given the opportunity to submit written comments to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period for the 2021 Proposed Fare Policy Changes would be for a period of forty days and would include a formal public hearing; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration, Authority's Board approves proceeding with the proposed public comment period, including a formal public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Authority's chief executive officer, chief financial officer, communications officer and/or chief development officer be, and they hereby are, authorized to proceed with a forty day public comment period commencing on March 26, 2021 and ending on May 5, 2021, which will include at least one public hearing, in a form and manner approved by counsel, to consider the 2021 Proposed Fare Policy Changes detailed more fully on Exhibit "A" to this resolution and to take any and all other actions necessary and proper to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

b. Notes:

- i. *As proposed, all fare changes proposed would take effect no sooner than July 1, 2021, subject to completion of necessary software updates, successful testing, and implementation;*
- ii. *All fares applicable to all Port Authority transportation modes excluding U-Pass participants or other contractual fare agreements*
- iii. *The ACCESS Half Fare Card and ACCESS paratransit fares have no proposed changes.*
- iv. *In January 2019, Port Authority entered into a three-year agreement with Four Nines Technologies to provide fare model development and related Title VI Fare Equity Analysis Services for an amount not to exceed \$210,000.*

II. COMMUNICATIONS

Port Authority first introduced the proposal at its Board and committee meetings in March of 2021 prompting coverage in a number of media outlets.

Detailed information about proposed fare changes officially became available at the March 18, 2021 Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting and was posted on portauthority.org shortly thereafter on a special page that provided an overview of the proposal. Additional media coverage resulted.

i. Advertisements

Advertisements/notices about the proposed changes and public hearing/comment period were published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, in the New Pittsburgh Courier, and online.

1. Newspaper

- a. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
 - i. Sunday April 4, 2021
 - ii. Sunday April 11, 2021
 - iii. Thursday April 15, 2021

(See Exhibit B for Tear Sheets of Advertisements)

(See Exhibit C for Affidavit of Distribution)

- b. New Pittsburgh Courier
 - i. Wednesday – Tuesday April 7-13, 2021

(See Exhibit D for Tear Sheet of Advertisement)

2. Online

- a. Facebook

(See Exhibit E for Facebook Advertisements)

- i. Q&A Session (Facebook Ad 1): \$100
- ii. Public Comment Session 1 (Facebook Ad 2): \$300
- iii. Public Comment Session 2 (Facebook Ad 3): \$300
- iv. Public Comment Session 3 (Facebook Ad 4): \$300

ii. External Relations

An informational email *(See Exhibit E)* about the Public Hearings was shared with over 40 organizations and businesses in the region including but not limited to the members of the Port Authority of Allegheny County's Stakeholder's Committee:

1. Department of City Planning
2. Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group
3. Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

4. BikePgh
5. Airport Corridor Transportation Association
6. Sustainable Pittsburgh
7. Local Government Academy
8. PUMP
9. Department On Mobility and Infrastructure
10. Pittsburghers for Public Transit
11. CONNECT
12. Heinz Endowments
13. Carnegie Melon University
14. Allegheny County Economic Development
15. Sustainability and Resilience Office
16. Office of Equity

iii. Question & Answer

Thursday, April 15 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Port Authority held a Question & Answer session through Microsoft Teams to address questions about the proposed fare change.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

i. Website

Beginning March 26, 2021 and ending on May 5, 2021, members of the public could review the proposed fare changes and submit comments through the Port Authority website at www.portauthority.org/fares2021

Upon visiting the Port Authority homepage, visitors were encouraged to view the proposed changes. (See Exhibit F for Homepage)

1. Website Content:

Port Authority of Allegheny County has announced the following proposed fare changes. Scroll down for information on how to provide your comments.

Current Product	Price	Proposed Product	Price
Stored Value Full Fare	\$2.50	Stored Value Full Fare	\$2.75
Stored Value Half Fare	\$1.25	Stored Value Half Fare	\$1.35
Single Trip	\$2.50	Eliminated	N/A
Single Trip w/Transfer	\$3.50	Eliminated	N/A
	Currently not available	3 Hour Pass Full Fare	\$2.75
	Currently not available	3 Hour Pass Half Fare	\$1.35
Day Pass	\$7	Day Pass	\$7
10 Trip Full Fare Pass	\$25.00	Eliminated	N/A
10 Trip Half Fare Pass	\$12.50	Eliminated	N/A
Electronic Transfers	\$1.00	Eliminated	N/A
Calendar Weekly Full Fare	\$25	Calendar Weekly Full Fare*	\$25
Calendar Weekly Half Fare	\$12.50	Calendar Weekly Half Fare*	\$12.50
	Currently not available	7 Day Pass Full Fare	\$25
	Currently not available	7 Day Pass Half Fare	\$12.50
Calendar Monthly Full Fare	\$97.50	Calendar Monthly Full Fare*	\$97.50
Calendar Monthly Half Fare	\$48.75	Calendar Monthly Half Fare*	\$48.75
	Currently not available	31 Day Pass Full Fare	\$97.50
	Currently not available	31 Day Pass Half Fare	\$48.75
Annual Pass	\$1,072.50	Annual Pass	\$1,072.50
Connect Card Fee	\$1	Connect Card Fee	\$1

Incline Tickets:

Single Trip Full Fare	\$2.50	Eliminated	N/A
Kids Single Trip	\$1.25	Eliminated	N/A

Current Product	Price	Proposed Product	Price
3 Hour Round Trip Full Fare	\$3.50	3 Hour Round Trip Full Fare	\$2.75
3 Hour Round Trip Kids Fare	\$1.75	3 Hour Round Trip Kids Fare	\$1.35
Transit Day Round Trip Full Fare	\$5	Eliminated	N/A
Kids Transit Day Round Trip	\$2.50	Eliminated	N/A

2. **Comment Section** (See Exhibit G for a Website Comment Section)

ii. Phone

Beginning March 26, 2021 and ending on May 5, 2021, members of the public could leave a message on a recorded line by calling 412-566-5525.

iii. Written Comment

1. **Mail**

Written comment could have been sent to Port Authority of Allegheny County, Attn: 2021 Fare Proposal, 345 Sixth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. All comments must have been received at the above address by the close of business on May 5, 2021.

