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# CityRail Fares

From 11 November 2007

## Welcome to NSW Transport Facts

A Fact Sheet on IPART's Review of Fares for CityRail from 11 November 2007

IPART aims to explain its decisions and provide information to all stakeholders. As part of this information provision, we are publishing this fact sheet. On 25 October, IPART released its determination on CityRail fares for the period from 11 November 2007. This fact sheet provides a short summary of IPART's report. The full report and determination are available on IPART's website.

## Overview

The Independent Pricing Tribunal of NSW (IPART) has made a determination on CityRail fares for the period from 11 November 2007. Under this determination, CityRail will increase its fares by a weighted average of 5.9 per cent. This 5.9 per cent nominal increase in fares is an average of all fares offered by CityRail<sup>1</sup>. Some fares may increase by more, for example, a single ticket from Kings Cross to Central will increase by 20 cents or 8.3 per cent. Others will rise by less than 5.9 per cent, such as a return trip from Parramatta to Central which will rise by 20 cents or 5.0 per cent.

In practice, this means that from 11 November 2007:

- ▼ Single fares for journeys up to 35 km will increase by 20 cents, for journeys from 35 km to 75 km by 40 cents, by 60 cents for journeys up to 175 km and for longer journeys by \$1.00
- ▼ Off peak fares for journeys up to 35 km will increase by 20 cents, for journeys from 35 km to 75 km by 40 cents, by 60 cents for journeys up to 135 km and for longer journeys by \$1.00
- ▼ Adult weekly tickets will increase by \$2.00 for journeys up to 35 km and by \$3.00 for longer journeys

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<sup>1</sup> Fare increase weighted by the number of tickets sold for each ticket type. IPART's own calculation.

- ▼ All TravelPasses will increase by \$2.00.

In making its overall decision to increase fares, IPART took into account the following key issues:

- ▼ CityRail's costs are increasing, in particular capital expenditure on new trains, maintenance and station upgrades should provide benefits to users – it is appropriate for users to pay for a part of these cost increases
- ▼ cost recovery levels are at historic lows with users currently paying around a quarter of the costs of providing CityRail's services
- ▼ the current subsidy provided by NSW taxpayers to fund CityRail's services is \$1.9b or \$15 per household per week
- ▼ improvements in the standards of service and customer satisfaction
- ▼ CityRail's passengers have benefited from low fare increases in recent years - since 2001/02 average train fares have decreased in real terms by 1.4 per cent.

IPART has considered the impact of its pricing decisions on CityRail customers, CityRail and the general community. It considers that these decisions achieve a reasonable balance between the varied interests of these different stakeholders. In particular, its analysis suggests that the decisions will have a relatively minor financial impact on customers, while helping to ensure the long-term financial viability of CityRail services and containing the need for increased government funding of these service. In addition, these decisions are not likely to lead to a major shift from public transport to cars, so their impact on the environment will be minimal.

The maximum fares for specific CityRail services that will apply from 11 November 2007 are shown in the tables attached.

Now that it has completed its 2007 fare decision, IPART is commencing public consultation on its regulatory framework review. This review is to recommend a regulatory framework that will provide CityRail with incentives to provide passenger rail services at efficient cost levels. To assist stakeholders in providing input to this review, IPART has prepared an issues paper which highlights the key issues for comment. The issues paper can be found on IPART's website.

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# Appendix 1 – CityRail fares from 11 November 2007

**Table 1 Maximum prices for CityRail distance based tickets**

Distance up to (Km)	Single Fare (\$)	Half Fare (\$)	Single Return (\$)	Half Fare Return (\$)	Weekly (\$)	Weekly Half Fare (\$)	Off-Peak Return (\$)
5	2.60	1.30	5.20	2.60	21.00	10.50	3.60
10	3.00	1.50	6.00	3.00	25.00	12.50	4.20
15	3.40	1.70	6.80	3.40	28.00	14.00	4.60
20	3.80	1.90	7.60	3.80	31.00	15.50	5.20
25	4.20	2.10	8.40	4.20	34.00	17.00	5.80
30	4.60	2.30	9.20	4.60	36.00	18.00	6.40
35	4.60	2.30	9.20	4.60	37.00	18.50	6.40
45	5.60	2.80	11.20	5.60	41.00	20.50	7.60
55	6.60	3.30	13.20	6.60	44.00	22.00	9.00
65	7.20	3.60	14.40	7.20	48.00	24.00	10.00
75	8.60	4.30	17.20	8.60	51.00	25.50	11.80
85	9.60	4.80	19.20	9.60	54.00	27.00	13.20
95	10.60	5.30	21.20	10.60	56.00	28.00	14.60
105	11.00	5.50	22.00	11.00	58.00	29.00	15.20
115	12.20	6.10	24.40	12.20	60.00	30.00	16.80
125	13.60	6.80	27.20	13.60	63.00	31.50	18.80
135	13.80	6.90	27.60	13.80	69.00	34.50	19.00
155	15.80	7.90	31.60	15.80	75.00	37.50	22.00
175	18.00	9.00	36.00	18.00	79.00	39.50	25.00
195	22.00	11.00	44.00	22.00	86.00	43.00	30.00
215	22.00	11.00	44.00	22.00	86.00	43.00	30.00
235	26.00	13.00	52.00	26.00	100.00	50.00	36.00
255	26.00	13.00	52.00	26.00	100.00	50.00	36.00
305	30.00	15.00	60.00	30.00	113.00	56.50	41.00
305+	30.00	15.00	60.00	30.00	113.00	56.50	41.00

**Table 2 Maximum prices for TravelPass tickets**

Tickets	Weekly (\$)	Quarterly (\$)	Yearly (\$)	Half Fare (\$)
Sydney TravelPass Red	35.00	385.00	1400.00	17.50
Sydney TravelPass Green	43.00	473.00	1720.00	21.50
Sydney TravelPass Yellow	47.00	517.00	1880.00	23.50
Sydney TravelPass Pink	50.00	550.00	2000.00	25.00
Sydney TravelPass Purple	57.00	627.00	2280.00	28.50