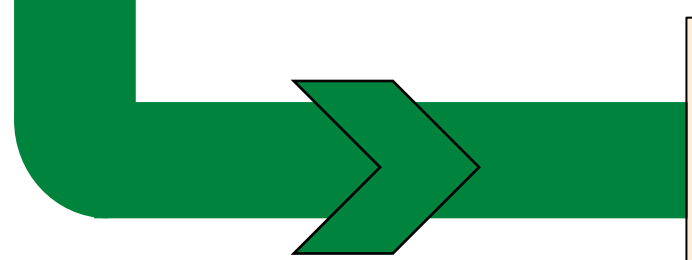




MBTA Fare Equity Analysis: *How does it work?*

Note: This is a simplified presentation of the process. See the full policy for details.

This process begins with any proposed fare change.

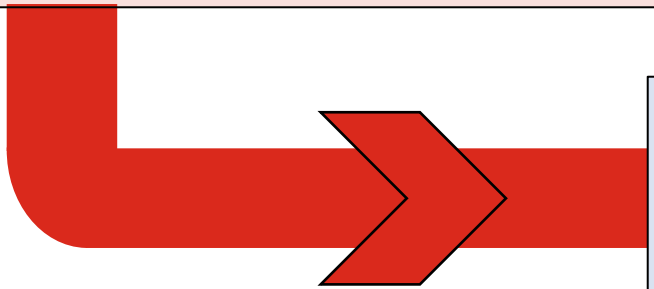


Does the change require an **equity analysis**? Yes, if the proposed fare change will last longer than 6 months and is not a decrease due to a construction project or similar. This includes changes to types of fare and ways to pay.

The MBTA will conduct an **equity analysis** and compare the average fares to be paid by minority, low-income, and all riders before and after the change is made to determine if the change **unfairly impacts** or **unfairly burdens** minority or low-income riders.

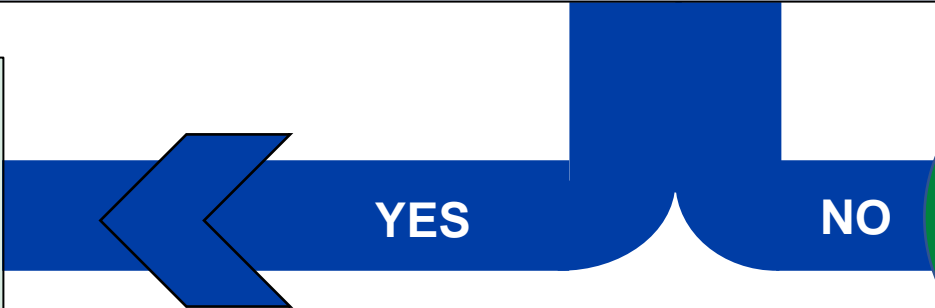


No Analysis Needed



Is the change unfair? For example, it is unfair if a fare change yields a 20% increase in the average fare for low-income riders but a 10% increase in the average fare for other riders.

Before proceeding, if the change will have an **unfair impact** on minority riders, the MBTA must explain the need for the change and show that there are no effective alternatives. If the change will place an **unfair burden** on low-income riders, the MBTA must consider mitigation measures and any available alternatives.



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