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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> September referring to Cllr Séamas De Faoite's request that the Council write to Translink ***to consider a scheme that would reduce fares to encourage the use of public transport and reduce traffic congestion during the Christmas period.***

Translink welcomes the opportunity to engage in discussions about the important role public transport plays in keeping Belfast moving, particularly during the busy autumn and festive seasons.

However, decisions relating to fares policy fall under the remit of the Department for Infrastructure.

A wide range of good-value ticketing options are available. For example, unlimited all-day travel on Metro services across Belfast is available for just £4, with contactless payment options making journeys even more accessible.

We also remain committed to collaborating with a broad range of stakeholders to encourage modal shift to public transport and help more people enjoy all that Belfast has to offer throughout the festive period.

I hope you will find this of use. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you require any further clarity.

Yours Sincerely,

**Chris Conway**  
Chief Executive Officer, Translink