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The Hon. Bart Mellish MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Dear Minister

### **50 Cent Public Transport Fare Trial**

We are writing to express our support for the 50 Cent Public Transport Fare Trial recently announced by Premier Steven Miles. This initiative represents a landmark effort to address road congestion and provide significant cost-of-living relief to residents. We believe that this trial has the potential to encourage more people to switch from driving to public transport, thereby alleviating traffic congestion and delivering substantial savings to commuters.

As the leading professional body for the transport community, the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management (AITPM) is committed to supporting this initiative and would like to offer our assistance to the government. We believe that this trial represents a unique opportunity to study the impacts of drastically reduced fare prices on public transport usage, commuter behaviour, and overall traffic patterns. As such, a comprehensive data collection plan is essential to evaluate the effectiveness of this initiative, understand its broader implications, and inform future transport policies.

The AITPM members are in the process of preparing a memorandum to provide industry input in assisting with the preparation of data collection plans and analysis. The AITPM sees this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to collect valuable data that can inform future policy choices for managing the state's transport challenges.

This initiative has the potential to unlock a wealth of information about the long-term benefits of reduced public transport fares through data collection and analysis. Data that could be instrumental in the development of sustainable, cost-effective transport policies for Queensland, shaping the future of our transport system.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you regarding this matter in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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