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News Release

PTC CUTS FARES FOR COMMUTERS

PTC grants full 1.9% fare reduction

1. The Public Transport Council (PTC) has concluded the 2015 Fare Review Exercise. Guided by the fare adjustment formula recommended by the Fare Review Mechanism Committee in 2013, the PTC has decided to grant the maximum allowable fare reduction of 1.9%.
2. Adult card fares will be lowered by 1 to 4 cents, depending on the travel distance. Students and senior citizen concessionary card fares will be reduced by 1 to 2 cents. The prices of all monthly concession passes and monthly travel passes, as well as cash fares and single trip ticket fares, will remain unchanged.

Key Factors that PTC Considered

3. The PTC tracks closely key factors that affect the cost of providing public transport. Our role is to keep fares for commuters affordable while ensuring the sustainability of Singapore's public transport system.
4. Our assessment showed that while wages and other operating expenditure had gone up in 2014, energy prices had fallen substantively. This allows fares to be adjusted downward in this Fare Review Exercise.

5. We have timed the fare reduction to coincide with the opening of the Downtown Line Stage 2 (DTL2) on 27 December 2015, so that we need not make changes to our fare system twice in a short duration (once for the launch of DTL2, and a second time a short while later to take into account the fare adjustment resulting from this Fare Review Exercise). This will also minimise confusion for commuters.

6. The PTC examined ridership trends, factors impacting the fare formula, and inputs from the public transport operators. One key consideration for us was that commuters who experienced higher fare increase in the last exercise should now see a larger reduction to their fares. In the same vein, the prices of all monthly concession passes and monthly travel passes are kept unchanged, as these had been insulated from the last two fare increases.

7. Another key consideration was to benefit as many commuters and groups as possible. Various commuter groups such as Senior Citizens, Students, Lower-Wage Workers and Persons with Disabilities will continue to receive assistance and support. On the latter two groups, we note that the Government will also be lowering their concessionary card fares. This will be announced separately by the Ministry of Transport.

8. While fares have been cut for commuters, we are equally concerned with the viability of the public transport system. In this regard, we note that the expansion of the network and raising of service quality to boost ridership, will help increase the revenue of the operators.

9. The maximum allowable fare reduction of 1.9% is calculated based on a transparent formula. Information on the fare review mechanism and formula is publicly available. The PTC's role is to decide on the right amount of the quantum to be granted. The PTC will continue to play its role

to keep public transport affordable and sustainable.

10. Mr Richard Magnus, Chairman of the PTC said,

“The PTC is monitoring changes on the ground very closely. We will strive to contribute meaningfully to the overall public transport ecosystem.

This year’s decision to reduce fares for commuters is in line with the negative fare quantum yielded by the fare adjustment formula due to lower energy prices. We have decided to grant the full quantum of reduction to benefit commuters and keep fares affordable.

The PTC’s authority and autonomy are undergirded by its independence and flexibility to regulate in the best interest of the overall public transport system. We are accountable to the Government and our citizens to contribute towards an efficient and sustainable public transport system that Singaporeans can be proud of.”

Annex A: Factsheet for 2015 Fare Review Exercise

Annex B: Approved Bus and Train Fares

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FACT SHEET

Public Transport Fares to be Reduced by 1.9% w.e.f. 27 December 2015**Fare Adjustment Formula (2015)**

$$= \text{Price Index} - 0.5\% = -1.9\%$$

Price Index = 0.4cCPI + 0.4WI + 0.2EI;

0.5%: productivity extraction set for 2013 to 2017.

Core Consumer Price Index (cCPI): the change in core Consumer Price Index over preceding year; 1.9% in 2014.

Wage Index (WI): the change in Average Monthly Earnings (Annual National Average) over the preceding year, adjusted to account for any change in the employer's CPF contribution rate; 2.3% in 2014.

Energy Index (EI): the change in Energy Index which is a composite of cost changes in electricity and diesel; -15.3% in 2014.

1. The Public Transport Council (PTC), in deciding the fare adjustment this year, was guided by the fare adjustment formula which yielded a maximum fare adjustment quantum of -1.9%.

