

2013 FARE PROPOSAL

IMPLEMENTATION DATES

OCTOBER 1, 2013

MAY 1, 2014



Washington State
Transportation Commission

YOUTH DISCOUNT PROPOSAL

June – July 2013

The youth fare is available to all WSF customers ages 6 to 18 years old purchasing single-ride tickets. The current youth discount is 20% off of the full passenger fare, which aligns with the frequent user discount on multi-ride and monthly pass media for most routes (in the San Juan Islands, the frequent user discount for passengers is 35% while the youth fare is still 20%).

The youth discount was set at 20% during the 2003 tariff cycle to align with the frequent user discount and discourage youth passengers from paying with cash instead of multi-ride and monthly pass products. Previously, the youth discount was set between 50% and 30% off of full fare, but was limited to children under age 12.

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The Commission is proposing to change the youth discount from 20% off full fare to 50% off full fare beginning on October 1, 2013. This change will provide more affordable travel options for families, as all children ages 6 to 18 years of age will be able to travel at a lower cost than they do today. A 50% youth discount will align this discount policy with the 50% discount given to senior/disabled passengers, providing a consistent discount to customers in need of low-cost travel. The following table shows the fares impacts of this proposal by route (fares shown include the \$0.25 per-fare capital surcharge).

Route	Current	Proposed	% Change
Vashon Island (RT)	\$4.05	\$2.70	-33.3%
Mukilteo-Clinton (RT)	\$3.75	\$2.50	-33.3%
Central Sound (RT)	\$6.20	\$4.05	-34.7%
Fauntleroy-Southworth (RT)	\$4.80	\$3.15	-34.4%
Coupeville-Port Townsend (1-way)	\$2.55	\$1.70	-33.3%
Anacortes - Lopez (RT)	\$10.00	\$6.50	-35.0%
Anacortes - Shaw, Orcas (RT)	\$10.00	\$6.50	-35.0%
Anacortes - Friday Harbor (RT)	\$10.00	\$6.50	-35.0%
San Juan Interisland (RT)	N/C	N/C	N/C
Anacortes - Sidney (1-way)	\$14.45	\$9.45	-34.6%
Islands - Sidney (1-way)	\$5.55	\$3.60	-35.1%
Islands - Sidney (RT)	\$19.75	\$12.80	-35.2%

However, while both the senior/disabled and youth fares would now be based on a stated 50% discount policy, senior/disabled fares would remain slightly lower than youth fares. This is due to federal requirements that mandate senior/disabled fares be no more than 50% of the total fare, which now includes a fixed capital surcharge. As a result, the effective discount for senior/disabled fares must be higher to both meet the federal requirements and collect the legislatively-mandated fixed capital surcharge.

