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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?

☒ Yes

## 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:

Hi, I believe the ORC need to look at a public transformation from Balclutha to Dunedin it's a huge demand for this service. Unfortunately there isn't any buses/ vans at all that provide a good affordable service. My thoughts are Balclutha to Dunedin return daily and a regular service. There could be an express services which means straight to Dunedin and Balclutha and back only stopping at regular buses stops on the way. Also Dunedin to Balclutha this is a regular run. Then you could also have another service that is also a huge need stopping at the airport picking up and dropping off and maybe other places on the way both directions. I live out past the airport and there just isn't any service sadly. What about vans service? Keep it cheaper and see how it goes? I am very passionate about out area and spoke to a lot of people they would love the opportunity to see if can make it work 😊 Palmerston has a service why not Balclutha ? Please seriously consider us down south of the airport. Really keen to come and talk and tell you my thoughts? Please would you consider? Thanks Cheryl

## 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:**

Come have a talk and listen to what people are wanting to say 😊

### 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

**Tell us more:**

I believe with the cost of living some families are still struggling to even put food on the table if the price of the buses are kept at affordable prices more people will use them 😊

### 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

**Tell us more:**

The problem is with increasing prices means something else is struggling some families really rely on it the buses and it can be hard for some families.

### 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 believe so as it helps families that are struggling to get on the bus if it means getting children to school etc.. it's a huge help for families.

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

Yes

**Tell us more:**

I believe any discounts are appreciated by everyone 😊 including struggling families that heavily rely on the buses

## 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 strongly believe having a meeting and listen to the public. Listen to passengers getting the buses.

So you guys know you are awesome! 😊 have a good day thank you for reading my comments