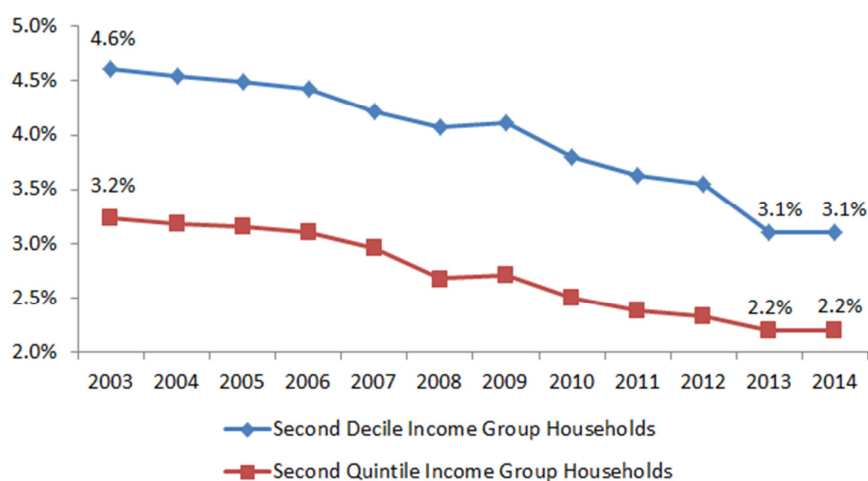
2. The PTC has decided to effect the fare reduction of 1.9% with the opening of Downtown Line Stage 2 on 27 December 2015.

Public Transport Fare Affordability

3. To ensure that fares remain affordable, the Fare Review Mechanism Committee (FRMC) recommended that the affordability of public transport fares should be tracked by the PTC in deciding the fare adjustment. Fare affordability is tracked for the second quintile income group households representing the average public transport user, as well as the second decile income group households¹.

4. Public transport fares continue to stay affordable on the back of general increase in wage levels. The indicators for the second quintile income group households and second decile income group households show similar downtrend from 2003 to 2014. In other words, these households have been spending proportionately less of their monthly income on public transport fares in recent years, and thereby making public transport fares more affordable for these groups.

Monthly Public Transport Expenditure as a Percentage of Household Income



¹ Statistically, deciles are groups of data that divide a sample of data into ten groups (or ten deciles) based on a particular variable. The first decile refers to the lowest 10th percentile group; the second decile refers to the 11th – 20th percentile group, and so on; The second quintile income group households (21st – 40th percentile) are taken to represent the average or typical public transport commuter, as about 60% of the population rely on public transport as their main mode of transport.

Impact on Commuters Paying Card Fares

- 5. For adult commuters, their fares will be reduced by 1 to 4 cents per journey depending on the travel distance. Student and senior citizen concessionary card fares will be lowered by 1 to 2 cents per journey depending on the travel distance.
- 6. Eligible Lower-Wage Workers and Persons with Disabilities will also see reduction in their concessionary card fares under the Government-funded concession schemes.
- 7. All commuters using fare cards will see a fare reduction in this fare review exercise.

Commuter Group	Fare Adjustment
Adult	Reduce by 1 to 4 cents (-1c for up to 3.2km; -2c from 3.3km to 6.2km; -3c from 6.3km to 12.2km; -4c from 12.3km)
Student	Reduce by 1 to 2 cents (-1c for up to 6.2km; -2c from 6.3km)
Senior citizen	Reduce by 1 to 2 cents (-1c for up to 6.2km; -2c from 6.3km)

Monthly Concession Passes

- 8. The prices of all monthly concession passes and monthly travel passes will remain unchanged.

Impact on Commuters Paying Cash Fares and Single Trip Ticket Fares

- 9. There will be no change in cash fares and single trip ticket fares. Today, less than 3% of total daily trips are made using cash or single trip tickets on our buses and trains. Commuters are encouraged to use fare cards to enjoy greater convenience and lower fares.

Public Transport Fund

- 10. As fares will be reduced in the 2015 Fare Review Exercise, the public transport operators are not required to contribute to the Public Transport Fund.

