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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4228-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 26 August 2025 about making 50 cent public transport fares permanent.

From Monday 10 February 2025, 50 cent fares were implemented permanently by the Crisafulli Government on all Translink public transport services across the State. This initiative has been fully funded in the State Budget, across the Forward Estimates, and delivers on a key election commitment outlined in the Crisafulli Government's 100 Day Plan and my Ministerial Charter Letter, providing real cost of living benefits for Queenslanders.

Since being made permanent, 50 cent fares have delivered cost-of-living savings for customers in South East Queensland (SEQ) of more than \$197 million, compared to the previous fare structure (based on data up to 31 July 2025). In the 2024–25 financial year, public transport in SEQ experienced its highest levels of patronage on record.

Support for 50 cent fares has grown to 92 per cent since being made permanent, with 43 per cent of South East Queenslanders saying their public transport experience has improved.

Regional Queenslanders are also benefitting, with patronage on Translink's 16 regional bus networks growing by more than 41 per cent since 50 cent fares were made permanent through to the end of June 2025.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Transport and Main Roads