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**FEBRUARY 13, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, AGENDA ITEM #5
ADDING AN ON-DEMAND TRANSIT FARE FEE TO THE MUNICIPAL FEE
SCHEDULE**

Dear City Council:

I urge you to remove this item from the Consent Calendar for the purpose of including the actual fares before adopting the proposed ordinance instead of just using a range of fares.

The fee schedule on the City's website includes a 50% discount for additional regular fare passengers, and provides a Weekly Pass and Monthly Pass for regular fare passengers, but omits a 50% fare for additional passengers eligible for discounted student, senior, low-income, and disabled fare rides, and also does not have a Weekly Pass and Monthly Pass for those riders.

Before adopting the proposed ordinance, I also urge you to add a 50% fare for additional discounted fare riders, and to add a Weekly Link Pass and Monthly Link Pass for those eligible for the discounted fare rides at 50% of the price of the Weekly Pass and Monthly Pass for regular fare passengers.

The fee schedule could still include a separate variable fee for promotions, other discounts, and other deals.

The current proposed fares are shown on the City's website at <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Transportation/Palo-Alto-Link>:

All rides are FREE until April 7! After April 7 fares will be \$3.50 per trip. Add additional passengers to your ride for \$1.75 each.

You can also save more with a Palo Alto Link Pass, which lets you pay upfront and unlock 4 free rides per day:

Weekly Pass: \$20

Monthly Pass: \$65

Regular fare rides: \$3.50 (cash or mobile pay accepted)

Discounted student, senior, low-income, and disabled fare rides: \$1.00 (cash or mobile pay accepted)

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chief Transportation Official