Impact on Public Transport Operators

- 11. The overall 1.9% fare reduction translates to a fare revenue decrease of about \$36.1 million a year for both public transport operators. The decrease in revenue for SBS Transit and SMRT is \$15.7 million and \$20.4 million, respectively.

APPROVED BUS FARES (w.e.f. 27 December 2015)

a) Adult Fare Structure (Trunk Services)

Distance	Fare Per Ride (cent)				
	Card			Cash	
	Current	Approved	Change		
Up to 3.2 km	79	78	-1	140	No change
3.3 km – 4.2 km	90	88	-2	160	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	101	99		160	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	112	110		160	
6.3 km – 7.2 km	120	117	-3	180	
7.3 km – 8.2 km	127	124		180	
8.3 km – 9.2 km	133	130		200	
9.3 km – 10.2 km	138	135		200	
10.3 km – 11.2 km	142	139	-4	200	
11.3 km – 12.2 km	146	143		220	
12.3 km – 13.2 km	150	146		220	
13.3 km – 14.2 km	154	150		220	
14.3 km – 15.2 km	158	154		220	
15.3 km – 16.2 km	162	158		230	
16.3 km – 17.2 km	166	162		230	
17.3 km – 18.2 km	170	166		230	
18.3 km – 19.2 km	174	170		230	
19.3 km – 20.2 km	177	173		240	
20.3 km – 21.2 km	180	176		240	
21.3 km – 22.2 km	183	179		240	
22.3 km – 23.2 km	186	182	240		
23.3 km – 24.2 km	188	184	250		
24.3 km – 25.2 km	190	186	250		
25.3 km – 26.2 km	192	188	250		
26.3 km – 27.2 km	193	189	250		
27.3 km – 28.2 km	194	190	250		
28.3 km – 29.2 km	195	191	250		
29.3 km – 30.2 km	196	192	250		
30.3 km – 31.2 km	197	193	250		
31.3 km – 32.2 km	198	194	250		
32.3 km – 33.2 km	199	195	250		
33.3 km – 34.2 km	200	196	250		
34.3 km – 35.2 km	201	197	250		
35.3 km – 36.2 km	202	198	250		
36.3 km – 37.2 km	203	199	250		
37.3 km – 38.2 km	204	200	250		
38.3 km – 39.2 km	205	201	250		
39.3 km – 40.2 km	206	202	250		
Over 40.2 km	207	203	250		

b) Adult Fare Structure (Feeder Services)

Description	Card			Cash	
	Current	Approved	Change		
Fare Per Ride (cent)	79	78	-1	140	No change

c) Senior Citizen Fare Structure (Trunk Services)

Distance	Fare Per Ride (cent)				
	Card			Cash	
	Current	Approved	Change		
Up to 3.2 km	56	55	-1	100	No change
3.3 km – 4.2 km	64	63		100	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	71	70		100	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	79	78	100		
6.3 km – 7.2 km	84	82	-2	130	
Over 7.2 km	90	88		130	

d) Senior Citizen Fare Structure (Feeder Services)

Description	Card			Cash	
	Current	Approved	Change		
Fare Per Ride (cent)	56	55	-1	100	No change

e) Student Fare Structure (Trunk Services)

Distance	Fare Per Ride (cent)				
	Card			Cash	
	Current	Approved	Change		
Up to 3.2 km	39	38	-1	65	No change
3.3 km – 4.2 km	44	43		65	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	49	48		65	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	54	53	65		
6.3 km – 7.2 km	58	56	-2	85	
Over 7.2 km	61	59		85	

f) Student Fare Structure (Feeder Services)

Description	Card			Cash	
	Current	Approved	Change		
Fare Per Ride (cent)	39	38	-1	65	No change

g) Adult Fare Structure (Express Services)

