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## Getting to Sentosa when Resorts World Sentosa opens

- Joint measures by SDC and LTA to make public transport and Sentosa's island transportation networks the preferred travel options
- Price changes to Sentosa's shuttle bus service, Sentosa's gantry and car park charges to benefit those who take the bus, car pool or share cabs
- Road enhancement works to improve traffic conditions near completion;
   Sentosa Gateway Tunnel in the pipeline
- Plan your outing and use public transport to avoid heavy traffic

Singapore, 7 January 2010 – Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) and the Land Transport Authority (LTA) have collaborated on a host of measures aimed at improving traffic conditions in the Sentosa-HarbourFront precinct, making it more attractive for visitors to use public transport and Sentosa's island transportation networks to enter Sentosa as it prepares for the opening of Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Singapore's first integrated resort. Adding RWS to the many leisure and lifestyle offerings already established across the resort island, Sentosa will be home to more than 240 attractions, restaurants, bars and retail outlets.

Road enhancement works to improve traffic conditions are near completion and measures to improve public transport access to Sentosa are also in place.

"We expect Sentosa's annual visitor numbers to more than double in the coming years", says Mike Barclay, Chief Executive Officer, SDC. "To prepare for this, we are spending \$300 million to bolster infrastructure, widen roads and put new Express trains on our monorail tracks. We would also have completed the Sentosa Boardwalk by end 2010 to give our guests the additional option of a sheltered walk from VivoCity. The measures undertaken by SDC and LTA are intended to facilitate access to Sentosa across all modes of transport."

Yam Ah Mee, Chief Executive of LTA, notes that public transport will be the best option for visitors. "We urge the public to take advantage of public transport to go to Sentosa and the resort. "No doubt, the opening will generate plenty of buzz and excitement, and with it, huge crowds. The enhanced road network and traffic management measures will help minimise congestion, but with many who will want to visit the IR as soon as it opens, traffic delays can be expected. The public is thus encouraged to take public transport to the resort."

SDC is cutting the price of its shuttle bus service by \$1, by absorbing the transport cost. From 18 January, visitors who use the shuttle bus service from HarbourFront Bus Interchange (Seah Im) to enter Sentosa will only have to pay the \$2 island admission charge.

There will also be changes to the gantry and car park charges to encourage visitors to take public transport, car pool or share cabs during peak hours.

A second vehicular bridge which runs parallel to the existing bridge, linking Sentosa to the mainland was opened in September, doubling road capacity to and from the island. In parallel, LTA has initiated extensive road enhancement works on Sentosa Gateway and along the road network in the Harbourfront area. The enhancements have included the extension of the existing bus shelters, to facilitate the flow of buses and coaches that will be used to transport large numbers of visitors to the island.

In the transport pipeline, SDC also plans to improve links within Sentosa, including a second cableway system and a buggy service for hotel guests. A tender has been called to introduce shuttle services between Sentosa and Changi Airport, hotels, key shopping districts and the heartlands by the second quarter of 2010.

## Island Transportation, Sentosa's Gantry Charges and Parking Charges

To complement the overall traffic management plan, SDC will introduce price changes for the island's shuttle bus service from the HarbourFront Bus Interchange (at Seah Im), Sentosa's gantry and car parks with effect from 18 January 2010.

## (a) Island Transportation – Sentosa shuttle bus service

SDC will cut the cost of travelling onboard Sentosa's orange buses from the HarbourFront Bus Interchange (at Seah Im), from \$3 to \$2 per person. Sentosa will absorb the transport cost, while the \$2 island admission charge remains. During peak periods, we will be providing a more frequent shuttle service to the Sentosa Beach Station from the HarbourFront Bus Interchange at Seah Im. This will complement the shuttle bus service RWS will be running between VivoCity and the integrated resort. RWS will announce details in due course.

#### (b) Sentosa's Gantry and Parking Charges

To enhance service for visitors at the Sentosa gantry, the existing admissions charging regime of \$2 per private vehicle and \$2 per island guest will be replaced with variable flat charges on a per vehicle basis. This initiative is intended to reduce processing time at the admission gantry and encourage car-pooling. Weekday and weekend rates will differ. Car park charges will also be revised. Please refer to Annex I.

## (c) Island Transportation – Sentosa Express monorail

There will be no change to the \$3 charge per person. The monorail system can carry up to 4,000 passengers per hour per direction, with trains running at an average interval of 3 minutes on peak days. To expedite entry, visitors who ride on the

Sentosa Express monorail can now tap their way into the island using their ez-link and concession cards.

## (d) Intra-island Transportation

Intra-island transportation on the monorail, shuttle buses and beach trams will continue to be offered on a complimentary basis.

