



PUBLIC HEARING FEEDBACK RECEIVED

PROPOSED FARE INCREASE – 2016

Wednesday, May 11, 6:00 PM

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Category	For	Against	Comment or ?
31-Day Unlimited Ride		4	1
31-Day Senior/Disabled		1	
Commute Card	1	1	
General	1	1	2
TOTAL	2	7	3

31-DAY UNLIMITED

My comment is that I hope you have considered that 31-day passes are likely to be used most by those who have no other option for getting to work. My coworkers with cars use 10-ride passes; they could, if necessary, commute by car or even afford a taxi on most occasions. I can't. I've been a public servant most of my life; I live in a studio apartment, have never had a car or cable TV, my cell phone bill is \$15/month or less, I eat out about once a month (usually less than \$20), I don't go to movies/plays/concerts.

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I just read that the proposed fare increase for my 31-day adult pass will rise 16.4%. That seems awfully high considering the decrease in fuel costs. I recently rode buses in Albuquerque which offer 15-minute service on Sundays, \$1 cash fares, and each bus was standing-room only. Seattle seems to get longer lifespans from their buses despite the hills. I appreciate that Madison Metro needs a new garage, but a 16.4% fare increase when operating costs should be decreasing may justify bicycling and not riding the bus for most of the year; you'll probably get less income from me if the increase is enacted.

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I just want to voice my opposition to the proposed increase for the 31 day pass. Why does it have to be so high with a \$7 million dollar reserve fund? I understand the need to increase the rate, but \$9.50? Milwaukee County has a more extensive system, yet that system is cheaper than ours. I strongly encourage you re-review the 31 day pass fare increase. Could you reduce the increase?

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A 16% fare increase for the 31-day pass is quite high. I know it's been awhile since it was increased, but it would be helpful if it weren't so much. In my opinion, a 10% increase would be more reasonable. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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I can't believe it!

Hello. I am a regular bus rider, riding several times a day, normally. I am aware of the proposed fare increases that would start in Sept. I have bought over the years many Adult 31 day passes. I couldn't believe the proposal to increase this pass from \$58 to \$67.50! That is the highest increase that I can recall. I hope to attend the hearing, if I can. I am hoping that that increase can be lowered. I hope that you do not think that ridership would remain high with such an increase. I do not have the option of other means of regular transportation, and rely on buses, but I am sure that some others will find other means of transportation, so as not be totally dependent on spending that much per month. I know that increases are needed, but by that much? Cash fares are not affected and neither are fares for UW, Madison College, Edgewood, Meriter, St. Mary's Hospitals. I think that that is not fair. I know that the cash fare increase issue caused quite a stir when increased before, but between the cash fare and the other riders at the above schools, hospitals, increases can be shared more. Please reconsider. Surely service cuts can be helped with less of an increase in the 31 day pass and other fares.

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31-DAY SENIOR/DISABLED

I submit herewith public comments on the proposed 16.4% fare hike for the Senior/Disabled 31-day bus pass for which there is a public hearing on May 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Monona Terrace. I find that the fare hike from the present \$29.00 to a proposed \$33.75, a 16.4 double-digit fare increase, to be highly unreasonable especially given that those of us on Social Security have been given no benefit increase whatsoever for 2016! There is no call for a double-digit hike as inflation is nowhere near that much. This is an unreasonable burden for low-income seniors and disabled folks on a FIXED income! To place a double-digit hike burden on us is outrageous! If there must be some increase, it ought to be less than double-digit! A \$2.00 or \$3.00 increase in the 31-day pass would be reasonable given the fact that Social Security beneficiaries have a zero COLA for 2016.

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COMMUTE CARD

I think the proposed rate increase is too high. You should limit the rate increase to 10% or less, \$1.30 seems more reasonable. There are a lot of people that ride the bus that will have a difficult time with your proposed rate increase to \$1.40.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I'm fine with the increase in cost. I would prefer automated billing. We currently get our bill by snail mail nearly 2 months after the billing month and we have to pay by check. I'd prefer an electronic statement and a charge against a credit card on file.

