



For
the
Future

Free public
transport
for Seniors
Card holders



Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

Foreword

Public transport is vital service for South Australian seniors, providing a safe, accessible, comfortable, and affordable way to travel throughout the metropolitan area.

Seniors make a significant contribution to our communities in many ways, whether it be through volunteering and part-time work, helping raise grandchildren, supporting the arts and attending sport or supporting local businesses.

We want older South Australians to get out and about – we want them to start coming back to the CBD, this is a great incentive to help them do that.

This initiative will also help increase public transport usage which has fallen to record lows.

There were 76,159,209 trips taken in 2018-19 in 2020-21 there were just 52,052,511 a drop of 31%.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will be focussed on ensuring older South Australians retain their independence and the last thing we want to see is people staying at home because of a shortage of money.

Older people are a vital part of every community, and we want to ensure they are out and about.

To do that we will scrap the current restrictions on public transport for Seniors Card holders and make it free all day – every day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Malinauskas'.

Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader



Current public transport restrictions

Currently Seniors Card holders can travel free on bus, train and trams at all times other than the morning and afternoon peak weekday periods of 7.01 am to 9.00 am and 3.01 pm to 7.00 pm, where seniors discounted concession fares apply (around 50% discount).

The South Australian Seniors Card incorporates Metrocard technology, which means seniors only have to carry their Seniors Card to travel on the Adelaide Metro network.

Seniors Card

The Seniors Card program is available to more than 380,000 South Australians.

You can apply for a South Australian Seniors Card if:

- ▶ you're aged 60 years or older
- ▶ you're a permanent South Australian resident
- ▶ you're not working more than 20 hours per week in paid employment (part-time and casual employees may average their hours over a 12 month period).

History of Seniors Card Free Travel

Labor introduced free public transport for Senior Card holders in 2009.

When it was first introduced, seniors card holders were able to travel for free from 9.01am to 3pm on weekdays, plus all day on weekends and public holidays.

In December 2013 Labor extended free travel for seniors to all times outside of the morning and afternoon peak weekday periods.



Seniors using public transport less today

According to Department of Infrastructure and Transport annual reports, seniors are taking more than 2 million fewer trips per year compared 2018-19.

Senior's travel has fallen from 7,799,873 trips in 2018-19 to 5,520,843 6 in 2020-21.

We want to get more people and more seniors back on public transport.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

MAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FREE FOR SENIORS CARD HOLDERS – ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

COST: \$5.25 million

Public transport is a critical means of transport for senior South Australian, providing a safe and accessible means to travel throughout the metropolitan area, helping them to stay engaged in their local community and attend important appointments.

