



PIERCE TRANSIT MAJOR SERVICE CHANGE POLICY

The requirement for this policy comes from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1B, "Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients" which became effective October 1, 2012. The Circular requires any FTA recipient that operates 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and serving a population of 200,000 or greater to evaluate any fare change and any major service change at the planning and programming stages to determine whether those changes have a discriminatory impact.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a threshold that defines a major service change and to define an adverse effect caused by a major service change.

A major service change is defined as any change in service lasting 12 months or more on any individual route that would add or eliminate twenty percent or more of the route revenue miles or twenty percent or more of the route revenue hours. All major service changes will be subject to an equity analysis which includes an analysis of adverse effects on minority and low income populations.

An adverse effect is defined as a geographical or time-based reduction in service which includes but is not limited to: span of service changes, frequency changes, route segment elimination, re-routing, or route elimination.