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- Higher fares will hurt low-income people the most, and the proposed low-income monthly pass will only be available for a maximum of 400 people a month.
- There will be no significant improvements in service from a further fare increase — much of it will go into reserves, at a time when many people need the bus more than ever.
- Service cuts will not be necessary because we stop the fare hikes.
- Metro says that raising fares will raise more money, but it won't if it decreases ridership, as fare increases have done historically. We need to make our bus system stronger, not weaker.
- Getting people out of cars and on the bus is one of the best things a city can do to be more sustainable and cleaner.

## WHAT ISN'T WRONG WITH HIGHER BUS FARES?

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CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 24 FARE HIKE PASSED IN JANUARY			
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PRESENT FARE			
<b>Cash</b>			
Adult	1.50	1.75	2.00
Senior	.75	.85	1.00
Youth	1.00	1.00	1.25
<b>10-Ride Pass</b>			
Adult	12.00	14.00	15.00
Senior	7.50	8.50	10.00
Youth	8.50	9.00	10.00
31-day pass	47.00	52.00	55.00
<i>EZ Rider</i> semester pass	<b>125.00</b>	<b>135.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>
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**allalders@cityofmadison.com**  
 Your alder (use your district #):  
**district#@cityofmadison.com**  
 Call: **266-4071**

*Testify at the Council hearing!*  
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