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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

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

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:

Only increase the fares if you can increase the service such as extra evening buses or better live tracking of buses.

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 way it is now makes it easier for people and is more likely to encourage bus use when you don't have to work out zones and pricing. I still bump into people who don't currently use the bus and who say oh I don't like catching the bus I never know how many zones to ask for or how much it will cost (as its how they remember it) when I explain that they don't have to work any of this out it's all the same they say oh that's so great maybe I will start catching the bus again. I don't think we should change it.

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)?

No

Tell us more:

I think half price fares for all kids is easier, most people can afford to pay \$1 for their kid to ride the bus and during school commute times the buses are often more that half full with kids, this is a lot of lost money that could be going into improving the service

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.

An evening bus on a Thurs and Fri on the city - palmerston line. 6pm being the last bus means no time after work to do supermarket shopping or to go for after work socials, or sports, gym etc. There are later buses on Saturday which is great but would be nice to have them on another day too.