

# Councillor Giles - MoN - 50cent Fares on Public Transport

Tuesday, 11 March 2025  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Janet Giles

Public

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## MOTION ON NOTICE

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

'Following the successful trial of 50 cent fares for all rides on public transport in Brisbane, Council approach the state government to explore the possibility of implementation a similar scheme in Adelaide considering the positive outcomes for cost of living, traffic congestion, business, and the environment. '

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The Queensland Government's 50 cent public transport fare trial ran for six months from 5 August 2024 to 4 February 2025. As of 10 February 2025, the 50 cent public transport fares were made permanent by the Queensland Government.
2. Due to the trial's success in increasing public transport usage and providing financial relief, the Queensland Government has committed \$1.5 billion over the next four years to continue the initiative.
3. On 1 July 2024, Adelaide Metro increased fares across all services by nearly 3%. However, the South Australian Government has also introduced a number of initiatives to support the use of Public Transport.
4. These initiatives are targeted at concessions to assist specific groups to enhance affordability and accessibility and include:
  - 4.1. Free Travel for Seniors: Since July 2022, South Australian Seniors Card holders have benefited from free travel on all Adelaide Metro services at all times. (<https://www.seniorcard.sa.gov.au/benefits/public-transport>)
  - 4.2. Concessions for Health Care Card Holders: From 1 January 2025, individuals holding a Health Care Card are eligible for concession fares on public transport, providing a 50% discount. ([Targeted Concession Enhancements for Better Living | DHS](#))
  - 4.3. Student and Child Concessions: Students with approved student identification cards are entitled to concession rates on public transport. Additionally, accompanied children under 5 years of age travel free at all times on public transport. (<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/travel-concession-and-allowances>)
  - 4.4. South Australian Transport Subsidy Scheme (SATSS): Subsidised taxi fares from 50% to up 75% are available for individuals with disabilities that limit their ability to use public transport. ([South Australian Transport Subsidy Scheme](#))
  - 4.5. Free Tram Travel Zone: Tram travel is free between Port Road and South Terrace, promoting convenient movement across key city locations

5. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the following actions will be undertaken:
- 5.1. Administration will undertake further investigations into the success of the fare reduction initiated by the Queensland Government.
  - 5.2. A letter will be prepared for the Lord Mayor to send 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 as a result of this report.
External consultant advice	Not as a result of this report.
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not as a result of this report.
Impacts on existing projects	Not as a result of this report.
Budget reallocation	Not as a result of this report.
Capital investment	Not as a result of this report.
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not as a result of this report.
Other	Not as a result of this report.
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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