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PRESS RELEASE

**ADDITIONAL \$250M IN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO MODERATE FARE
INCREASE FOR COMMUTERS**

- ***Public Transport Vouchers (PTVs) worth \$60 each for lower-income households, higher than the PTV worth \$50 in last Fare Review Exercise***
- ***Income eligibility criteria for PTVs to be raised; 60,000 more households to qualify***
- ***Concession groups will have their fare increase capped at 4 cents per journey***
- ***The additional \$250m to cover the cost of deferring this year's fare increases is on top of the more than \$2 billion in annual public transport subsidies***

1. The Government understands Singaporeans' concerns about costs of living. As such, the Government supports the Public Transport Council (PTC)'s decision for the 2024 Fare Review Exercise (FRE), to not pass through most of the allowable fare adjustment quantum to commuters, and to grant a fare increase of 6.0%, less than a third of the maximum allowable fare adjustment quantum of 18.9%.

2. The majority of Singaporeans rely on our public transport system to travel conveniently around the island. The Government is committed to ensuring that our public transport system remains affordable and reliable, while continuing to improve connectivity to meet growing needs. Over the past year, we have continued to expand our rail network, with the launch of seven new stations along the Thomson-East Coast Line. Recently, we launched the Bus Connectivity Enhancement Programme with a funding commitment of up to \$900 million over 8 years to improve the connectivity of our bus network.

3. Maintaining the reliability and service standards of a growing bus and rail network requires us to ensure that our public transport system is financially sustainable, to support higher operating and maintenance costs. At the same time, we expect operators to manage their costs tightly, do more with less, and continue to pay fair wages to their workers. This will allow us to provide high-quality bus and train services for Singaporeans in years to come in a sustainable manner.

4. The Government will support the PTC's decision to moderate the fare increase and keep public transport costs affordable for Singaporeans in a few ways.

Continued Government Subsidies to Defer Bulk of Fare Increase

5. The Government will provide an additional \$250 million in subsidies to cover the cost of deferring the remaining 12.9%-points of allowable fare adjustment to next year's FRE. This additional subsidy is on top of the more than \$2 billion annual public transport subsidies to keep bus and train services running, as well as the additional funding of up to \$900 million

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over 8 years for the Bus Connectivity Enhancement Programme. In total, this equates to more than \$1 in subsidies for every journey taken on public transport.

Lower Fare Increase for Concession Groups

6. Next, in line with the PTC's decision to cap the increase in concession card fares for students and seniors at 4 cents per journey, the Government will similarly cap the fare increase for lower-wage workers and Persons with Disabilities at 4 cents per journey. These concession schemes are funded by the Government.

7. In total, this means that around two million commuters, or about half of all Singaporeans, will see a lower fare increase than adult commuters, capped at 4 cents per journey, as they pay subsidised fares of up to 70% compared to adult commuters.

8. MOT is glad that the PTC has agreed to Minister Chee's suggestion and decided that graduating students who are eligible for concessionary fares will continue to enjoy concessionary fares for an extended period of four months upon the end of their course of study. This will benefit about 75,000 students and their families every year.

More Households to Qualify for Public Transport Vouchers

9. Thirdly, the Government will also make available Public Transport Vouchers (PTVs) worth \$60 each, to lower-income households. This is higher than the \$50 PTVs that were provided in the 2023 PTV Exercise. PTVs can be used to top up fare cards or buy monthly passes.

10. The Government will raise the income eligibility criterion for PTVs. With this move, PTVs will be made available to resident households with a monthly household income per person of not more than \$1,800, up from \$1,600. With this increase, an additional 60,000 households will qualify for a PTV in this exercise. The first stage of this PTV exercise will commence by the end of 2024.

11. The new fares will take effect from 28 December 2024. Members of the public who have any queries regarding the concession schemes, including the application process and the eligibility criteria, can call 1800-2255-663 or visit www.simplygo.com.sg.

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Concessionary Card Fare Structures for Lower-Wage Workers and Persons with Disabilities

Train Fares (w.e.f. 28 December 2024)

a) Lower-Wage Workers Fare Structure (MRT and LRT)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	
	Tap in before 7.45am on weekdays (excluding public holidays)	Tap in at all other timings
Up to 3.2 km	28	78
3.3 km – 4.2 km	36	86
4.3 km – 5.2 km	45	95
5.3 km – 6.2 km	53	103
6.3 km – 7.2 km	60	110
7.3 km – 8.2 km	66	116
8.3 km – 9.2 km	72	122
9.3 km – 10.2 km	75	125
10.3 km – 11.2 km	78	128
11.3 km – 12.2 km	81	131
12.3 km – 13.2 km	84	134
13.3 km – 14.2 km	87	137
14.3 km – 15.2 km	90	140
15.3 km – 16.2 km	93	143
16.3 km – 17.2 km	96	146
17.3 km – 18.2 km	99	149
18.3 km – 19.2 km	102	152
19.3 km – 20.2 km	105	155
20.3 km – 21.2 km	108	158
21.3 km – 22.2 km	111	161
22.3 km – 23.2 km	114	164
23.3 km – 24.2 km	116	166
24.3 km – 25.2 km	117	167
25.3 km – 26.2 km	118	168
26.3 km – 27.2 km	119	169
27.3 km – 28.2 km	120	170
28.3 km – 29.2 km	121	171
29.3 km – 30.2 km	122	172
30.3 km – 31.2 km	123	173
31.3 km – 32.2 km	124	174
32.3 km – 33.2 km	125	175
33.3 km – 34.2 km	126	176
34.3 km – 35.2 km	127	177

