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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?

No

Tell us more:

Climate initiatives should only be undertaken upon the end of useful life of current assets. EG: buses should only be replaced with electric when the bus NEEDS replacing.

Public transit need to be made more timely, perhaps with express busses that stop less often. EG: the bus to St Clair shouldn't take 40mins when the alternative is a 5 minute drive.

There is no need to engage iwi, they can submit through the standard forms and use transport in the same ways and for the same purposes as other races.

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?

No

Are there other initiatives or programmes that you think Council should be considering?

Yes

Tell us more:

ORC should create a transport app similar to the Auckland Transport app in which people across Otago can view (and potentially book) intercity, intracity, and rural transport options. Rather than direct subsidies the ORC should lower the barriers to entry

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:

However, the revenue should go towards improving transport NOT bureaucrats.

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:

I have experienced this in Auckland, however, while the zones were geographic they did not reflect the places people travel. As such catching the train to work trippled in price because I was traveling through three zones despite the actual distance staying the same and the route being high demand. This caused me to switch to private transport as the relative cost was lower.

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)?

Yes

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

Yes

Any other comments?

Let us know if you have any other comments or ideas on the topics discussed in the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan.

Public transport needs to be faster. I am constantly pushed off using the bus because lines in Dunedin are inconsistent and frustratingly slow. I almost exclusively walk or drive due to these inefficiencies. In Queenstown the transport is better and the number one line is super convenient. I think there needs to be a better connection to Arrowtown and a Wanaka bus however. There is a market to travel to Wanaka and Cromwell in young backpackers and nationals such as myself who are on holiday.