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# Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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## Contact details

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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:

One of the main ways to build trust is for the service to be reliable. During school terms the 1c bus to Warrington is consistently late first thing in the morning. I spoke to some school children, and they get in trouble because they are late. But they are not late - I've seen them waiting at the stop at the correct times for 20-30 mins. This is how late the bus often is. This is unreliable and the opposite of building trust.

Adults catch this bus too, as it is the only one that actually comes in to Warrington. These adults are late for work as a result, and miss their connecting buses.

I could catch the bus to work myself but do not because:

1. It is consistently late.
2. The only option home in the evening is a 6pm bus, which is also consistently late, and does not come into Warrington (a long cold wait in town plus a 35 min walk on an unlit road into the village is the only option).

This is not a good, reliable or looking-after-people service.

## 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

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

Yes

**Tell us more:**

One more bus in the evening, at a slightly earlier time than 6pm 5.40pm (?) and actually going into Warrington village, so people can get home would be great.

A service that runs on time is needed.

I have relatives in Middelmarsh too - some kind of subsidised service for them would be wonderful.

### 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?**

No

### 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

### 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

**Any other comments?**