

PRESS RELEASE – The HOP FARE MEDIA

The HOP, central Texas's regional public transit system, is pleased to announce that the Killeen City Library, located at 205 E. Church Street in downtown Killeen, now provides for the sale of multi-ride tickets and monthly passes for The HOP passengers. The base fare for The HOP fixed route service is \$1.00 for each one-way trip, with transfers provided upon request for boarding the next bus needed to complete the one-way single-direction trip. Some passengers, however, find it easier to use multi-ride tickets or monthly passes instead of having the exact change needed to pay the fare.

The multi-ride ticket is designed with ten dots to punch, each representing a 50 cent bus fare value. The ticket, which sells for \$5.00, is presented to the driver when boarding, and the driver punches enough "dots" to pay the fare. The multi-ride ticket can be used to pay the base fixed route fare of \$1.00, or, it can be used to pay the reduced fixed route bus fare of only fifty cents for senior citizens (60+), Medicare recipients, children under 12 years of age, people with a disability, and for students. Each of these fare reductions require a special discount card available from The HOP offices in Belton; the cards may be mailed to people, who often call The HOP customer service offices at 254-933-3700 about how to quickly provide proof of discount eligibility.

The \$5.00 multi-ride ticket may also be used for fare payment for passengers using the ADA eligible program aboard The HOP's STS buses. The ADA fare is \$2.00 for each one-way trip, requiring that four "dots" be punched for a single fare payment.

Monthly passes, which sell for \$25.00 each, are limited for use for boarding The HOP fixed route service, and are not valid for use on any STS bus. The monthly pass is stamped with the Month/Year it is purchased, and is valid through the last day of the calendar month stamped on the card. The name of the buyer is written on the monthly pass when it's sold, and is valid only for the person whose name appears on the pass. Therefore, the bearer may be asked to present a valid state or federal government-issued photo ID when presenting the pass as fare for The HOP fixed route bus service. The value of the monthly pass lies in the ability of the holder to use the pass for unlimited use of The HOP fixed route service for the month issued. The monthly pass is valid only for The HOP fixed routes and the route 200 Connector route.

In addition to the Killeen City Library, the Temple City Hall located at 2 North Main Street, the Belton Utility Billing Department located at 100 S. Davis Street, and the Harker Heights City Hall located at 305 Millers Crossing provide for the sale of the multi-ride tickets and monthly passes. These tickets and passes are also available 8-5 weekdays at The HOP's Belton Operating Facility located at 4515 W US 190 (I-14) in Belton. For more information about The HOP, its fares and service, please go to The HOP's web site at www.takethehop.com.