The framework of charges is aimed to encourage visitors to use public transport and connect to Sentosa's island transportation network, especially on weekends and public holidays.

However, if visitors choose to travel by private transport or by taxi, they should car-pool or share a cab to enjoy savings. There will be way-finding signs and lane markings along the Sentosa Gateway (vehicular bridge) to guide motorists. Those heading to RWS will turn off along Sentosa Gateway into the basement car park of RWS, while all other visitors will drive ahead to Sentosa's admission gantry. Please refer to Annex II & III.

## Improved Road Network

LTA completed the re-configuration of ramps to the West Coast Highway viaduct in December. This reconfiguration will allow traffic heading towards Telok Blangah and Henderson estates to bypass the Sentosa Gateway/Telok Blangah junction – which will, in turn, help to improve the traffic conditions for vehicles turning into Sentosa or heading towards Vivo City.

Road widening works for Sentosa Gateway have been supplemented by the addition of a single lane along stretches of Telok Blangah Road and Kampong Bahru Road.

LTA has also completed improvement works along Telok Blangah Road at the three key road intersections with Kampong Bahru Road, Sentosa Gateway and Henderson Road. These road improvements will ensure that the stretch of Telok Blangah Road leading to Sentosa has the necessary capacity to cope with the increase in traffic.

In the longer term, LTA is also working to complete the Sentosa Gateway Tunnel by 2015, which will add additional road capacity in the area and increase the throughput of traffic in the HarbourFront precinct.

#### **Enhanced Traffic Directions**

Besides improvements to physical infrastructure, LTA has also enhanced the HarbourFront precinct traffic signs to better manage traffic in the area. Motorists driving to Sentosa or HarbourFront are being informed of parking availability through Parking Guidance System (PGS) signs located along key approaches to the precinct. This will deter drivers from circulating in search of parking spaces, which will help to relieve congestion. Overhead

gantry signs and lane indication signs have also been installed to guide motorists to their destinations.

## **Visitors Should Plan Their Journeys**

Public and island transportation are the recommended modes of travel into Sentosa, and SDC and LTA will monitor traffic patterns and make adjustments when necessary. Visitors are strongly encouraged to plan their journeys and factor in time for travelling to ensure positive experiences for themselves, their families and friends. Latest traffic information will be available on the LTA website, and motorists can expect traffic updates through LTA's Traffic News.

By end 2010, accessing Sentosa and the resort on foot via the Sentosa Boardwalk is expected to become another preferred travel option for visitors.

## **ABOUT SENTOSA**

Sentosa is Asia's leading leisure destination and Singapore's premier island resort getaway, located within 15 minutes from the central business and shopping districts. The island resort is managed by Sentosa Development Corporation, which works with various stakeholders in overseeing property investments, attractions development, operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island. The Corporation also manages the Southern Islands, and owns Mount Faber Leisure Group which runs Singapore's only cable car service.

The 500-hectare island resort is home to an exciting array of themed attractions, award-winning spa retreats, lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, resort accommodations, world-renowned golf courses, a deep-water yachting marina and luxurious residences – making Sentosa a vibrant island resort for business and leisure. Sentosa Island will soon welcome a new mega attraction and Singapore's only integrated resort targeted at families, Resorts World Sentosa, which will operate South East Asia's first Universal Studios Singapore.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive residential enclave. By 2014, it will be bustling with some 2,000 homes, romantic quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. Offering Singapore's only truly oceanfront residences, Sentosa Cove is fast becoming the world's most desirable address.

The Island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The Tanjong. Since 2006, Asia's richest national open, the annual Barclays Singapore

Open, has teed off on The Serapong with star-studded line-ups featuring international players and golf professionals from Asia, Europe and the USA playing to nail-biting finishes.

Welcoming a growing number of local and international guests every year, Sentosa is an integral part of Singapore's goal to be a global destination to work, live and play.

# FLAT FEES FOR DRIVE-INS & ISLAND TRANSPORTATION/CAR PARK CHARGES

\*Prices cover all passengers in car/taxi, excluding the prevailing taxi fare. Empty taxis will continue to gain free access into Sentosa. Rates inclusive of GST

TAXI	Current	Revised			
	All Day	7am – 11.59am	12nn – 2pm	2.01pm – 7pm	7.01pm - 6.59am
Weekday	\$2 per visitor or \$6 for 3 visitors	\$5 per taxi*	\$2 per taxi*	\$5 per taxi*	\$2 per taxi*
Weekend & Public Holiday			\$6 per taxi*		\$3 per taxi*

