



January 27, 2026



**RIDE
CALHOUN**

PRESENTATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHY IS THE FARE CHANGING?

Ride Calhoun assumed operations of the existing public transit systems (Marshall Dial-a-Ride and Battle Creek Transit) on October 1, 2025.

Ride Calhoun has maintained the fare structures established by DART and BCT while gathering public feedback regarding a revised, unified fare structure.

Existing fares varied widely between previous service providers and ranged from \$.85 - \$15.00 depending on service mode and distance traveled.

Ride Calhoun must transition from these previous fare structures to a unified fare structure under the Authority.

CURRENT FARE STRUCTURES

BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
<6 Miles	\$3.00	In-Town Single Ride	\$3.00	Single Ride	\$2.00
6 - 10 Miles	\$5.00	In-Town Reduced Fare	\$1.50	Reduced Fare	\$1.00
11 – 15 Miles	\$7.00	In-Town Children (age 5-12)	\$1.50	Children under 5 (with paid adult/guardian)	Free
16 – 20 Miles	\$10.00	Out-of-Town Single Ride	\$4.00	Personal Care Attendant	Free
>20 Miles	\$15.00	Out-of-Town Reduced Fare	\$2.00		
Additional Passenger(s)	\$3.00	Out-of-Town Children (age 5-12)	\$2.00		
		Children under 5 (with paid adult/guardian)	Free		
		Personal Care Attendant	Free		

WHAT SERVICES ARE IMPACTED?

Fares for RC Max and RC Move will be maintained from the previous fare structure in place under Battle Creek Transit. **There is no change proposed to fixed-route or paratransit fares.**

A fare structure for RC Flex, which replaces Marshall Dial-a-Ride and BCGo, is being proposed to reflect travel within and between the four communities.

FIXED ROUTE FARE RECOMMENDATIONS



\$1.75 single ride fare

\$0.85 reduced fare

FREE transfers

FREE children (8 & under)

MAINTAIN existing pass rates

MAINTAIN discounted QHSO fares

EXPAND reduced fares to include Veterans

PARATRANSIT FARE RECOMMENDATIONS



\$3.00 single ride

FREE personal care attendant (PCA)

\$3.00 companion (limit one companion)

RC Move provides ADA complementary paratransit, for ADA eligible passengers, within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of fixed route bus stops.

ON-DEMAND/DEMAND-RESPONSE FARE RECOMMENDATIONS



BASE FARES:

- \$6.00 single one-way, single-zone fare
- \$8.00 single one-way, two-zone fare
- \$10.00 single one-way, three-zone fare

REDUCED FARES:

- \$3.00 single one-way, single-zone fare
- \$4.00 single one-way, two-zone fare
- \$5.00 single one-way, three-zone fare

REDUCED FARE ELIGIBILITY:

- Seniors (age 60+)
- People with disabilities
- Veterans
- Residents of TACC service area

Origin/ Destination	Albion	Battle Creek & Springfield	Marshall
Albion	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$4.00
Battle Creek & Springfield	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$4.00
Marshall	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$3.00

COMPARING FARE STRUCTURES

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (in-zone)	\$6.00	<6 Miles	\$3.00	In-Town Single Ride	\$3.00	Single Ride	\$2.00
Single Ride (in-zone) Reduced Fare	\$3.00	6 - 10 Miles	\$5.00	In-Town Reduced Fare	\$1.50	Reduced Fare	\$1.00
Single Ride (zone-to-zone)	\$8.00	11 – 15 Miles	\$7.00	In-Town Children (age 5-12)	\$1.50	Children under 5 (with paid adult/guardian)	Free
Single Ride (zone-to-zone) Reduced Fare	\$4.00	16 – 20 Miles	\$10.00	Out-of-Town Single Ride	\$4.00	Personal Care Attendant	Free
Single Ride (zone-through-zone)	\$10.00	>20 Miles	\$15.00	Out-of-Town Reduced Fare	\$2.00		
Single Ride (zone-through-zone) Reduced Fare	\$5.00	Additional Passenger(s)	\$3.00	Out-of-Town Children (age 5-12)	\$2.00		
Children 13 and under*	Free*			Children under 5 (with paid adult/guardian)	Free		
Trip Credit \$30	\$25			Personal Care Attendant	Free		
Trip Credit \$60	\$50						

Reduced Fares apply to: Seniors (60+), Individuals with Disabilities, Veterans, and residents of the TACC service area

*Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. Children under 8, or children requiring a car seat/booster seat, may not be able to be accommodated in all vehicle types. RC Safety, Security, and Training Manager is working with the National Child Passenger Safety Board to establish training and certification for RC vehicle operators and supervisors in order to provide this service in the future.



COMPARING TRIP COST

A Springfield senior traveling from home (Brookside Apartments) to their preferred grocery store (WalMart).

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (in-zone) Reduced Fare	\$3.00	6 - 10 Miles	\$5.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

A Battle Creek worker traveling from Denso to Williamsburg Apartments.

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (in-zone) Reduced Fare	\$3.00	6 - 10 Miles	\$5.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

A Marshall senior traveling from home (Marshall House) to their preferred grocery store (Family Fare).

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (in-zone) Reduced Fare	\$3.00	<6 Miles	\$3.00	In-Town Reduced Fare	\$1.50	N/A	N/A

An Albion student traveling from home to Kellogg Community College.

