

CHAPTER 4

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SCTA’s fiscal year (FY), as well as the fiscal years of BARTA and RRTA runs from July to June.

Revenues and Expenses

RRTA and BARTA rely on a mix of external funding and directly generated revenue for funding (**Table 7**). Like many transit operators in Pennsylvania, state funding accounts for the largest share of funds. Both agencies receive a significant share of funds from the federal sources as well. Local funding and other sources account for a small share of external funding. Finally, directly generated revenues such as fares, parking, real estate, concessions, and advertising are an important revenues stream for both systems.

Table 7: FY 2023 Revenue and Expenses

	BARTA	RRTA
Revenue		
Federal	\$3,083,309	\$6,194,810
State	\$10,511,282	\$9,053,954
Local	\$420,451	\$635,365
Sub-Total: External Funding	\$14,015,042	\$15,884,129
Sub-Total: Fares and Other Direct Sources	\$2,640,688	\$2,691,351
Total Operating Revenue:	\$16,655,730	\$18,575,480
Operating Costs		
Total Operating Costs	\$12,028,668	\$12,145,560

Fares

The base fare for both BARTA and RRTA fixed-route service is \$1.80 for adults, with reduced fares for students and persons with disabilities, as shown in **Table 8**. Fares can be paid in cash or via a mobile phone or smart card. All pass purchases can be made online via the RRTA and BARTA websites, through the agencies’ mobile applications, or at BARTA and RRTA transit and operations centers. Fares for BARTA Special Services and Red Rose Access are mileage based and range from \$2.40 up to \$50.00, depending on the type and length of ride.

Table 8: Fixed-Route Fares

FARE TYPE	FARE	
	BARTA	RRTA
Single Trip Cash Fares		
Adult	\$1.80	\$1.80
Student	\$1.00	\$1.00
1/2 Fare ²	\$0.90	\$0.90
Passes and Transfers		
All Day Pass	\$3.70	\$3.70

² Persons with disabilities qualify for ½ fare.

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	BARTA	RRTA
Adult 10 Ride Pass	\$13.50	\$13.50
Student 10 Ride Pass	\$9.00	\$9.00
½ Fare 10 Ride Pass	\$6.75	\$6.75
Adult 31 Day Pass	\$45.00	\$42.00
Student 31 Day Pass	\$20.00	\$20.00
Transfer	Free	Free