

**Homework #2 - Supplement and Correction**  
**ECON 460 Winter 2012**

THIS QUESTION IS TO REPLACE QUESTION 1 IN PART II OF THE SECOND ASSIGNMENT

There is an error in the original question. When Myrtle has an option of a BUS PASS of \$100 or \$50, she will ride the bus 75 times, NOT 40 times

## Part 2 Working With CV and EV

1. Myrtle has \$800 per month to spend on Transit (X) and all other goods (Y). She currently buys a bus pass for \$100 and rides 75 times per month. If she didn't buy the pass, bus rides would cost \$2/ride. Myrtle is offered to join a Transit program that would allow her to pay a membership fee and then could ride the bus for \$1 per trip. The most Myrtle would pay for the membership is \$40. and then she would ride 15 times a month. If she were given the membership for free, she would ride the bus 18 times per month. Myrtle also reveals that she would be indifferent between a free membership (and \$1 per ride) versus simply having the traditional bus pass reduced to \$50 per month (flat rate), where she would again choose to ride the bus 75 times a month.
  - (a) Using all the information provided, draw all the relevant budget constraints and indifference curves. Be sure to label all equilibrium points and have a legend that explains each point (in one or two sentences).
  - (b) Calculate her CV (compensating variation) difference between the Pass, and the most she would pay for \$1 rides
  - (c) Calculate her EV (equivalent variation)