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (zone-through-zone) Reduced Fare	\$5.00	>20 Miles	\$15.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

COMPARING TRIP COST

An Albion worker traveling from home to Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (zone-to-zone) Reduced Fare	\$4.00	11 – 15 Miles	\$7.00	N/A	N/A	Single Ride	\$2.00

A Marshall worker traveling from home (Meadows Apartments) to work at the Blue Oval Battery Park.

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (in-zone) Reduced Fare	\$3.00	<6 Miles	\$3.00	In-Town Single Ride	\$3.00	N/A	N/A

A Marshall senior traveling from home (Marshall House) to Bronson Outpatient Center.

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (zone-to-zone) Reduced Fare	\$4.00	16 – 20 Miles	\$10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

A Battle Creek student traveling from home to Albion College.

RC FLEX		BCGo		MARSHALL DART		ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR	
Single Ride (zone-through-zone) Reduced Fare	\$5.00	>20 Miles	\$15.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

MORE THAN FARES



Increased service hours:

RC FLEX	BCGo	MARSHALL DART	ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR
5:15 am – 7:30 pm Monday – Friday (weekend and late night service planned)	5:15 am – 7:30 pm Monday – Friday	8:00 am – 3:30 pm Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday - Friday

Enhanced technology:

RC FLEX	BCGo	MARSHALL DART	ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR
Scheduled via app or over-the-phone	App/Phone	Phone/Text	Phone/Text

Expanded service area:

RC FLEX	BCGo	MARSHALL DART	ALBION-MARSHALL CONNECTOR
Within or between Albion, Battle Creek, Marshall and Springfield	Countywide Pilot	Marshall (city limits)	To/From Albion/Marshall

WHY IS A FARE REQUIRED?

Fare establishment and collection is a complicated process largely dictated by State and Federal regulations. Fares support, rather than directly pay for, the cost of providing service. The TACC budget recognizes an estimated 7% farebox recovery rate, meaning roughly 7% of TACC revenues are generated by fares paid at the farebox.

State lawmakers, as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Michigan Budget, added language that states:

“It is the intent of the legislature that all transit agencies in this state should strive to achieve a farebox recovery rate of not less than 6%.”

Millage revenues, under current legislation, cannot be counted toward the farebox recovery rate, and therefore, fares must be charged at the farebox in order to meet this intent.

WILL DISCOUNTED FARES BE AVAILABLE?

Reduced fares will remain available on RC Max service and reduced fares are included in the RC Flex fare proposal. Reduced fares are not available on RC Move (paratransit).

RC Max offers a reduced fare of \$.85 for a single one-way trip. Reduced fares are also extended to multi-ride passes.

The RC Flex fare proposal includes reduced fares of \$3-\$5 for a single one-way trip. While multi-ride passes are not available on RC Flex service, passengers can purchase trip credits, loaded into a mobile wallet, which offers a discount and can be used for future trips (i.e. \$50 for \$60 trip credit).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR REDUCED FARE?

RC Max fare proposal extends reduced fares to seniors (60+), Medicare cardholders, people with disabilities, and veterans.

The **RC Flex** fare proposal extends reduced fares to seniors (60+), people with disabilities, veterans, and **residents of the TACC service area.**

WHEN DOES THIS TAKE EFFECT?

The TACC Board of Directors will continue to hold public hearings and receive public feedback regarding proposed fare structures for the next several weeks.

The Board will review all feedback received at their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

The exact date of the fare change will be determined by the Board at a later date.

CAN I CONTINUE TO USE MY EXISTING PASSES OR TOKENS?

All existing passes, TripTiks, tokens, and mobile wallet funds may continue to be used at the current fare rates.

Passengers with unused multi-ride passes for the previous Battle Creek Tele-Transit service should contact Ride Calhoun at **269-966-3474** for more information about conversion to RC Flex trip credits.

RC Move (previously Tele-Transit) multi-ride passes will only be available to those passengers certified as ADA Paratransit eligible.

HOW CAN I PAY MY FARE?

Fares for RC Max and RC Move can be paid in cash on board the vehicle (exact fare only), or by purchasing a multi-ride pass from the Ride Calhoun office, Full Blast, or Battle Creek City Hall.

Fares for RC Flex can be paid in cash on board the vehicle (exact fare only), or by credit/debit card at the time of booking. Trip credits, loaded into a mobile wallet, can be purchased in person or over the phone using a credit/debit card.



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PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED FARES



Proposed Fare Structure for RC FLEX

	Albion	Battle Creek / Springfield	Marshall
Albion	\$6.00 / \$3.00	\$10.00 / \$5.00	\$8.00 / \$4.00
Battle Creek / Springfield	\$10.00 / \$5.00	\$6.00 / \$3.00	\$8.00 / \$4.00
Marshall	\$8.00 / \$4.00	\$8.00 / \$4.00	\$6.00 / \$3.00

Fares shown include full and reduced options. Riders may qualify for a reduced fare if they are 60 or older, a person with a disability, a veteran, or a resident within the TACC service area.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE

Speaker's Name

City of Residence

Organization Represented (if any)

Please direct comments to the Board

Please keep comments respectful

Answers to questions asked during a public comment will be followed up by staff provided speaker provides contact information



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TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF CALHOUN COUNTY

Upcoming Public Hearings:

Albion, Michigan

Location TBD

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Battle Creek, Michigan

49 S. Cass St.

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 5:30pm

Email:

info@ridecalhoun.org

In writing:

Transportation Authority of

Calhoun County

339 W. Michigan Ave

Battle Creek, MI 49037



**We want
to hear
from you.**

THANK YOU