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35.3 km – 36.2 km	128	178
36.3 km – 37.2 km	129	179
37.3 km – 38.2 km	130	180
38.3 km – 39.2 km	131	181
39.3 km – 40.2 km	132	182
Over 40.2 km	133	183

b) Persons with Disabilities Fare Structure (MRT and LRT)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	
	Tap in before 7.45am on weekdays (excluding public holidays)	Tap in at all other timings
Up to 3.2 km	19	69
3.3 km – 4.2 km	26	76
4.3 km – 5.2 km	34	84
5.3 km – 6.2 km	41	91
6.3 km – 7.2 km	47	97
Over 7.2 km	53	103

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Bus Fares (w.e.f. 28 December 2024)

a) Lower-Wage Workers Fare Structure (Trunk Services)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	Cash Fare Per Ride (cents)
Up to 3.2 km	78	190
3.3 km – 4.2 km	86	210
4.3 km – 5.2 km	95	210
5.3 km – 6.2 km	103	210
6.3 km – 7.2 km	110	230
7.3 km – 8.2 km	116	230
8.3 km – 9.2 km	122	230
9.3 km – 10.2 km	125	250
10.3 km – 11.2 km	128	250
11.3 km – 12.2 km	131	270
12.3 km – 13.2 km	134	270
13.3 km – 14.2 km	137	270
14.3 km – 15.2 km	140	270
15.3 km – 16.2 km	143	280
16.3 km – 17.2 km	146	280
17.3 km – 18.2 km	149	280
18.3 km – 19.2 km	152	280
19.3 km – 20.2 km	155	290
20.3 km – 21.2 km	158	290
21.3 km – 22.2 km	161	290
22.3 km – 23.2 km	164	290
23.3 km – 24.2 km	166	300
24.3 km – 25.2 km	167	300
25.3 km – 26.2 km	168	300
26.3 km – 27.2 km	169	300
27.3 km – 28.2 km	170	300
28.3 km – 29.2 km	171	300
29.3 km – 30.2 km	172	300
30.3 km – 31.2 km	173	300
31.3 km – 32.2 km	174	300
32.3 km – 33.2 km	175	300
33.3 km – 34.2 km	176	300
34.3 km – 35.2 km	177	300
35.3 km – 36.2 km	178	300
36.3 km – 37.2 km	179	300
37.3 km – 38.2 km	180	300
38.3 km – 39.2 km	181	300
39.3 km – 40.2 km	182	300
Over 40.2 km	183	300

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b) Lower-Wage Workers Fare Structure (Feeder Services)

Description	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	Cash Fare Per Ride (cents)
Fare Per Ride	78	190

c) Lower-Wage Workers Fare Structure (Express Services)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	Cash Fare Per Ride (cents)
Up to 3.2 km	128	270
3.3 km – 4.2 km	136	270
4.3 km – 5.2 km	145	270
5.3 km – 6.2 km	153	270
6.3 km – 7.2 km	160	270
7.3 km – 8.2 km	166	270
8.3 km – 9.2 km	172	285
9.3 km – 10.2 km	175	285
10.3 km – 11.2 km	178	285
11.3 km – 12.2 km	181	300
12.3 km – 13.2 km	184	300
13.3 km – 14.2 km	187	300
14.3 km – 15.2 km	190	300
15.3 km – 16.2 km	193	315
16.3 km – 17.2 km	196	315
17.3 km – 18.2 km	199	315
18.3 km – 19.2 km	202	315
19.3 km – 20.2 km	205	330
20.3 km – 21.2 km	208	330
21.3 km – 22.2 km	211	330
22.3 km – 23.2 km	214	330
23.3 km – 24.2 km	216	350
24.3 km – 25.2 km	217	350
25.3 km – 26.2 km	218	350
26.3 km – 27.2 km	219	350
27.3 km – 28.2 km	220	350
28.3 km – 29.2 km	221	350
29.3 km – 30.2 km	222	350
30.3 km – 31.2 km	223	350
31.3 km – 32.2 km	224	350
32.3 km – 33.2 km	225	350
33.3 km – 34.2 km	226	350
34.3 km – 35.2 km	227	350
35.3 km – 36.2 km	228	350
36.3 km – 37.2 km	229	350

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37.3 km – 38.2 km	230	350
38.3 km – 39.2 km	231	350
39.3 km – 40.2 km	232	350
Over 40.2 km	233	350

d) Persons with Disabilities Fare Structure (Trunk Services)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	Cash Fare Per Ride (cents)
Up to 3.2 km	69	130
3.3 km – 4.2 km	76	130
4.3 km – 5.2 km	84	130
5.3 km – 6.2 km	91	130
6.3 km – 7.2 km	97	160
Over 7.2 km	103	160

e) Persons with Disabilities Fare Structure (Feeder Services)

Description	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	Cash Fare Per Ride (cents)
Fare Per Ride	69	130

f) Persons with Disabilities Fare Structure (Express Services)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cents)	Cash Fare Per Ride (cents)
Up to 3.2 km	114	270
3.3 km – 4.2 km	121	270
4.3 km – 5.2 km	129	270
5.3 km – 6.2 km	136	270
6.3 km – 7.2 km	142	270
7.3 km – 8.2 km	148	270
8.3 km – 9.2 km	148	285
9.3 km – 10.2 km	148	285
10.3 km – 11.2 km	148	285
11.3 km – 12.2 km	148	300
12.3 km – 13.2 km	148	300
13.3 km – 14.2 km	148	300
14.3 km – 15.2 km	148	300
15.3 km – 16.2 km	148	315
16.3 km – 17.2 km	148	315
17.3 km – 18.2 km	148	315
18.3 km – 19.2 km	148	315
19.3 km – 20.2 km	148	330
20.3 km – 21.2 km	148	330
21.3 km – 22.2 km	148	330

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22.3 km – 23.2 km	148	330
Over 23.2 km	148	350