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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:

Value for money is very important to me, it is the biggest thing that would influence whether I would choose to take the bus to work every day.

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:

Especially in Oamaru public transport would be very good, it feels like Oamaru is really in need of this (mostly from getting between north oamaru, central oamaru and south hill, where it is not walking distance). Maybe on demand buses would be good. Community based transport would be good if it helps to demonstrate demand to help with planning for scheduled public transport in the future.

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:

If the bus fare increased I would be significantly less likely to make the bus my main mode of transport to work.

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 would be logical to charge more for longer trips

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:

Yes, this helps young families. Definitely makes sense to encourage younger people to take the bus, because later on they will be adults who know how to take the bus and will then be paying passengers.

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

Yes

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 never started using the bus until I was in my 20s because I did not know how and was scared to try it. I think there is a huge opportunity for promoting the bus to uni students who would use the bus if they knew how easy and cost effective it is, they just need someone to make it less scary to start! Bus ambassadors on the buses during O-week and attending O-week events would be really valuable, and students who take the bus will later be members of the workforce who are more comfortable choosing the bus as their mode of transport to get to work.