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Dr Robert Shaw

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Dear Dr Shaw

I refer to your official information request (12 August 2016) requesting information on various transport subsidies available for students in Taranaki.

The Council has decided to release the requested information and we respond as follows:

What are the various transport subsidies available for students in Taranaki?

New Plymouth, Bell Block, Waitara and Oakura (Citylink) service

Fare structure

	New Plymouth		Bell Block		Oakura		Waitara	
Adult	Current fare	Subsidy based on Adult cash fare	Current fare	Subsidy based on Adult cash fare	Current fare	Subsidy based on Adult cash fare	Current fare	Subsidy based on Adult cash fare
Cash	3.70		4.20		5.20		6.20	
Smart card	2.67		3.09		3.81		4.63	
Child								
Cash	2.30	38%	2.60	38%	3.30	37%	3.80	39%
Smart card	1.80	51%	2.10	50%	2.60	50%	3.00	52%
40-trip card (\$/trip)	1.60	57%	1.85	56%	2.05	60%	2.35	62%
Concession fares (including Tertiary)								
Single	2.30	38%	2.60	38%	3.30	37%	3.80	39%
Smart card	1.80	51%	2.10	50%	2.60	50%	3.00	52%

School and Tertiary student

Concession fares for cash and electronic cards

Multi-Journey (40trip) via electronic card concession for school student only

Conditions

Children 5-15 years of age travels for a child's fare. Secondary school students aged 16-19 years may travel to and from a school (state or secondary) on a child's fare, if they are wearing school uniform or can produce sufficient ID.

Tertiary/Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki students

Must show current tertiary ID. All WITT students travel free with valid and current WITT ID.

Hawera to New Plymouth (Connector) service

Fare structure

Attached

Child 5-16 years and tertiary students receive concession fare for cash and electronic card. All WITT students travel free with valid and current WITT ID.

Cost to ratepayers

The cost to ratepayers for student travel is not identified separately within the Council's budget process. A targeted rate is applied to each of the district ratepayers. The rate is dependent on the services provided in each district and the budgeted net cost to the Council for those services.

The Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki bulk fund the WITT students cost of travel on both Citylink and Connector services.

Government subsidy

The New Zealand Transport Agency (central government funding body) invests in both the Citylink and Connector services. The Financial Assistance Rate for Taranaki's public bus services is 51%.

Do you hold any data on the levels of subsidy provided by other regions?

We do not formally hold or track levels of subsidy provided by other regional councils. We can obtain the information through a direct request or the fare schedules published on Council bus websites, if and when required, such as when we conduct an annual fare review.

Copy of advice

Executive Committee Agenda memorandum - attached

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602. If you wish to discuss this information request, please contact me (mike.nield@trc.govt.nz 0800 736 222).

Yours faithfully
BG Chamberlain
Chief Executive



per: M J Nield
Director - Corporate Services

Concession Category	New Plymouth	Egmont Village	Inglewood	Norfolk	Tariki	Midhurst	Stratford	Ngaere	Eltham	Normanby	Hawera	Manala	Opunake
New Plymouth													
Egmont Village	3.70												
Inglewood	3.70	1.50											
Norfolk	4.80	3.00	1.50										
Tariki	5.20	3.00	3.00	1.50									
Midhurst	6.80	4.50	3.70	3.00	2.20								
Stratford	6.70	4.50	4.50	3.70	3.00	2.20							
Ngaere	6.70	6.00	5.20	4.50	3.70	3.00	2.20						
Eltham	7.50	6.00	6.70	5.20	4.50	3.70	2.20	1.50					
Normanby	8.20	6.70	6.70	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.50	3.70	3.70				
Hawera	9.00	7.50	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.00	5.20	4.50	3.70	1.50			
Manala	9.70	8.20	7.50	7.50	7.50	6.70	6.70	6.00	6.00	3.70	3.00		
Opunake	11.20	10.50	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.00	9.00	8.20	8.20	6.70	6.70	5.20	

Concession categories

Senior Citizens, Tertiary students, Community Services Card holders, Child 5-15 years, ACCESS

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