2. **Fare Change Brochure/Comment Card** (See Exhibit H for Fare Change Brochure)

Fare Change Brochures, which featured a section to provide comment and business reply postage, were available. 9,000 brochures were printed.

700 brochures were distributed to 7 Bus Stops Drop Box locations and the remaining 8,300 brochures were placed at the larger schedule racks throughout the system including at certain Giant Eagle and Goodwill locations and the Service Center.

a. Giant Eagle & Goodwill Locations

- i. Bloomfield Community Market
4401 Liberty Ave Pittsburgh Pa 15224
- ii. Brentwood Giant Eagle
600 Towne Square Way Pittsburgh, PA 15227
- iii. Bethel Park Giant Eagle
5055 Library Rd Bethel Park, PA 15102
- iv. Bridgeville Giant Eagle
1025 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017
- v. Brighton Heights Giant Eagle
4110 Brighton Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15212
- vi. Aliquippa Giant Eagle
3113 Green Garden Rd Aliquippa, PA 15001

- vii. Cedar Avenue Giant Eagle
318-320 Cedar Ave Pittsburgh PA 15212
- viii. Camp Horne Giant Eagle
132 Ben Avon Heights Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15237
- ix. Caste Village Giant Eagle
5260 Grove Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15236
- x. Cochran Road Giant Eagle
1717 Cochran Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15220
- xi. Century Plaza Giant Eagle
9901 Mountainview Dr West Mifflin, PA 15122
- xii. Crafton Giant Eagle
51 Walsh Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15205
- xiii. Cheswick Goodwill
1306 Pittsburgh St Cheswick, PA 15024
- xiv. Dormont Goodwill
2866 Banksville Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15216
- xv. Cranberry Giant Eagle
20111 Route 19 Cranberry Twp, PA 16066
- xvi. Edgewood Towne Centre Giant Eagle (Swissvale)
1705 S. Braddock Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15218
- xvii. Elizabeth Giant Eagle
800 Mckeesport Rd Elizabeth, PA 15037
- xviii. Gibsonia Giant Eagle
5600 William Flynn Hwy suite 400 Gibsonia, PA 15044
- xix. Finleyville Giant Eagle
3701 Route 88 Finleyville, PA 15332
- xx. Frankstown Road Giant Eagle
9001 Frankstown Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15235
- xxi. Greenfield Giant Eagle
4250 Murray Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15217
- xxii. Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania
118 52nd St Pittsburgh, PA 15201
- xxiii. Harmarville Giant Eagle Express
2611 Freeport Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15238
- xxiv. Heidelberg Goodwill
1905 Washington St Heidelberg, PA 15106
- xxv. Kennywood Giant Eagle
1356 Hoffman Blvd West Mifflin, PA 15122
- xxvi. Kennedy Township Giant Eagle
1800 McKees Rocks Rd McKees Rocks, PA 15136
- xxvii. Donaldson's Crossroads Giant Eagle
4700 Washington Rd McMurray, PA 15317
- xxviii. Lawrenceville Goodwill
125 51st Pittsburgh, PA 15201

- xxix. Market District South Hills
7000 Oxford Dr Pittsburgh PA 15102
- xxx. Market District Shadyside
5550 Centre Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15232
- xxxi. Market District Pine Township
155 Towne Centre Dr Wexford, PA 15090
- xxxii. Leetsdale Giant Eagle
Quaker Village Shopping Center Leetsdale, PA 15056
- xxxiii. McIntyre Square Giant Eagle
8080 McIntyre Square Dr. Pittsburgh PA 15237
- xxxiv. McKeesport Giant Eagle
3812 O'Neil Blvd McKeesport, PA 15132
- xxxv. Monroeville Giant Eagle
4010 Monroeville Blvd Monroeville, PA 15146
- xxxvi. Monroeville Goodwill
2604 Monroeville Blvd Monroeville, PA 15146
- xxxvii. Murrysville Goodwill
4612 William Penn Hwy, Murrysville PA 15668
- xxxviii. Moon Township Giant Eagle
5990 University Blvd Suite 4 Coraopolis, PA 15108
- xxxix. Murrysville Giant Eagle
4810 Old William Penn Hwy Export, PA 15632
- xl. Natrona Heights Goodwill
4005 Freeport Rd Natrona Heights, PA 15065
- xli. Parkway Center Mall Giant Eagle
1165 McKinney Ln Pittsburgh, PA 15220
- xl.ii. North Versailles Giant Eagle
1701 Lincoln Hwy N. Versailles, PA 15137
- xl.iii. North Versailles Goodwill
294 Lincoln Hwy North Versailles, PA 15137
- xl. iv. New Kensington Giant Eagle
200 Tarentum Bridge Rd New Kensington PA 15068
- xl. v. Robinson Goodwill
3 Urbano Way Robinson Twp, PA 15205
- xl. vi. Peoples Grocery
5136 Penn Ave Pittsburgh PA 15224
- xl. vii. Ross Goodwill
7221 McKnight Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15237
- xl. viii. Shadyside Goodwill
5993 Centre Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15206
- xl. ix. Seven Fields Giant Eagle
206 Seven Fields Blvd Seven Fields, PA 16046
- l. Shaler Giant Eagle
1671 Butler Plank Rd Glenshaw PA 15116

