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Dear Daniel

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 30 December 2014 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 'Does NZTA have a policy around funding for reduced public transport fares for tertiary students, and if so, what is the policy in this area?'

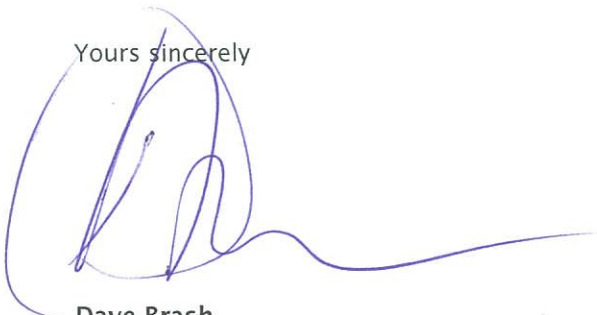
The NZ Transport Agency does not have an explicit policy on reduced public transport fares for tertiary students. Decisions about providing reduced fares on public transport for particular groups are made by regional councils or Auckland Transport within the Transport Agency's wider planning and investment policies.

The relevant planning and investment policies which regional councils and Auckland Transport must follow when setting public transport fares are set out in the following documents, all of which are available on our website:

- 2013 Guidelines for preparing regional public transport plans
<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning/process/public-transport/guidelines-for-rptp.html>
- National farebox recovery policy <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/national-farebox-recovery-policy/>
- Planning and investment knowledge base <https://www.pikb.co.nz/>
- Procurement manual, chapter 9 <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/procurement-manual/>

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Julie Alexander, Manager Public Transport Investment, by email to julie.alexander@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 5400.

Yours sincerely



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