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GENERAL

No rate hikes. The burden of public transportation funding needs to be from the general fund - meaning all tax payers should pay to maintain service routes whether they ride or not. Fares must remain low because most people who ride the bus are not getting raises in order to pay for this.

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I don't mind the increase in fares for the disabled however I think that the increase for the regular fares is too much what if they don't qualify for the low income

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Re: proposed rate increases. It's good that you're trying to improve the system and maintain infrastructure, and I realize that costs money. I'm also willing to share the burden even though I won't personally benefit from any of the proposed changes.

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What I'd like to see happen to Madison Metro is having two different time zones one would have a piece of that would be charged \$2 for getting on a bus cash fare and a dollar 75 off-peak time and if you want to transfer on a topic you had to pay a quarter but if you did not want it I answer it would pay 175 you would charge people \$2 for a regular but for the transfer of charge \$0.15 if they want 2 hours if they want 3 hours it would cost \$0.30 and if you want more hours you would charge them \$0.50 so you can make good money doing by the way that Minnesota did they charged St Paul Minnesota civic they charge to \$25 and 175 RP car and her for our transfer is 24 bucks a day transfer is 42425 and I just think it's kind of funny that we charge for 50 they charge for 25 if you're there transfers are good for 24 hours so if you issue out a transfer say 12 12:45 p.m. you have until 12:45 the next day to use that transfer what I'm putting out this to you because if you're going to have this further increased to \$67 and Rockford Illinois as well as Green Bay Wisconsin Dave fares are set up for in Rockford its \$55 3 minutes 35 for their bus pass so how did they charge 35 is interesting but what I'm trying to point out to you is if you do with the \$67 you going to have writers should go down on the other hand if you do it the way I will let you do it and charge it'll be \$67 if you want to use an off-peak time only and \$55 for \$58 off each time which is makes more sense than some people that don't travel on \$5 why should we get screwed I assume you're coming from and then have low income bus passes for RP collar be 2750 and the low income tickets would be on peak hours would be \$31.50 and still make your money but on the other hand he would have thought you never find out who takes the bus more often on he does not take it so I just don't want to bring this to your attention I tried to do it the regular way but it will not let me fill it out I had to fill out a report on a driver that's idiotic why we have I cannot do my back the other way and this was the only way I get back so I just thought you should know my other concern is that a lot of people are going to blame this on Obama which clearly it's not Obama's fault but it's clearly Costco up I can't see how they can go up it's kind of funny that you're doing it now you could have done this had a soul advertisement on the announcements on the bus I believe you guys were thinking about doing that but I guess you change your mind if we want one that how much money would that bring in two or three million dollars a year I'd rather have that and then have a few trees but thank you now if you don't

have any comments my email I gave it to you but my phone number is....what I'd like to see happened to Madison Metro is having two different time zones one would have a pizza that would be charged \$2 for getting out of us cash for and a dollar seventy five all peak time and if you want to try answer on that I'll pick you had to pay a quarter but if you did not want a transfer it would pay 175 you would charge on peak hour to dollars for the Rutherford bought for the transfer you charge \$0.15 if they want 2 hours if they want 3 hours it would cost \$0.30 and if you want 4 hours he would charge him \$0.50 so you can make good money doing by the way it Minnesota did they charge St Paul Minnesota Pacific they charge 225 peak hour and 175 all P car and fur for our transfer its only 4 blocks at a transfer is forced 24 25 and I just think it's kind of funny that we charge for 50 days charge for 25 if your dirt answers are good for 24 hour so if you wish you how to transfer and saying Paul 12:45 p.m. you have until 1245 the next day to use that transfer what I'm planning up to see you too cuz if you're going to have different fries to \$67 and Rockford Illinois as well as Green Bay Wisconsin papers are signed up for in Rockford a \$55 freeing minutes 35 for their bus pass so colony they are right.