- li. Shakespeare Street Giant Eagle
6320 Shakespear St Pittsburgh, PA 15206
- lii. Settlers Ridge Giant Eagle
100 Settlers Ridge Center Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15205
- liii. Squirrel Hill Giant Eagle
1901 Murray Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15217
- liv. South Side Giant Eagle
2021 Wharton St Pittsburgh PA 15203
- lv. South Fayette Giant Eagle (New)
3239 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017
- lvi. South Side Goodwill
2700 East Carson St Pittsburgh, PA 15203
- lvii. Verona Giant Eagle
200 Allegheny River Blvd, Verona PA 15147
- lviii. Waterfront Giant Eagle
420 E. Waterfront Dr. Homestead, PA 15120
- lix. West Mifflin Goodwill
2212 Mountain View Dr, West Mifflin, PA 15122
- lx. Wexford Giant Eagle
9805 McKnight Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15237
- lxi. White Oak Giant Eagle
2001 Lincoln Way White Oak, PA 15131
- lxii. Waterworks Giant Eagle
910 Freeport Rd Pittsburg, PA 15238
- lxiii. Wilkinsburg Giant Eagle
254 Yost Blvd Pittsburgh, PA 15221
- lxiv. West View Giant Eagle
1029 West View Park Dr West View, PA 15229
- lxv. Rodi Road Giant Eagle
230 Rodi Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15235

b. Bus Stop Drop Box (See Exhibit I for Drop Box Decal)

Drop box locations and comment cards were placed in higher equity census areas where the Port Authority was still seeing significant bus boarding activity during to the pandemic.

- i. East Busway at Swissvale Station A
- ii. East Busway at Wilkinsburg Station C
- iii. Lysle Blvd. at McKeesport Transportation Center
- iv. West Busway at Sheraden Station C
- v. SHJ Bus Turnaround Shelter
- vi. Library Pl at Duquesne Blvd. FS
- vii. Fallowfield Station (Inbound)

iv. Public Hearings

Port Authority conducted three public hearings over Microsoft Teams.

Throughout the public hearings, there were 33 total commenters.

The hearings were covered by most major media outlets, including, but not limited to Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, KDKA-TV, WTAE-TV, WPXI-TV and others.

Members of the public were asked to register in advance in order to speak at the meetings.

American Sign Language interpreters were present and translated throughout each meeting.

1. Fare Hearing #1: April 22, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- a. Board Attendees:
 - i. Jen Liptak
 - ii. Stephanie Turman
 - iii. Ann Ogoreuc
 - iv. John Tague
 - v. Michelle Zmijanac
 - vi. Representative Austin Davis
 - vii. Jessica Walls-Lavelle

2. Fare Hearing #2: April 30, 2021 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

- a. Board Attendees:
 - i. Jen Liptak
 - ii. Jessica Walls-Lavelle
 - iii. Senator Brewster
 - iv. Stephanie Turman
 - v. Jeff Letwin
 - vi. Anne Ogoreuc
 - vii. John Tague
 - viii. Michelle Zmijanac

3. Fare Hearing #3: May 4, 2021 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- a. Board Attendees:
 - i. Jen Liptak
 - ii. Stephanie Turman
 - iii. Jeff Letwin
 - iv. Ann Ogoreuc
 - v. John Tague
 - vi. Michelle Zmijanac

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSE SUMMARY

(See Exhibit K for detailed Comment Details by Medium)

Comment Medium	Fare Change		Rolling Passes		3 Hour/ No Transfers		Total Commenters
	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	
Online	4	36	11	0	8	3	72
Fare Hearing 1	2	5	2	0	1	0	16
Fare Hearing 2	1	3	1	0	1	0	6
Fare Hearing 3	0	7	0	0	1	0	11
Written	0	0	1	0	2	0	5
Voicemail	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
	7	52	16	0	14	3	113

An appendix containing full transcripts and comments is available upon request.

Notes: For each fare proposal, there was often feedback from riders on why they either agreed or disagreed with proposals. These comments are broadly summarized below:

- a. Fare Change:
 - i. Positive: Riders should be deterred from paying with cash because it hinders efficiency
 - ii. Negative: Fares are already some of the highest in the country. Fares should not be raised, particularly during a pandemic.
- b. Rolling Passes:
 - i. Positive: This change is very helpful but this proposal does not go far enough to help low-income and cash riders.
- c. 3 Hour/No Transfer:
 - i. Positive: This change is very helpful this proposal does not go far enough to help low-income and cash riders.
 - ii. Negative: Travel and wait time between buses could take longer than 3 hours.
- d. Most comments were in favor of PPT’s “Fair Fares” program or reduced fares generally and for reduced fares for low-income communities

V. EXHIBITS

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Exhibit A:
**FY 2022 Proposed Fare
Structure Changes**

FY 2022 Fare Structure Changes

Current Product/Pricing		Proposed Product/Pricing	
Stored Value Full Fare	2.50	Stored Value Full Fare	2.75
Stored Value Half Fare	1.25	Stored Value Half Fare	1.35
Single Trip	2.50	Eliminated	N/A
Single Trip w/Transfer	3.50	Eliminated	N/A
	Currently not available	3 Hour Pass Full Fare	2.75
	Currently not available	3 Hour Pass Half Fare	1.35
Day Pass	7.00	Day Pass	7.00
10 Trip Full Fare Pass	25.00	Eliminated	N/A
10 Trip Half Fare Pass	12.50	Eliminated	N/A
Electronic Transfers	1.00	Eliminated	N/A
Calendar Weekly Full Fare	25.00	Calendar Weekly Full Fare	25.00
Calendar Weekly Half Fare	12.50	Calendar Weekly Half Fare	12.50
	Currently not available	7 Day Pass Full Fare	25.00
	Currently not available	7 Day Pass Half Fare	12.50
Calendar Monthly Full Fare	97.50	Calendar Monthly Full Fare	97.50
Calendar Monthly Half Fare	48.75	Calendar Monthly Half Fare	48.75
	Currently not available	31 Day Pass Full Fare	97.50
	Currently not available	31 Day Pass Half Fare	48.75
Annual Pass	1,072.50	Annual Pass	1,072.50
Connect Card Fee	1.00	Connect Card Fee	1.00

