

PTC-UITP INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARE REGULATION AND FINANCING

Agenda & Participants

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Mission

The Roundtable aims to bring together a diverse group of experts to discuss two major issues that all international cities faced in their pursuit to develop a world class public transport system: **Fare Regulation and Public Transport Financing**. It will be an opportunity to share views and information regarding the challenges and best practices in fare regulation and public transport financing.

Background & Objective

In 2016, PTC held its first international Roundtable and had fruitful exchanges between public transport experts, discussing the issues and challenges faced by the different public transport modes in different cities, and how public transport can be made better for commuters. One of PTC's responsibilities, as an independent advisor and a statutory board for fare regulations, is to ensure decisions are supported by insights collected domestically – through focus group discussions, surveys, and social media - and internationally - through Organising Authorities Platform (organised by UITP), international experts roundtable and field visits.

This year, together with UITP, we are jointly organising this roundtable with the aim of bringing a diverse group of experts who can provide balanced input on the topics relating to Singapore's new fare formula, fares in different cities, sustainable approach in financing public transport and many more.

Roundtable Experts

Chairpersons

Ms. HENG Ju-Li (*morning session*)

Director, Research & Advisory, Public Transport Council

Mr TAN Kim Hong (*afternoon session*)

Chief Executive of Public Transport Council

Moderator

Mr Jerome POURBAIX

Director of Regional Offices & Services, International Association of Public Transport (UITP)

Roundtable Experts (in alphabetical order)

Dr Dorothy CHAN

Deputy Director, School of Professional and Continuing Education, The University of Hong Kong and Head of Centre for Logistics & Transport;
Independent Non-Executive Director of MTR Corporation Limited and AMS Public Transport Holdings Limited

Mr Shi-Tsung CHAN

Vice-President, Taipei Rapid Transit Corporation

Dr Vincent CHUA

Associate Professor, Head (Research), Office of the President, Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore

Dr Michael LI

Associate Professor, Nanyang Business School of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Mr Adrian MCMULLAN

Pricing & Forecasting Manager, Transport for London

Mr Beat MUELLER

Director International Markets / Member of the Board at CarPostal Suisse SA;
Chairman of UITP Transport Economics Commission

Mr Mike SMART

Chief Economist, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of New South Wales (IPART), Sydney, Australia

Dr Walter Edgar THESEIRA

Associate Professor, Economics, School of Business, Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore

Mr Roger VAHNBERG

Senior Vice-President of Västtrafik, Skövde, Sweden;
President of UITP Organising Authorities Division; Vice-President of UITP

Mr Jeremy YAP

Deputy Chief Executive (Public Transport, Policy & Planning), Land Transport Authority, Singapore;
Chairman of UITP Organising Authorities Committee

Organisers

Public Transport Council (PTC)

The Public Transport Council (PTC) regulates public transport fares and ticket payment services. It also undertakes the role of advisor to the Minister for Transport on public transport matters. Established in 1987 under the Public Transport Council Act (Cap 259B), PTC operates within the jurisdictions of the Public Transport Council Act and in accordance with overarching public transport policies.

The 17-member Council, by design, has a broad and diverse representation from the society, which includes academia, labour union, industry and the people sector. Many of the Council members commute regularly by public transport for work and leisure, and thus share many of the views and concerns of commuters. The multiplicity of representation and experience of the Council members allows PTC to objectively weigh the considerations of commuters, the Government and public transport operators, so as to provide balanced recommendations to improve the public transport system.

The key statutory powers of PTC include:

- Regulating bus and train fares (taxi fares had been deregulated since 1 September 1998);
- Regulating ticket payment services for buses and trains;
- Regulating penalty fees to deter fare evasion; and
- Advising the Minister for Transport on public transport matters.

PTC strives to keep public transport fares affordable for commuters while ensuring the sustainability of the public transport system. It also endeavours to enhance the travel experience of commuters by providing objective, data-based advice to the Minister for Transport. PTC works closely with public transport industry players and Government agencies such as the Ministry of Transport and the Land Transport Authority.

International Association of Public Transport (UITP)

UITP is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. Established in 1885 and headquartered in Brussels, UITP has 16 offices across the world and 1,500 member companies giving access to over 18,000 contacts from 96 countries.