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# Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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## Contact details

Name:

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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

## 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?

No

## 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 would suggest using community services cards and have the following pattern

Full Adult: \$4.00  
CSC Adult/ Gold Card Adult: \$2.00  
13-18 non-CSC:\$2.00  
13-18 CSC: \$1.00  
Child Free

You would ask people to register their CSC and date of expiry and at the date of expiry it would go to full price unless a new card was entered.

## 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?**

Yes

**Tell us more:**

Central zone  
Full Adult: \$4.00  
CSC Adult/ Gold Card Adult: \$2.00  
13-18 non-CSC:\$2.00  
13-18 CSC: \$1.00  
Child Free

Zone 2:  
Full Adult: \$5.00  
CSC Adult/ Gold Card Adult: \$3.00  
13-18 non-CSC:\$3.00  
13-18 CSC: \$2.00  
Child non CSC: \$1.00  
Child CSC: Free

Zone 3:  
Full Adult: \$6.00  
CSC Adult/ Gold Card Adult: \$4.00  
13-18 non-CSC:\$4.00  
13-18 CSC: \$3.00  
Child non CSC: \$2.00  
Child CSC: Free

## 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:

If traveling from zone 2 or 3 in an area then add in a small charge for transport for kids from families who are above CSC threshold

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

No

### Tell us more:

See above informaiton

## 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.**

Please get your bus tracking system sorted and integrated. The bus driver should not have the option of turning off the tracker and it should not disappear if it is running more than 15 minutes late OR is going on a detour.

Also any cancelled bus should be visible on the tracker and not rely on a visit to another site to find out.