Via Corporate Web Portal Only

Incline Tickets:			
Single Trip Full Fare	2.50	Eliminated	N/A
Kids Single Trip	1.25	eliminated	N/A
3 Hour Round Trip Full Fare	3.50	3 Hour Round Trip Full Fare	2.75

3 Hour Round Trip Kids Fare	1.75	3 Hour Round Trip Kids Pass	1.35
Transit Day Round Trip full fare	5.00	Eliminated	N/A
Kids Transit Day Round Trip	2.50	Eliminated	N/A

*Notes: (1) As proposed, all fare structure changes proposed would take effect no sooner than July 1, 2021, subject to completion of necessary software updates, successful testing and implementation; (2) All fares applicable to all Port Authority transportation modes excluding U-Pass participants and other contractual fare agreements; and (3) The ACCESS Half Fare Card and ACCESS paratransit fares have no changes.

Exhibit B:
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Advertisements

Public Hearing & Comment Period for Fare Policy Change Proposal

Port Authority of Allegheny County will hold a series of public hearings to receive public comment on a fare policy proposal. If approved, the changes would take effect as soon as feasible in Port Authority fiscal year 2022, which begins on July 1, 2021. Comments and testimony will be collected for the revised fare policy proposal during three online and telephonic hearing sessions:

Thursday, April 22, 2021
1 pm to 4 pm — Receipt of public comment
Register: www.portauthority.org/fares2021
or 412.442.2000

Friday, April 30, 2021
9 am to 12 pm — Receipt of public comment
Register: www.portauthority.org/fares2021
or 412.442.2000

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
4 pm to 7 pm — Receipt of public comment
Register: www.portauthority.org/fares2021
or 412.442.2000

Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Port Authority will provide an American Sign Language interpreter at all hearings. Additional hearings will be scheduled with interpreters for Spanish speakers. All hearings will be recorded and transcribed by a court reporter and made part of Port Authority's official records.

The public comment period for the proposed fare changes formally began on Friday March 26, 2021. In addition to public comment/testimony received orally at the hearings, comments on the proposed fare changes are also being accepted online at www.portauthority.org/fares2021. Comments may also be submitted by mail at **Port Authority, Attn: 2021 Fare Proposal, Heinz 57 Center, 345 Sixth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15222** or by calling **412.566.5525** and leaving a message on a recorded line.

The deadline for receipt of comments is Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 4 pm.

For more information, call Customer Service at **412.442.2000** (TTY 412.231.7007) or visit www.portauthority.org/fares2021.

Port Authority of Allegheny County Current and Proposed Fare Structure/Policy Changes* Exhibit A - Proposed 2021 Fare Policy Changes

Current Product/Pricing	Proposed Product/Pricing	
Stored Value Full Fare	2.50	Stored Value Full Fare 2.75
Stored Value Half Fare	1.25	Stored Value Half Fare 1.35
Single Trip	2.50	Eliminated
Single Trip w/Transfer	3.50	Eliminated
Currently not available	3 hour pass Full Fare	2.75
Currently not available	3 hour pass Half Fare	1.35
Day Pass	7.00	Day Pass 7.00
10 Trip Full Fare Pass	25.00	Eliminated
10 Trip Half Fare Pass	12.50	Eliminated
Electronic Transfers	1.00	Eliminated
Calendar Weekly Full Fare	25.00	Calendar Weekly Full Fare 25.00
Calendar Weekly half fare	12.50	Calendar Weekly Half Fare 12.50
Currently not available	7 Day Pass Full Fare	25.00
Currently not available	7 Day Pass Half Fare	12.50
Calendar Monthly Full Fare	97.50	Calendar Monthly Full Fare 97.50
Calendar Monthly Half Fare	48.75	Calendar Monthly Half Fare 48.75
Currently not available	31 Day Pass Full Fare	97.50
Currently not available	31 Day Pass Half Fare	48.75
Annual Pass	1,072.50	Annual Pass 1,072.50
Connect Card Fee	1.00	Connect Card Fee 1.00
Incline Tickets:		
Single Trip Full Fare	2.50	Eliminated
Kids Single Trip	1.25	Eliminated
3 hour Round Trip Full Fare	3.50	3 hour Round Trip Full Fare 2.75
3 hour Round Trip Kids Fare	1.75	3 hour Round Trip Kids Fare 1.35
Transit Day Round Trip Full Fare	5.00	Eliminated
Kids Transit Day Round Trip	2.50	Eliminated

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Merkel backs 'short, uniform lockdown' across Germany

The Associated Press

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday threw her weight behind a "short, uniform lockdown" as the country grapples with a high level of coronavirus cases fueled by the spread of a more contagious variant first detected in Britain.

German state governors, who are responsible for imposing and lifting virus restrictions, have taken differing approaches lately. Some have continued to back limited reopening steps while others advocate a stricter shutdown.

Armin Laschet, a governor who also leads Ms. Merkel's conservative party, called this week for a vaguely defined 2-to-3 week "bridge lockdown" to control infections while Germany steps up a safer slow vaccination campaign.

Mr. Laschet also called for a meeting between Ms. Merkel and governors to coordinate restrictions to be moved up from next Monday, but hit resistance from his colleagues. Merkel spokeswoman Ulrike Demmer said Wednesday there is "no majority" for that.