Distance	Fare Per Ride (cent)			
	Card			Cash
	Current	Approved	Change	
Up to 3.2 km	139	138	-1	220
3.3 km – 4.2 km	150	148	-2	220
4.3 km – 5.2 km	161	159		220
5.3 km – 6.2 km	172	170	-3	220
6.3 km – 7.2 km	180	177		220
7.3 km – 8.2 km	187	184		220
8.3 km – 9.2 km	193	190		235
9.3 km – 10.2 km	198	195		235
10.3 km – 11.2 km	202	199		235
11.3 km – 12.2 km	206	203	-4	250
12.3 km – 13.2 km	210	206		250
13.3 km – 14.2 km	214	210		250
14.3 km – 15.2 km	218	214		250
15.3 km – 16.2 km	222	218		265
16.3 km – 17.2 km	226	222		265
17.3 km – 18.2 km	230	226		265
18.3 km – 19.2 km	234	230		265
19.3 km – 20.2 km	237	233		280
20.3 km – 21.2 km	240	236		280
21.3 km – 22.2 km	243	239		280
22.3 km – 23.2 km	246	242		280
23.3 km – 24.2 km	248	244		300
24.3 km – 25.2 km	250	246		300
25.3 km – 26.2 km	252	248		300
26.3 km – 27.2 km	253	249		300
27.3 km – 28.2 km	254	250		300
28.3 km – 29.2 km	255	251		300
29.3 km – 30.2 km	256	252		300
30.3 km – 31.2 km	257	253		300
31.3 km – 32.2 km	258	254		300
32.3 km – 33.2 km	259	255		300
33.3 km – 34.2 km	260	256		300
34.3 km – 35.2 km	261	257		300
35.3 km – 36.2 km	262	258		300
36.3 km – 37.2 km	263	259		300
37.3 km – 38.2 km	264	260		300
38.3 km – 39.2 km	265	261		300
39.3 km – 40.2 km	266	262	300	
Over 40.2 km	267	263	300	

No change

h) Senior Citizen Fare Structure (Express Services)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cent)		
	Current	Approved	Change
Up to 3.2 km	101	100	-1
3.3 km – 4.2 km	109	108	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	116	115	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	124	123	
6.3 km – 7.2 km	129	127	-2
Over 7.2 km	135	133	

i) Student Fare Structure (Express Services)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cent)		
	Current	Approved	Change
Up to 3.2 km	69	68	-1
3.3 km – 4.2 km	74	73	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	79	78	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	84	83	-2
6.3 km – 7.2 km	88	86	
Over 7.2 km	91	89	

APPROVED TRAIN FARES (w.e.f. 27 December 2015)

a) Adult Fare Structure (North East Line, Circle Line and Downtown Line)

Distance	Fare Per Ride (cent)				
	Card			Single Trip Ticket	
	Current	Approved	Change		
Up to 1.0 km	84	83	-1	150	No change
1.1 – 2.0 km	89	88		150	
2.1 – 3.2 km	94	93		150	
3.3 km – 4.2 km	105	103	-2	180	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	116	114		180	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	127	125		180	
6.3 km – 7.2 km	135	132	-3	200	
7.3 km – 8.2 km	152	149		200	
8.3 km – 9.2 km	158	155		220	
9.3 km – 10.2 km	163	160		220	
10.3 km – 11.2 km	167	164		220	
11.3 km – 12.2 km	171	168		240	
12.3 km – 13.2 km	175	171	-4	240	
13.3 km – 14.2 km	179	175		240	
14.3 km – 15.2 km	183	179		240	
15.3 km – 16.2 km	187	183		250	
16.3 km – 17.2 km	191	187		250	
17.3 km – 18.2 km	195	191		250	
18.3 km – 19.2 km	199	195		250	
19.3 km – 20.2 km	202	198		260	
20.3 km – 21.2 km	205	201		260	
21.3 km – 22.2 km	208	204		260	
22.3 km – 23.2 km	211	207		260	
23.3 km – 24.2 km	213	209		270	
24.3 km – 25.2 km	215	211		270	
25.3 km – 26.2 km	217	213		270	
26.3 km – 27.2 km	218	214		270	
27.3 km – 28.2 km	219	215		270	
28.3 km – 29.2 km	220	216		270	
29.3 km – 30.2 km	221	217		270	
30.3 km – 31.2 km	222	218	270		
31.3 km – 32.2 km	223	219	270		
32.3 km – 33.2 km	224	220	270		
33.3 km – 34.2 km	225	221	270		
34.3 km – 35.2 km	226	222	270		
35.3 km – 36.2 km	227	223	270		
36.3 km – 37.2 km	228	224	270		
37.3 km – 38.2 km	229	225	270		
38.3 km – 39.2 km	230	226	270		
39.3 km – 40.2 km	231	227	270		
Over 40.2 km	232	228	270		

b) Adult Fare Structure (North-South and East-West Lines, Bukit Panjang LRT, Sengkang-Punggol LRT)