CAR	Current	Revised			
CAIC	All Day	7am – 11.59am	12nn – 2pm	2.01pm – 7pm	7.01pm - 6.59am
Weekday	\$2 per visitor + \$2 per car or \$8 for 3 visitors	\$6 per car*	\$2 per car*	\$6 per car*	\$2 per car*
Weekend & Public Holiday			\$7 per car*		\$3 per car*

	BUS	Current	Revised
		All Day	All Day
	Daily	\$3 per visitor	\$2 per visitor

EXPRESS	Current	Revised
	All Day	All Day
Daily	\$3 per visitor	\$3 per visitor

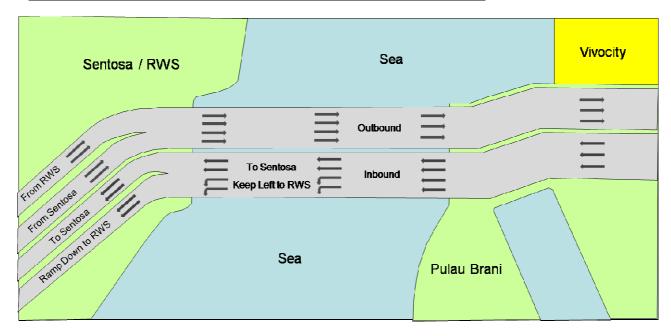
CAR	Current	Revised			
PARKING	All Day	7am – 11.59am	12nn – 2pm	2.01pm – 7pm	7.01pm - 6.59am
Weekday	\$3.21 per entry	\$3 for 1st 4 hrs \$1/hr thereafter	Free^	\$3 for first 4 hrs \$1/hr thereafter	\$1 per entry
Weekend & Public Holiday		\$5 for first 4 hours \$2/hr thereafter			\$2 per entry

Above parking charges apply to Beach Car Park, Palawan Car Park, <u>Tanjong</u> Car Park and <u>Imbiah</u> Lookout Car Park

<sup>^</sup> Applies to vehicles entering and exiting the Car Parks between 12noon and 2pm

## **ANNEX II**

# GETTING TO SENTOSA AND RESORTS WORLD AT SENTOSA



## **GETTING TO SENTOSA AND RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA**

## By Bus

- 1. Alight along Telok Blangah Road
  - Transfer to the orange Sentosa Bus at HarbourFront Bus Interchange (at Seah Im)
  - ➤ Take the Sentosa Express at VivoCity (level 3)
  - > Take direct bus service from VivoCity/HarbourFront into RWS. Additional services will ply between the city area and RWS on weekends and public holidays. Details will be announced in due course.

## By MRT

- 2. Take the North-East Line to HarbourFront MRT Station
  - > Transfer to the orange Sentosa Bus at HarbourFront Bus Interchange (at Seah Im)
  - > Take the Sentosa Express at VivoCity (level 3)

## On Foot

3. The Sentosa Boardwalk will be ready by end 2010 to connect from VivoCity to Sentosa/RWS. Till its completion, provisions will be made for visitors to use a walkway when the need arises.

## By Cable Car

4. Enjoy scenic rides into Sentosa from HarbourFront or Mount Faber cable car stations when the new generation of cable cars is launched in 2010.

## By Car/Taxi

- 5. Drive or take a taxi into Sentosa via the Sentosa Gateway
  - Keep left to enter RWS basement car park
  - Drive ahead to Sentosa's admission gantry

## TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

## Phase 1 (2008 – 2010)

•	Jun 2008	- Sentosa introduces cashless admission system at relocated Gantry
•	July 2009	<ul> <li>New vehicular bridge added to enhance the Sentosa Gateway, which now comprises two carriageways, each widened from a dual-lane bridge to a three-lane carriageway for each direction of traffic</li> </ul>
•	Nov 2009	- New up-ramp to West Coast Highway viaduct opens to traffic
•	Nov 2009	<ul> <li>Telok Blangah Road widened to provide more turning lanes into and out of Sentosa Gateway</li> </ul>
•	Dec 2009	- Additional Sentosa Express monorails added to boost the fleet to six(6) and enhance carrying capacity to 4000pax/hr/direction
•	Dec 2009	- Newly converted down-ramp to West Coast Highway viaduct opens to traffic
•	Jan 2010	- Sentosa introduces price changes to the island shuttle bus service, gantry and car park charges
•	1 <sup>st</sup> half 2010	- Sentosa Shuttle service network from Changi Airport as well as the hotel & shopping districts
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2010	- Merlion Plaza & Footbridge slated for completion
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2010	- Sentosa Boardwalk slated for completion

# Phase 2 (2011 and beyond)

- Sentosa Gateway Tunnel by 2015
- Improved intra-Sentosa facilities such as the island-wide cycle/buggy track, and cableway
- More all-weather covered pedestrian links within Sentosa