



OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR

Hon Stephan Knoll MP
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government
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Dear Minister Knoll

The City of Adelaide recognises the essential role public transport services play in facilitating access to the city from surrounding areas. For travel within the city, the free tram and City Connector services provide an excellent link between the major precincts through the CBD and North Adelaide.

Following a resolution of Council at its meeting of 12 May 2020, I write to formally request you consider allowing all Adelaide Metro services to operate free of charge within the City of Adelaide boundary.

Council believes that free travel on all Adelaide Metro services would provide an additional benefit to those wishing to move around the city, particularly to those areas not accessed by existing free services.

Free travel would have benefits for users, the City of Adelaide and for the State Government, in particular:

- Encouraging greater use of public transport would help to reduce congestion in the city, assisting movement for all road users.
- New users would be introduced to the benefits of public transport.
- Enabling tourists to access all areas of the city with ease and boost the local economy.
- Facilitating access to peripheral parts of the city would assist economic uplift in those areas.
- Free bus travel would result in higher patronage, helping to fill excess capacity on under-utilised services.

To further discuss the above and any way the City of Adelaide can assist in achieving free travel within the city, please contact Shanti Ditter, Associate Director Planning, Design and Development on 08 8203 7756 or email: s.ditter@cityofadelaide.com.au

Yours sincerely

Sandy Verschoor
LORD MAYOR

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