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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:

I use the number 19 bus to Highgate. I have noticed there has been an increase of passengers maybe in the last 6 months. Not sure why this is. Most of the drivers are very friendly. I think you could use smaller buses during quiet times.

Amy be 12 seater?

In Timaru they have a newish system where people phone for a bus, like an airport shuttle and people are picked up on their way to the CBD. You could use this system during the day and a normal bus service before work and after work. I know it means more vehicles but the savings in fuel could be worth it.

Could a 12 seater use drivers who don't need a passenger licence.

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:

You could get some ideas from the Geraldine community bus service. It's been going for 20 years or more. Unfortunately the man who set it up died. But the use to have one van and now they have 6 that I know of and they have a community car for people to hire. They have a map where the buses go with a different colour for each route. The drivers a volunteers like the ones driver the St John Shuttles. I think local businesses fund the scheme. Their fare is \$15 to go to Timaru. It use to be a donation initially. I have been trying to get CODC to do something similar. There are many Clyde people who moved to Alexandra because there is no public transport. I would use it it it was available

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'm a pensioner and don't pay anything unless I leave my card at home. I wouldn't mind paying \$2.00 each way.

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:

It might encourage people to live in the CBD.

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

Our proposal:

- 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:

Families are struggling to Pay mortgages school fees and food clothing

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Teenagers find it difficult to find jobs while at school these days, like milk runs or paper runs so parents who struggle could ask the council for a discount.

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.

I catch the bus at the hub and haven't seen any trouble with people arguing or disagreeing with each other. Really pleased the toilets were spotless last time I used them. Before I use to hate using them because they were so dirty. Sometimes the door wouldn't lock. One time I missed my bus and had to get a taxi. That took a long time as I didn't know where taxi stands were. Could the council put a sign up showing taxi phone numbers ?