

# Easier. Safer. More Affordable.

Victorian Budget 2026/27



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## EXTRA MONTH OF FREE PT – THEN HALF-PRICE FARES FOR ALL

War in the Middle East continues to push up prices at the pump and put households under pressure.

That's why the Allan Labor Government is slashing the cost of commuting.

The *Victorian Budget 2026/27* invests \$432 million to:

- extend free public transport until the end of May
- deliver half-price fares from June 1 until the end of the year

Victorians have embraced free public transport in April, saving commuters money and reducing fuel demand.

Free PT was always a temporary measure to help Victorians right now – and it remains temporary.

But we're slashing the cost of commuting for the rest of the year, because the impacts of this war will be felt for months to come.

Half-price fares kick in from June 1.

It means cheaper trains, trams and buses – across Victoria – every day, for everyone.

Under half-price fares, a full daily fare will cost \$5.70 to travel anywhere across the state, not \$11.40.

Half-price fares will:

- save the average daily commuter more than \$850 from June 1 until the end of 2026
- keep a lid on fuel demand for everyone else filling up
- take cars off our roads, reducing delays for those who have to drive

Under half-price fares, reimbursements will be available for people with myki passes.

Public transport will remain permanently free for under 18s and other special pass holders.

Also from June 1, the tap and go rollout can resume across the network.

Only Labor has new solutions to make life easier, safer and more affordable.

### Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

*"Free travel now – cheaper fares next."*

*"As Premier, I'm determined to do everything in my control to help Victorians who are under pressure."*

*"I know this won't solve every problem, but it's another step I can take to help Victorians right now."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams

*"Half-price fares deliver even greater savings for commuters – giving you more options to leave the car at home."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Cost of Living Paul Edbrooke

*"Half-price fares keep pressure off the pump for the rest of the year."*

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