

**Resolution establishing a pilot program to provide a public transportation benefit for Franklin County employees. (Commissioners)**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 683-06 in order to promote the principles of environmental protection, economic growth, and sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of these principles, the Board of Commissioners desires to encourage the use of public transportation by County employees; and

**WHEREAS**, an increased use of public transportation will reduce the number of vehicle miles driven leading to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions and energy consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to realize these outcomes, the Board of Commissioners seeks to establish a public transportation benefit that subsidizes the purchase of monthly bus passes; and

**WHEREAS**, the public transportation benefit program will be a pilot program that will be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners after one year to determine if continuation is warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, employees choosing to participate in this pilot public transportation benefit program, will be prohibited from also purchasing a monthly parking pass in any of the county's parking facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefit is a form of compensation that the Board of Commissioners is authorized to provide pursuant to section 305.17 of the Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a pilot program to provide a public transportation benefit for its employees. The public transportation benefit shall cover 80% of the cost of a monthly bus pass purchased through payroll deduction.
2. In order to encourage the use of public transportation by all Franklin County employees, the Board of Commissioners requests that each elected official and independent appointing authority offer the benefit established by this resolution to each of its employees.

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3. That the pilot program established by this resolution shall be in effect until September 16, 2009.

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cc: All Elected Officials and Independent Appointing Authorities  
Commissioners – Public Affairs  
Human Resources  
Public Facilities Management