Distance	Fare Per Ride (cent)			
	Card			Single Trip Ticket
	Current	Approved	Change	
Up to 3.2 km	79	78	-1	140
3.3 km – 4.2 km	90	88	-2	160
4.3 km – 5.2 km	101	99		160
5.3 km – 6.2 km	112	110		160
6.3 km – 7.2 km	120	117	-3	180
7.3 km – 8.2 km	127	124		180
8.3 km – 9.2 km	133	130		200
9.3 km – 10.2 km	138	135		200
10.3 km – 11.2 km	142	139		200
11.3 km – 12.2 km	146	143		220
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25.3 km – 26.2 km	192	188		250
26.3 km – 27.2 km	193	189		250
27.3 km – 28.2 km	194	190		250
28.3 km – 29.2 km	195	191		250
29.3 km – 30.2 km	196	192		250
30.3 km – 31.2 km	197	193	250	
31.3 km – 32.2 km	198	194	250	
32.3 km – 33.2 km	199	195	250	
33.3 km – 34.2 km	200	196	250	
34.3 km – 35.2 km	201	197	250	
35.3 km – 36.2 km	202	198	250	
36.3 km – 37.2 km	203	199	250	
37.3 km – 38.2 km	204	200	250	
38.3 km – 39.2 km	205	201	250	
39.3 km – 40.2 km	206	202	250	
Over 40.2 km	207	203	250	No change

c) Senior Citizen Fare Structure (North East Line, Circle Line and Downtown Line)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cent)		
	Current	Approved	Change
Up to 3.2 km	60	59	-1
3.3 km – 4.2 km	68	67	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	75	74	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	83	82	
6.3 km – 7.2 km	88	86	-2
Over 7.2 km	94	92	

- d) Senior Citizen Fare Structure (North-South and East-West Lines, Bukit Panjang LRT, Sengkang-Punggol LRT)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cent)		
	Current	Approved	Change
Up to 3.2 km	56	55	-1
3.3 km – 4.2 km	64	63	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	71	70	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	79	78	
6.3 km – 7.2 km	84	82	-2
Over 7.2 km	90	88	

- e) Student Fare Structure (MRT and LRT)

Distance	Card Fare Per Ride (cent)		
	Current	Approved	Change
Up to 3.2 km	39	38	-1
3.3 km – 4.2 km	44	43	
4.3 km – 5.2 km	49	48	
5.3 km – 6.2 km	54	53	
6.3 km – 7.2 km	58	56	-2
Over 7.2 km	61	59	

MONTHLY CONCESSION PASSES (w.e.f. 27 December 2015)

a) Bus Monthly Concession Passes

Cardholders	Price	
Primary Student	\$22.50	No change
Secondary Student	\$27.50	
Polytechnic Student	\$27.50	
University Student	\$52.00	
Full-time National Serviceman	\$52.00	

b) Train Monthly Concession Passes

Cardholders	Price	
Primary Student	\$20.00	No change
Secondary Student	\$25.00	
Polytechnic Student	\$25.00	
University Student	\$45.00	
Full-time National Serviceman	\$45.00	

c) Hybrid Monthly Concession Passes and Adult Monthly Travel Pass

Cardholders	Price	
Primary Student	\$41.00	No change
Secondary Student	\$51.00	
Polytechnic Student	\$51.00	
University Student	\$85.00	
Full-time National Serviceman	\$85.00	
Adult (Monthly Travel Pass)	\$120.00	
Senior Citizen	\$60.00	

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