

# TRANSIT FARE REVIEW: PEER AGENCIES AT A GLANCE

Region	Agency	Service Area <sup>1</sup> (km <sup>2</sup> )	Pricing by Distance		Pricing by Service Type	Pricing by Time of Day	Products	Transfers		
			Bus	Rail				Within service types	Across service types	
Canada	Metro Vancouver, BC	TransLink	2,877	Flat	Zones	Varied	Peak/Off Peak	PAYG/Passes	Time	
	Calgary, AB	Calgary Transit	825	Flat		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	Time	
	Edmonton, AB	ETS	700	Flat		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	Time	
	Greater Toronto Area, ON	TTC	7,124	Flat		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	One Way & Continuous	
	Montreal, QC	STM	498	Flat		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	Time & One Way & Continuous	
USA	Seattle, WA	Sound Transit	15,210	Zones	Distance	Varied	Peak/Off Peak	PAYG/Passes	Time	
		King County Metro Transit	3,434	Zones	Distance	Varied	Peak/Off Peak	PAYG/Passes	Time	
	Washington Metropolitan Area, DC	WMATA	3,644	Flat	Distance	Varied	Peak/Off Peak (Rail) None (bus)	PAYG/Passes	Time	No Transfers
	New York, NY	MTA	13,000	Flat (bus & subway)	Zones (commuter & regional rail)	Varied	Peak/Off Peak (express bus) None (bus & subway)	PAYG/Passes	Time (bus & subway) No transfer (express bus)	
	Greater Boston Area, MA	MBTA	5,150	Flat (bus, subway, ferry)	Zones (commuter rail)	Varied	None	PAYG/Passes	Time	No Transfers (with exceptions)
Europe	Greater London, UK	TfL	1,569	Flat	Zones	Varied	Peak/Off Peak & Peak/Off Peak Directional	PAYG/Passes/Capping	Number of Transfers & Time (bus & tram)	No Transfers
	Greater Copenhagen, DEN	Movia	9,000	Distance		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	Time	
	Amsterdam Metropolitan Area, NL	GVB	2,670	Distance & Zones		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	Time	
	Hamburg Metropolitan Region, GER	HVV	2,300	Zones		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	One-way	
	Dresden, GER	DVB	328.8	Flat (city centre) & Zones (region)		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	Time	
Pacific	Melbourne, AUS	Public Transport Victoria	9,990	Zones		Uniform	Peak/Off Peak (rail) None (local bus)	PAYG/Passes/Capping	Time	
	SE Queensland, AUS	TransLink	22,420	Zones		Uniform	Peak/Off Peak	PAYG/Capping	Number of Transfers & Time	
	Sydney, AUS	Transport for NSW	12,368	Distance		Varied	Peak/Off Peak (train only) None (bus, ferry & light rail)	PAYG/Capping	Time	No Transfers
	Auckland, NZ	Auckland Transport	4,894	Zones		Varied	None	PAYG/Passes/Capping	Number of Transfers & Time (bus & train) No transfers (ferry)	
	Wellington, NZ	Metlink	3,219	Zones		Varied	Peak/Off Peak (rail) None (bus & ferry)	PAYG/Passes	No transfers (with exceptions)	
Asia	Singapore	SMRT	719	Distance		Varied	Peak/Off Peak	PAYG/Passes	Number of Transfers & Time	
	Greater Tokyo Area, JPN	Tokyo Metro (subway)	13,572	Distance		Uniform	None	PAYG/Passes	Time	
		Toei (Subways & buses)	13,572	Flat		Varied	None	Passes	Time	
	Hong Kong	MTR	2,755	Distance		Varied	None	PAYG/Passes	Time & One Way	

<sup>1</sup> Best estimates based on available information

**DISTANCE**

FLAT	DISTANCE	ZONES	HYBRID
The amount of distance travelled does not affect the fare price	Fares are closely tied to the amount of distance travelled, measured by km/mi or station/stop	Fares are tied to the zones travelled through, an approximate measure for distance travelled. Zones may be different sizes, shapes, and have different prices.	Different parts of the transit system (often different service types) have different ways of charging for distance

**SERVICE TYPE**

UNIFORM	VARIED
Pricing is integrated across service types (i.e., bus, train, ferry, etc.)	Fare structure and/or prices differ by service type

**TIME OF DAY**

NONE	PEAK/OFF-PEAK	PEAK/OFF-PEAK DIRECTIONAL
Fare prices do not change based on the time of day	Fare prices differ depending on the time of day	Fare prices differ depending on the direction travelled at specific times of day

**PRODUCT**

PAYG	PASSES	CAPPING
Trips are paid for on a “pay as you go” basis, allowing for trips to be purchased individually	Pre-paid, multiple use fare products. Often available in time increments (i.e., monthly pass), for specific time periods (i.e., evening pass), or for certain user groups (i.e., student pass)	Fares are “capped,” allowing free or discounted travel after a predetermined threshold of usage is surpassed <i>(Only available on systems with electronic smartcards)</i>

**TRANSFERS**

Transfer rules dictate the fare implications of transferring from one transit vehicle to another transit vehicle. Systems that allow free transfers often have limitations before a new ticket must be purchased. Systems that require a full or partial fare be purchased to transfer are classified in this table as “no transfers.”

NO TRANSFERS	TIME	NUMBER OF TRANSFERS	ONE WAY	CONTINUOUS
Each transfer requires a new fare	Free transfers with limitations on time	Free transfers with limitations on the number of transfers allowed	Free transfers that limit travel to one direction only	Free transfers that limit trip interruptions (i.e., cannot leave a station and return a few minutes later)