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Your submission for this review:

I am a very regular public transport user; I have no car so if I want to travel anywhere most of the time it is bus or train. Under the current fares, even if I budget for only 2 bus trips a day, which are 3 kilometres or less, on the adult card I pay AT LEAST \$35 dollars in one week. This is restricting my travel cost as much as I can. The Friday travel cap does not help users like me. It was far more useful to have the half price trips after 8 journeys. I would recommend if the system is based on caps, the daily cap should be \$10, on Monday to Thursday, and the Friday to Sunday cap \$5. The weekly cap could remain at \$50 as if someone reaches those caps Monday to Thursday they have already paid \$40 in that week. I am tired of a system that does not consider heavy public transport users who may not be eligible for the concession card but who still struggle to pay for transport if they do not have a regular income.