

It appears that Councilman (and mayoral candidate) [William Bell](#)'s question about whether or not the transit rate hike that went into effect on Monday morning being legal has led to good news for passengers and questions of timing by those running against him for the mayor's office.

The [Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority's](#) board [yesterday voted to rescind the 25¢ hike](#), returning the charge to ride on the system to \$1. The increase would have been the first one for the system in 12 years.

Proponents say that the fare increase is necessary due to increasing costs and that without additional funding sources, reductions in staffing and routes may be needed.

Even though we already know what the Magic City Question is going to be today, we figured we'd ask one a little early:

What would it take to get you to use our transit system more than you do now (if at all)?