But Ms. Demmer said "every call for a short, uniform lockdown is right." She said figures on new cases aren't particularly good at the moment, because of lower testing and reporting over Easter, but a rapid rise in the number of occupied intensive care beds "speaks a very clear language."

"Joint action would be desirable," she stressed. "The diversity of the rules that have been agreed on isn't contributing at the moment to safety and acceptance."

Ms. Merkel and the 16 state governors confer every few weeks on coronavirus measures. Those sometimes sprawling and ill-tempered get-togethers have drawn



The otherwise lively Górnplatz square in Koblenz's old town is deserted April 5 in Koblenz, Germany. Due to the pandemic, there is a general curfew in Koblenz starting at 10 p.m.

increasing criticism, particularly as governors have frequently taken different approaches to implementing what they agree on.

Last month, Ms. Merkel and the governors sparred for hours before announcing unexpected plans for a five-day Easter shutdown. Ms. Merkel then dumped the plans less than 24 hours later after concluding they were unworkable and apologized to Germans.

Meanwhile, Germany's Sept. 26 general election is casting a shadow. Many have viewed the lockdown proposal from Mr. Laschet, the governor of North Rhine-Westphalia, as a result of speculation over whether he or Bavarian governor Markus Söder will become the center-right candidate to succeed Ms. Merkel.

Mr. Laschet has often advocated allowing more businesses to open, and Ms. Merkel recently criticized his state for failing to keep to the rules that had been agreed upon. Mr. Söder has consistently advocated tougher restrictions. At present, polls suggest that voters are considerably more impressed by Mr. Söder. A decision on the

candidate is expected by late May.

Mr. Söder told ZDF television Tuesday that he and Ms. Merkel had always backed Mr. Laschet's latest position, "and everyone who joins in, I think that's great."

Germany's infection rate is currently lower than that of several neighboring countries, but it is still more than twice the maximum 50 new cases per 100,000 residents the government would like to see.

The country has recorded 2.9 million cases and 77,401 deaths from or with COVID-19 since the pandemic began. It has given a first vaccine dose to 13% of its total population of 83 million, while 5.6% have received two doses. Officials hope vaccinations will accelerate this month.

In addition to vaccines already ordered, Mr. Söder said the Bavarian government plans to sign a preliminary contract Wednesday with a company in the town of Illertissen that would allow it to get 2.5 million doses of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine, probably in July if the shot is approved by the European Medicines Agency.

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Housing Choice Voucher Program

For more information contact Aly Reid at 412-961-1651.

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After the Capitol riot, Dems torn over working with GOP

By **Catie Edmondson** and **Luke Braachwater**
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — When a Republican lawmaker approached Rep. Veronica Escobar, a Democrat, on the House floor recently with a routine request that she sign on to a resolution he was introducing, she initially refused.

Ms. Escobar personally liked the man, a fellow Texan, and she supported his bill. But she held the Republican, who had voted to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election just hours after rioters stormed the Capitol, partly responsible for the deadly attack and questioned whether she could work with him.

Moments after declining, however, Ms. Escobar had second thoughts. “Go ahead and count me in,” Ms. Escobar recalled telling the man, who she declined to identify in an interview. “But I just want you to know that what you did — I haven’t gotten past it. And it was wrong, and it was terrible. And it’s not something that I think we should gloss over.”

In the immediate aftermath of the assault on the Capitol that left five dead, irate Democrats vowed to punish Republicans for their roles in perpetuating or indulging former President Donald Trump’s fiction of a stolen election that motivated the mob that attacked the building. There was talk of cutting off certain Republicans entirely from the legislative process, denying them the basic courtesies and customs that allow the House to function even in polarized times.

Democrats introduced a series of measures to censure, investigate and potentially expel members who, in the words of one resolution, “attempted to overturn the results of the election and incited a white supremacist attempted coup.” But the legislation went nowhere and to date no punishment has been levied against any members of Congress for their actions related to Jan. 6.

What has unfolded instead has been something of an uneasy detente on Capitol Hill, as Democrats reckon with what they experienced that day and struggle to determine whether they can salvage their relationships with Republicans — some of whom continue to cast doubt on the legitimacy of President Joe Biden’s victory — and whether they even want to try.

“I don’t want to permanently close that door,” Ms. Escobar said. “But I can’t walk through it right now.”

Republicans have felt the breach as well. Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., who did not vote to overturn Mr. Biden’s victory but joined a lawsuit challenging the election results, said feelings ran raw after the violence Jan. 6.

“I had some candid conversations with members



Stefani Reynolds/The New York Times
An uneasy detente has emerged between Republicans and Democrats after the Jan. 6 attack, but relationships are badly frayed. Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., right, voted to throw out electoral votes for President Joe Biden. Days later, an aide to one Democrat rebuffed a request to work on legislation together.

that I have a good relationship with. There was a lot of heated emotion,” Mr. Waltz said. Still, he said, “I didn’t experience a freeze.”

He recently teamed up with Rep. Anthony Brown, D-Md., to round up 70 Republicans and 70 Democrats for a letter to the Biden administration laying out parameters for an Iran nuclear deal.

The dilemma of whether to join such bipartisan efforts is particularly charged for certain Democrats from conservative-leaning districts, who won office on the promise of working with Republicans but say they find it difficult to accept that some of these same colleagues spread lies that fueled the first invasion of the Capitol since the War of 1812.

Adding to the tensions, most Republicans insist that they did nothing wrong, arguing that their push to invalidate the election results was merely an effort to raise concerns about the integrity of the vote. Some have reacted angrily to Democrats’ moves to punish them.

Days after Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., voted to throw out electoral votes for Mr. Biden, an aide to Rep. Andy Axne, D-Iowa, curtly rebuffed a request from his office to discuss writing insurance legislation together.

