

# Councillor Hou - MoN - Discounted Fare for Public Transportation

Tuesday, 11 June 2024  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Simon Hou

Public

**Contact Officer:**  
Tom McCready, Director City Services

## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Simon Hou will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council:

1. Notes the recent initiative by the Queensland Government, where public transport fares have been temporarily reduced to a flat rate of 50 cents across the state to alleviate congested roads and reduce cost of living pressures.
2. Recognizes the potential benefits of a similar initiative in South Australia, including reduced traffic congestion, lower transportation costs for residents, and increased use of public transport.
3. Requests the Lord Mayor to write to the Premier to formally propose that the South Australian Government consider implementing a six-month trial of a reduced flat fare for all public transport services within the state, similar to the initiative in Queensland, starting from 01/07/2024.'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The Administration is aware of the Queensland Government's initiative to temporarily reduce public transport fares to a flat rate of 50 cents per trip and will seek advice from the Queensland Government as to the outcomes and success of this temporary fare reduction with the intention of providing this information to Council Members by way of an E-News in due course.
2. The Integrated Transport Strategy will consider the benefits and opportunities of enhanced public transportation and active travel opportunities, including identifying and prioritising locations for public transport priority measures to make public transport a more reliable and attractive choice for more people. An update on progress of the Integrated Transport Strategy will be presented at the August 2024 Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.
3. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, a letter will be prepared on behalf of the Lord Mayor to the Premier requesting State Government's consideration of implementing a reduced flat rate fare for all South Australian public transport services on a six-month trial basis.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	The Integrated Transport Strategy will be looking at public transport strategically and in terms of accessibility to/from and within the City of Adelaide, but State Government support and funding would enable greater depth of analyses, and public transport prioritisation project design and implementation (currently unfunded).
Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.

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