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Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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Do you wish to speak to your submission at a public hearing?

No

Topic 1: Are we focusing on the right things in the plan?

Do you agree that these focus areas capture Otago's public transport priorities?

Yes

Tell us more:

Yes I believe the injections are well thought out and what public transport should be aiming for, but this should occur without further impacting more isolated travellers

Topic 2: Should we support community transport services in smaller towns and rural areas?

Our proposal: we are considering the establishment of a subsidised community transport programme providing support for transport services in Otago's smaller towns and rural areas.

What do you think about this proposal?

Do you agree with ORC having a role in supporting community transport services?

Yes

Tell us more:

I appreciate the bus services occurring from Palmerston and Waikouaiti to Dunedin, as do my children who travel to town for school and work 5 days per week.

Topic 3: Should we increase our passenger fares?

Our proposal: we are considering increasing the base fare for adult Bee Card passengers from \$2 to \$2.50. This would effectively increase bus fares for all passengers using Bee Cards by 25%.

What do you think about this proposal?

Should Council increase the adult Bee Card fare?

Yes

Tell us more:

I agree with the small adult fee increase for all users. Within Dunedin the flexible bus uses and minimal charge are effective and currently lower than should be for availability of buses and routes

Topic 4: Should we charge more for longer trips?

Our proposal: we are considering introducing a zone fare system to our bus networks in Dunedin and Queenstown. Under this system, passengers travelling further distances across multiple zones will pay a higher fare than those travelling short distances within one zone.

What do you think about this proposal?

Should Council charge more for longer trips?

No

Tell us more:

There are limited bus trips available for the isolated rural communities (oe Pakmerston to Dunedin), we don't have the options available to choose the bus for convenient times, and are limited to max 3 bus options a day.... the initiation of zones will alienate many from travel, especially those for children attending school

Topic 5: Should we keep our free fares for children (5-12 years)?

Our proposal:

- A. Retain free fares (100% discount) for children (5-12 years), **AND**
- B. Standardise our concession discount for youth (13-18 years) to 40% across both the Dunedin and Queenstown networks. For example, if the adult fare is \$2, youth pay \$1.20, or if the adult fare is \$2.50, youth pay \$1.50.

What do you think about this proposal?

Should Council retain free fares (100% discount) for children (5-12 years)?

No

Tell us more:

I appreciated the free fees for my child until 13yrs, but believe this should stop at approx 10yrs, (or when kids stop travelling with adults) and then an abated minor fee for those intermediate children aged 11-

13yrs. There us a large loss occurring from the utilization of intermediate aged children travelling alone across town and filling a large amount of buses. Thus would be more fair, and prevent isolated communities being ladened with zone fairs and minimal bus trip options

Should Council standardise our concession discount for youth (13-18 years) to 40% across both the Dunedin and Queenstown networks?

Yes

Tell us more:

This is a good stepping stone for increase to fill adult fair, and income for the high use by school students

Any other comments?