

Tallinn Fare-Free Public Transport — Resident Free Rides Since 2013, with a Modest Evidence-Based Effect

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since January 2013 Tallinn residents ride city public transport free, after a 75% 'yes' referendum. A 1,500-household study found +14% use after a year, but only ~1.2% attributable to fare removal.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-15

[Tallinn City Government \(Tallinna Linnavalitsus\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-15

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