“Our office is declining to work with your office at this time, given your boss’ position on the election,” the aide wrote in an email to an aide to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith later sought to turn the tables on Ms. Axne, posting the email on his official Twitter account after she highlighted her work with Republicans.

“That’s odd,” Mr. Smith wrote, appending a screenshot of the exchange. “This is the last message my staff got from you. Are you longer kicking Republicans off your bill?”

A spokesman for Mr. Smith did not respond to a request to elaborate.

Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-Va., who was in the House gallery on Jan. 6, said she had taken it upon herself to try to facilitate a reconciliation — or at least an airing out of differences.

“It’s been a really challenging time,” she said. “Literally, people were murdered in our workplace. For

some people, that is deeply troublesome, and for some people, they want to move on faster than others are ready.”

In the days after the attack, the wounds it had laid seemed almost too deep to heal. As the mob tore closer to lawmakers on Jan. 6, Rep. Dean Phillips, a mild-mannered Minnesota Democrat known for fostering bipartisan relationships, shouted at Republicans, “This is because of you!”

Afterward, lawmakers nearly came to blows on the House floor and got into heated arguments in the hallways. Some Democrats were so nervous that their Republican colleagues might draw weapons on the floor that House leaders set up metal detectors outside the chamber, drawing loud protests from gun-carrying lawmakers in the Republican Party.

Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Administration Committee, released a review of Republicans’ incendiary remarks on social media before the attack.

Some Democrats, particularly the most progressive lawmakers from safe districts who rarely found occasion to work with Republicans even before the riot, have pressed to penalize the GOP systematically in its aftermath, arguing that there can be no return to normalcy. A spreadsheet of Republicans who voted to overturn the election, outlining how many states’ electoral votes they moved to cast out, has circulated widely among Democratic offices.

But there has been little action to truly cut Republicans out of the work of Congress. When Rep. Sean Casten, D-Ill., moved to punish a Republican who had voted to overturn the election results by forcing a recorded vote on his bill to rename a post office — the kind of measure that normally sails through unchallenged — only 15 others from Mr. Casten’s party joined him in opposing it.

The reluctance stems, at least in part, from politics. Democrats owe their majority to a group of lawmakers from competitive districts who say their constituents elected them to work with Republicans to get legislation done.

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10 Trip Half Fare Pass 12.50	Day Pass 7.00
Electronic Transfers 1.00	Eliminated NA
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Calendar Monthly Full Fare 97.50	7 Day Pass Full Fare 25.00
Calendar Monthly Half Fare 48.75	7 Day Pass Half Fare 12.50
Annual Pass 1,072.50	Calendar Monthly Full Fare 97.50
Connect Card Fee 1.00	Calendar Monthly Half Fare 48.75
Incline Tickets:	31 Day Pass Full Fare 97.50
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could be restarted, panel members said they wanted more information on the risks, cause and frequency of the rare brain blood clots. When the panel reconvenes, they could vote at that time to continue an overall pause or pause use for certain age groups or people.

"We are very fortunate because we have multiple other alternatives in the U.S. to help stop this pandemic. We have very good, well-proven alternatives where we are not seeing safety signals," said Helen Koop, Tai-bot, an associate professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University and a member of the committee. "I think that puts us in a little bit of a different position, and we can be much more cautious and thoughtful and use the old model of, 'First, do no harm.'"

The vaccine has been viewed as a powerful tool for building immunity among vulnerable communities, such as homebound people or homeless populations who may not be able to return for a second shot. The decision will also almost certainly reverberate around the globe.

The vaccine was a large part of the U.S. vaccination strategy, and the drugmaker has delayed the rollout of its vaccine in Europe as the investigation continues. South Africa suspended use of the vaccine.

"The extension of the pause will invariably result in the fact that the most vulnerable individuals in the United States who were prime candidates for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will remain vulnerable. The most at risk will remain at risk, and those who would benefit immediately from vaccination will remain unvaccinated for an unknown period of time," said Nirav Shah, director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. "That would come at a period where the United States is still logging 5,000 deaths in the past seven days across the country, at a time when there were 480 new cases just in the past seven days."



A sign at Miami Dade College North campus announces the FEMA vaccination center at the college will only be giving out second doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine instead of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, Wednesday in Miami.

A CDC official and an executive from Johnson & Johnson described the six cases in the greatest detail yet. All of the women were White, and only one person was taking hormonal contraceptives that can cause blood clots, suggesting that was not the reason for the clots.

Tom Shimabukuro, of the vaccine safety team at CDC, explained the rare, severe clots were especially alarming because they were accompanied by low levels of blood cells involved in clotting—a combination virtually unheard of among healthy young people.

"We have a picture where we have clots forming in large [blood] vessels in the presence of low platelets, so it's kind of a paradox here," Dr. Shimabukuro said. "This is unusual — it usually doesn't happen."

The combination has also

been seen—rarely—among people who received vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and University of Oxford. Four of those vaccine recipients were treated with heparin initially, an anticoagulant that is not recommended because the events closely resemble an immune-triggered reaction to the drug that could worsen the clots.

Some of the women had blood clots in other parts of their body, and Dr. Shimabukuro said the agency would cast a wider net in looking for clotting accompanied by low levels of platelets.

In a company presentation, Arán Marce, chief medical officer for Janssen, the division of Johnson & Johnson that developed the vaccine, also presented data on two cases of clots in people who received vaccine in the clinical trial, one of whom was a 25-year-old man with a hallmark of the symptoms.

"I'd like to reiterate that, based on the current data, Johnson & Johnson believes the overall benefit risk profile for a vaccine is positive across the population for which it is authorized," Mr. Marce said.

