
COTA Offers Free Fares When Level 2 or Level 3 Snow Emergency Declared

COLUMBUS—Today the Board of Trustees of the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) authorized a resolution to continue the longstanding practice of offering free fares on all bus routes during Level 2 and Level 3 Snow Emergencies.

COTA offers this vital community service in order to enhance safety on area roadways and reduce traffic congestion during snow emergencies. Encouraging drivers to utilize public transit also assists the efforts of countywide snow removal and salting.

The free fare policy will be in effect for the entire day once a Level 2 or Level 3 snow emergency is declared.

“Using COTA provides commuters with a safer alternative to driving during periods of severe weather,” said Curtis Stitt, COTA President/CEO. “At COTA, we move people and people move us – no matter the weather.”

The Franklin County Sheriff identifies Level 2 and Level 3 snow emergencies as the following:

- Level 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing, drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways.
- Level 3: All roads are closed to non-emergency personnel. NO ONE should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel.

For more information about COTA’s Level 2 and Level 3 snow emergency free fare policy, please visit www.cota.com/snow or contact COTA at (614) 228-1776.

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