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RTA ANNOUNCES NAME CHANGE FOR TAX-FREE TRANSIT VOUCHERS

CHICAGO — The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is changing the name of its tax-free transit voucher to FareCheck™. Formerly known as TransitCheck, the voucher is part of the RTA/CTA Transit Benefit program and administered on behalf of the RTA by Accor Services USA. The voucher will continue to operate in exactly the same way – only the name has changed. Employees of participating employers can designate a pre-tax payroll deduction (up to \$110) to pay for work-related public transit commuting. By taking advantage of this pre-tax benefit, commuters can reduce their commuting costs by as much as 40%.

The voucher's name change is scheduled for roll out on October 1 as part of an RTA-led effort to boost awareness of transit benefits among Chicago-area employers and commuters. Starting immediately, the new FareCheck™ name will appear on the vouchers employees receive from their employers. The vouchers are redeemable for CTA, Metra, Pace, South Shore and certain Amtrak fare media.

For employees' convenience, FareCheck™ vouchers are available in any denomination from \$10 to \$110. They are tax deductible to employers and a tax-free benefit to employees. In addition to reducing employees' commuting expenses, the RTA/CTA Transit Benefit program helps employers support clean air, reduce traffic congestion and promote a more reliable, on-time work force.

Employers seeking more information about the FareCheck™ voucher or the RTA/CTA Transit Benefit program should visit www.rtachicago.com/infocenter/farecheck.asp or call 800-531-2828 between 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Central Standard Time.

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About the RTA: The RTA provides financial oversight, funding and regional planning for the three public transit operations in northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and train, Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus and paratransit. For more information, visit www.rtachicago.com and www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org.