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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

Tell us more:

I believe these are satisfactory goal to be achieved because it encompasses a wide range of benefits such as more enjoyable rides and having real time positions of busses is a really good tool. More people should know about this as it provides real time positions and I think it should have an UI comparable to Transit

## 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

**Tell us more:**

I believe that they are doing enough to please the rural people.

### 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:**

It should be known that some busses need an upgrade (to EV) and/or repairs as it hinders the passengers' enjoyment of the bus. Loud idle engines, clacking sounds, unreliable AC and unpleasant odours are one of the many problems that decreases the enjoyment of taking the bus.

### 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:**

I believe it'd be fair for all of us, considering that longer travels means higher fuel consumption and longer working hours for the driver. So, it's fair to say that having unequal fares would be fair to the bus drivers.

### 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:**

I agree with this because it encourages families to take buses more often than driving as it reduces carbon emissions and it also takes a weight off for some of the families' financial situation.

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

Yes

**Tell us more:**

Most high schoolers have a part-time job or unemployed. So, it's beneficial to the youth and the parents to have it discounted.

## 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.**

Have the card for bus fares be universal. Meaning it can be any card that you can pay on such as Visa or Mastercard.