



Weekly Shopper service to start

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Residents of Lakewood and Cleveland's West Side will have a new transportation option beginning March 26 when the Weekly Shopper Service begins running.

The service is a joint effort between the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and the cities of Lake-

wood and Cleveland. RTA will provide half of the funding for the project with the cities making up the other half.

Tuesday night, Lakewood City Council approved a \$15,000 increase in appropriations for the Division of Fleet for the Weekly Shopper Service. According to Jerry Masek, RTA spokesman, the authority is "still working with the city of Cleveland to solidify their source of funding."

For a one-way fare of \$2.25, or \$1

for seniors, riders will be able to travel across the city of Lakewood and a few blocks into Cleveland along Detroit, Madison and Lake avenues. The service will run from noon to 6 p.m. Fridays and stop at scheduled pick-up points at high-density residential areas, pharmacies and grocery stores.

According to RTA, timetables are being developed and will be available at most pick-up locations before service begins.

The 17 pickup points include Giant Eagles in Lakewood and Cleveland, the Lakewood Public Library, many senior centers and apartment buildings, Walgreens, Nature's Bin and Lakewood Hospital. A full list of stops can be found at riderta.com.

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