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**SMRT gives commuters further rebates  
with lower fares on SMRT premium and express services**  
*\$300,000 donated to help the sick and financially needy*  
*About \$37.3 million worth of benefits to commuters*

1. Following the reduction in bus and train fares, SMRT will lower fares for its Premium and Express bus services to help commuters of non-basic bus services cope with the economic crisis. From 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2010, fares for Express services will be reduced by six cents to start from \$1.50, and Premium bus fares above \$3.50 will be reduced by \$0.20. SMRT Buses will continue to offer commuters the lowest fares for NightRider bus services in Singapore.
2. In January 2009, SMRT announced that it will donate \$300,000 to help needy commuters with their transport costs. The company has decided to donate \$300,000 to help the very poor who require dedicated point to point taxi services for medical treatment, therapy sessions or to work. SMRT will work with organisations to identify and extend assistance to these individuals and would include beneficiaries from four hospitals and two voluntary welfare organisations (VWOs) we currently support – namely Alexandra Hospital, Changi General Hospital, KK Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Bizlink Centre and the Society for the Physically Disabled.
3. SMRT Corporation President and CEO Ms Saw Phaik Hwa explained the decision to extend more help to society: “We have reduced train and bus fares to help commuters of basic services cope with the downturn. In addition to this, we will continue to provide the lowest fares and give discounts for our non-basic services to help another group of commuters lower the cost of living, provide further relief to them, as well as encourage car users to switch to public transport.

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4. “As for the \$300,000 donation to the four hospitals and VWOs, we believe those with both financial and medical challenges remains the most vulnerable in this economic climate. This additional contribution from SMRT will further ease their burden and enable them to better carry on with their medical treatment and daily lives.”
  
5. On 19 Feb 2009, SMRT announced that they would work together with the PTC to reduce fares for commuters. Together with the discounts on non-basic bus service and the donation to charity, these measures by SMRT to help commuters reduce their transport costs and cope with the economic downturn amount to \$37.3 million in the next 15 months. This amount exceeds the savings SMRT will receive from the Government budget.

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## **DISCOUNTS FOR SMRT NON-BASIC BUS SERVICES**

### **Express Bus Services**

Fare Stages	Adult ez-link Fares (cents)			Adult Cash (cents)	
	Current	Proposed	Change	Current	Proposed
10 & under	156	150	-6	160	No change
11 to 13	171	165		175	
14 to 18	186	180		190	
19 to 23	201	195		205	
24 to 29	216	210		220	
Above 29	231	225		235	

Concessionary travel (including concession cardholders with Bus Concession Pass) is not applicable.

### **Premium Bus Services**

Service No	Ez-link/ cash		
	Current (cents)	Proposed (cents)	Change
530	300		
546			
541	Intra CBD: 200 AM Peak: 500 PM Peak: 400	No change	No change
547	Intra CBD: 200 AM Peak: 450 PM Peak: 350		
588	350	330	-20
589			
597			
531	400	380	
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599			
590	450	430	
587	500	480	

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