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Prime Minister ②

This is the text of the
announcement on concessionary
fares. DoT have confirmed
that the cost is £60 per
pensioner / disabled person.

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CONCESSIONARY FARES IN LONDON

Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, today announced measures to be incorporated in the London Regional Transport Bill to safeguard the future of a uniform scheme of travel concessions for pensioners and disabled people in London.

In answer to a Parliamentary Question from Terry Dicks MP for Hayes and Harlington, Mr Ridley said:

"As we made clear in our White Paper 'Public Transport in London' (Cmd 9004) published in July 1983, the Government have always recognised the concern of London's pensioners that a joint scheme for concessionary travel should be available to them.

"The London Boroughs Association has agreed the principle of such a joint scheme and discussions on the detailed arrangements are progressing.

"We propose to safeguard this agreement by providing in the London Regional Transport Bill for the continuation of a uniform scheme should any of the London local authorities refuse to participate. London Regional Transport would offer free off-peak travel to London's pensioners and disabled people and free travel at all times for the blind. The cost would be recouped from the London authorities who would issue the necessary permits. Any charge that those authorities might wish to make for issuing permits would require my consent."

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