

# Transport Scotland submission of 1 June 2022

## PE1928/C: Provide free rail travel for disabled people who meet the qualifications for free bus travel

Thank you for your letter of 6 May 2022 requesting an update on the progress of the Fair Fares Review.

As was highlighted in our correspondence of February 2022, this review forms part of a broader package of work being taken forward to ensure that there is a sustainable and viable public transport system for the future as we recover from the pandemic. Given this context, our initial work undertaken to date has focussed on analytical work assessing changing trends in transport demand and usage as a consequence of Covid-19 and working with stakeholders across the transport sector to encourage people back onto public transport as more people begin to return to workplaces and travel for leisure purposes more often.

We anticipate that the review will proceed with a detailed assessment of the existing discounted fares and concessionary schemes as well as the overall cost and availability of services across bus, rail and ferry in the coming months. It will thereafter consider options taking cognisance of the relative changes to the overall cost of travel. We will engage with stakeholders throughout this process and will keep the Committee regularly updated as the review progresses.