

## FAQs on implementing peak hour charges at BTC

**Q1)** What is the rationale for implementing the peak hour charge for the use of Bukit Timah campus (BTC)?

**A1)** Over the past twelve months, it has been observed that quite a number of motorists use BTC as a by-pass to gain access to the city via the Evans/Cluny Road exit between 8am to 9am. The new peak hour charge will help moderate the traffic flow and improve the safety for all users within NUS' Bukit Timah Campus and the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

**Q2)** Why didn't NUS and NParks introduce this measure when the pay parking system was implemented in July 2006?

**A2)** When NUS first took over the Bukit Timah campus in July 2006, the extent of this situation, where motorists use BTC as a by-pass to the city, was unclear. After monitoring the situation for a year, the evidence clearly shows that many motorists use BTC as a by-pass between 8 – 9am. Hence, the decision to implement a peak hour charge.

**Q3)** Why did you decide on \$1 as the peak hour charge?

**A3)** Using the ERP rates as a reference, we decided on a \$1 peak hour charge as we believe that the amount will be an effective deterrent for motorists using the road as a by-pass to the city.

**Q4)** Where will the money from the collected peak hour charge go to?

**A4)** The money collected will be used to defray the operation and maintenance costs of carparks in BTC and Singapore Botanic Gardens.

**Q5)** Will bona fide users of the park and visitors to NUS be penalised because of this peak hour charge? How do you prevent that from happening?

**A5)** Bona fide users of the park and visitors to NUS will not be penalised as the peak hour charge is only applicable to traffic entering from Kheam Hock Road and exiting via Evans/Cluny Road during the peak hour of 8am to 9am. Visitors will still be able to leave without being charged if they use the same gantry or travel in an opposite direction (enters via Evans Road and exit at Kheam Hock Road).