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Submission: Frequency Discount Change is Unreasonable, Unfair, and Exorbitant for Full-time Employed Riders

By increasing the frequency discount from 8 to 10 journeys per week, weekly fares will increase up to 27% by 2018 for those who take 10 or more journeys per week. Obviously, this group of riders includes daily commuters for full-time workers who commute from home to work, and back, Monday through Friday. 27% is EXORBITANT, and a COMPLETELY unreasonable increase to place on the working people who use public transportation EVERY day to go to and from their jobs, and generally are required to travel at peak times because of normal business hours. A fare increase of 27% is massive, and should be considered unfair on ANY group of riders, and it is inexcusable to think that the Tribunal would consider such a massive fare hike on WORKING people who must commute every day to and from work.

The Tribunal's notion that this can be "mitigated" by switching to off-peak travel is completely unreasonable and unrealistic, as most of these daily commuters do not have the job flexibility that would allow it. If so, they would be doing so ALREADY in order to get the savings that would come with the CURRENT off-peak fare structures

This is simply NOT FAIR to raise prices this much for daily commuters.