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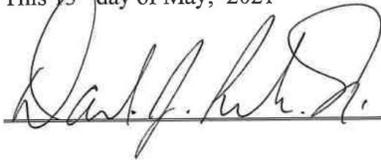
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American corporations forced to take sides in voting rights battle

by Barrington M. Solomon

For New Pittsburgh Courier

(TribuneWire.com) — Battlegrounds are being drawn across the country between those who oppose the voter suppression tactics exemplified by the Georgia legislature and voting and Civil Rights activists fighting against these draconian measures. Last week, 73 Black executives signed an open letter challenging their corporate counterparts across the country to join the fight against a Republican-led campaign to pass a slate of laws that would restrict voting access in as many as 47 states. Kenneth Chenault, managing director and chairman of General Catalyst, a venture capital company and former CEO of American Express, said in a CNBC interview that what he and his Black colleagues had heard from corporations was what he characterized as "general statements about their support for voting rights and against voter suppression."

"But now we're asking, put those words into action," said Chenault, one of the organizers of the executive letter. "Corporations have to stand up—there is no middle ground," he and his colleagues said in the letter. "This is about all Americans having the right to vote. But we need to recognize the special history of the denial of a right to vote for Black Americans. And we will not be silent."

In interviews on CNN and CNBC, Chenault went further. Fundamentally, if you can't oppose this legislation—that's the blood for Black Americans, the right to vote. We can't be silent, and corporate America can't be silent. And if they can't speak out on this issue, what can they speak out on?" he said. Corporations have been awakened. Last Friday, April 2, executives from about 200 companies stepped up to support the effort to protect voting, not just in Georgia but in the other states trying to suppress and manipulate the vote. The companies released

Georgia voters. The laws restrict absentee and early voting and restrict the ability of African Americans and other people of color to vote.

Among the law's provisions are the imposition of new limitations on ballot drop boxes that limits their widespread deployment and allows for them to be placed in voting sites; requires voters to submit their driver's li-



KENNETH CHENAULT

cence or state ID number as part of their vote-by-mail application. If they have neither, they must submit a photocopy or electronic image of an acceptable form of identification such as a passport; and criminalizing the act of providing food and/or water to voters waiting in line to vote.

But the most alarming part of the law, activists and advocates say, is the provision that gives state officials the authority to override county election board officials and allow Republicans to potentially disenfranchise voters in Democratic-dominated areas.

Kemp and his GOP counterparts have been defiant as criticism and actions against them increase. In addition to the prospective boycotts of Home Depot, Delta and Coca Cola, comes the announcement that Major League Baseball games is moving the All-Star game to another venue this summer. According to one tourism official, the state stands to lose as much as \$100 million because of what Kemp and other Republicans call "cancel

and advancing strategies to fight back against the voter suppression measures.

Henderson said organizers in Georgia are definitely working together, testifying on the unjust nature of the legislation and participating in rallies to show the public the potential damage the law would be to the community at large and the African American community specifically.

"One thing we're doing is leaning on corporations which made grandiose statements after George Floyd and now are quiet," she said.

Brown and Henderson not that almost two dozen major corporations are headquartered in Georgia. They include Home Depot, UPS, Delta Airlines, AT&T, The Southern Company and the Coca Cola Company. Other major US companies who have also funded co-sponsors of the Georgia bills to the tune of \$7.4 million include Comcast, CVS, Walmart, General Motors and Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy organization has shown that "since 2015, AT&T, Comcast, UnitedHealth Group, Walmart, and other big businesses have donated a combined \$60 million to state Republican lawmakers who are currently supporting voter suppression bills across the United States—generous political spending at odds with recent corporate efforts to ebrani as defenders of voting rights."

Brown said corporations try to have a public face that is progressive, inclusive and identity with movements for justice, especially racial justice, but often stop short of supporting true racial justice. "Corporations have a responsibility. We work there, serve on boards and are actual consumers who consume \$106 billion, a part of Georgia's economy," she said in a television interview before the Georgia vote. "I think they have a civic responsibility. This is a prime opportunity for them to stand up, use their leverage power and push and stop deals that will push back voter access to Jim Crow times."

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a statement that said in part: "... our elections are not improved when lawmakers impose bar-

riers." "I want to be clear, I will not be backing down from this fight," he said

Brown said many corporations like Coca Cola ran campaigns last year saying they support the Black

Exhibit E:

Email to Stakeholders

From: Masciotra, Breen A <BMasciotra@PortAuthority.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:27 PM
Subject: Updates from PAAC

Greetings, stakeholder groups!

I'm writing to share the following important updates with you:

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Along with the public hearing dates mentioned above, Port Authority will be providing a public Question and Answer Session for those who may be interested in learning more about the proposed changes ahead of providing public comments. The public Question and Answer Session will take place:

Thursday, April 15, 2021

6 pm to 7:30 pm - Public Question and Answer Session

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*Please note that this meeting is not a public hearing and no official testimony will be received at the Question and Answer Session.

We hope that you will be able to join us. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to your participation.

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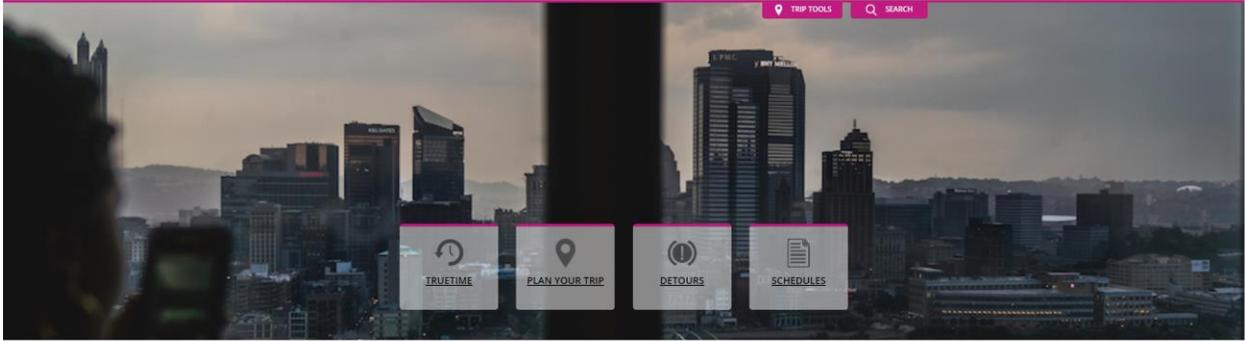
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Port Authority of Allegheny County has announced the following proposed fare changes. You may scroll down to comment on the proposal.

