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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:

No such thing as zero carbon emissions, and I don't agree to electrifying bus system, lithium batteries are not a green solution and disposal of batteries is a chronic pollutant! As well as lithium mining, I don't see how this is carbon neutral!.. Not to mention efficiency of what I believe to be very weighty, impractical batteries and exorbitant cost to who, rate payers? Smaller buses might suit electric better if you must! Safety of bus hub appears to be a priority after several violent teenage events there.

Tagging also seems a problem, please address these issues with cultural needs of community. Zero tolerance for disruptive passengers.

Common sense approach to costing would be helpful, all people equally, please don't go down the track of apartheid, and pushing certain political agenders such as rainbow transgender theme for example which has nothing to do with buses.

Keep politics out of bus agender please, need safe transport for our youth and families that rely on public transport, yes increase in fares seems applicable, rate payers shouldn't have to subsidize costs.

Community cards already enable reduced fares. Please keep Beecard, I see a whole new name, rebranding for bus cards being adopted, what a big waste of money, seems fine as it is! Common sense costing please.

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:

In regard to supporting community transport services for rural area, this needs to be another common sense strategy, within budget and pilot studies to make sure people will use the service ongoing? smaller buses perhaps.

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:

Yes Increase bus fares to cover all costs to maintain and upgrade services! \$3 is totally acceptable! Common sense again, don't waste money on upgrading Bee card to another name, branding - big waste of money and again politicizing public transport, stick to the basics, good service, good price, for all New Zealanders, remembering community card already subsidizes the rate. And free for younger traveller's and cheaper for under 18

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:

Well that is fairly obvious, common sense again, stop being so PC and get the job done on budget, money has to come from somewhere to cover costs, the rates are still fair and very low, use the high use system, then you get a better subsidy!

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

Tell us more:

The bus prices are so cheap so I don't see how maintaining buses and wages are covered, budget to cover costs here not a ratepayers subsidy please, community cards enable cheap fares, have a free ride time in off peak or something innovative. You have to charge for the service!

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Common sense take control and charge fair but cost effective prices!

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 address tagging and bullying on buses and at bus hub, strategies to make public happy to travel on ORC buses.

Zero tolerance for bullying. Thankyou