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BASE FARE	\$2.75/\$2.50	\$2.75/\$2.75
REDUCED FARE	\$1.35/\$1.25	\$1.35/\$1.35
TRANSFER	NA/\$1	NA/UNLIMITED FOR 3 HOURS
WEEKLY PASS	\$25, ACTIVE SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY	\$25, EXPIRES SEVEN DAYS AFTER FIRST USE
MONTHLY PASS	\$97.50, ACTIVE FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH TO THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH	\$97.50, EXPIRES 31 DAYS AFTER FIRST USE

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Exhibit I:

Drop Box Decal

Public Hearing & Comment Period for Fare Policy Change Proposal

**Please insert brochure comment forms here.
The deadline for receipt of comments is
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 4 pm.**

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Exhibit J: Fare Change Brochure/Comment Card

Public Hearing & Comment Period for Fare Policy Change Proposal

Port Authority of Allegheny County will hold a series of public hearings to receive public comment on a fare policy proposal. If approved, the changes would take effect as soon as feasible in Port Authority fiscal year 2022, which begins on July 1, 2021. Comments and testimony will be collected for the revised fare policy proposal during three online and telephonic hearing sessions:

Thursday, April 22, 2021
1 pm to 4 pm – Receipt of public comment
Register: www.portauthority.org/fares2021
or 412.442.2000

Friday, April 30, 2021
9 am to 12 pm – Receipt of public comment
Register: www.portauthority.org/fares2021
or 412.442.2000

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
4 pm to 7 pm – Receipt of public comment
Register: www.portauthority.org/fares2021
or 412.442.2000

Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Port Authority will provide an American Sign Language interpreter at all hearings. Additional hearings will be scheduled with interpreters for Spanish speakers. All hearings will be recorded and transcribed by a court reporter and made part of Port Authority's official records.

The public comment period for the proposed fare changes formally began on Friday March 26, 2021.

In addition to public comment/testimony received orally at the hearings, comments on the proposed fare changes are also being accepted online at www.portauthority.org/fares2021. Comments may also be submitted by mail at **Port Authority, Attn: 2021 Fare Proposal, Heinz 57 Center, 345 Sixth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15222** or by calling **412.566.5525** and leaving a message on a recorded line.

The deadline for receipt of comments is Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 4 pm.

For more information, call Customer Service at **412.442.2000** (TTY 412.231.7007) or visit www.portauthority.org/fares2021.

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Exhibit K: Public Comment Details by Medium

Medium	Initials	Fare Change	Rolling Passes	3 Hour/ No Transfers
Online	J.D.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	M.S.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	D.P.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	D.H.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	R.K.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	N.K.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	S.H.	Negative	N/A	Negative
Online	D.F.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	D.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	C.M.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	L.S.	Negative	Positive	Positive
Online	L.S.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	A.C.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	J.W.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	T.B.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	D.M.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	A.P.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	J.P.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	S.B.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	D.H.	N/A	N/A	Positive
Online	S.J.	N/A	Positive	Positive
Online	J.B.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	E.S.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	M.S.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	L.C.	Negative	Positive	Positive
Online	K.B.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	C.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	E.M.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	S.W.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	R.C.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	T.D.	N/A	Positive	N/A
Online	D.L.	N/A	Positive	N/A
Online	B.G.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	K.K.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	P.D.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	K.R.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	N.F.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	I.O.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Online	S.C.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	R.W.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	J.S.	Negative	Positive	Positive
Online	E.B.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	K.S.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	D.G.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	M.B.	N/A	Positive	N/A
Online	J.W.	N/A	N/A	Negative
Online	J.W.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	E.D.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	S.W.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	K.T.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	J.W.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	I.E.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	B.B.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Online	V.E.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	R.W.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	R.E.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	E.J.	Positive	Positive	N/A
Online	M.L.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	G.M.	Positive	N/A	Positive
Online	E.S.	Negative	Positive	N/A
Online	J.B.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	S.C.	Positive	Positive	Positive
Online	S.G.	Positive	Positive	Positive
Online	L.H.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	D.E.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	A.C.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	H.M.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	A.V.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	E.S.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	R.N.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	D.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Online	J.M.	Negative	N/A	Negative
Written	R.G.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Written	A.M.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Written	O.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Written	S.I.	N/A	Positive	Positive
Voicemail	T.K.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Voicemail	J.P.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Voicemail	A.R.	Negative	Positive	Positive

Hearing 1	D.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	R.A.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	N.T.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	M.W.	Positive	Positive	N/A
Hearing 1	C.W.	Positive	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	R.R.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	C.F.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	S.H.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	J.M.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	S.A.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	B.W.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	D.B.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	H.G.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	L.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	D.S.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 1	A.H.	Negative	Positive	Positive
Hearing 2	J.T.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 2	F.C.	Positive	Positive	Positive
Hearing 2	L.C.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 2	D.C.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 2	R.A.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	M.T.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	B.R.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	J.B.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	C.W.	N/A	N/A	Positive
Hearing 3	D.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	L.S.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	D.D.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	A.C.	Negative	N/A	N/A
Hearing 3	M.P.	Negative	N/A	N/A