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Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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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:

They should, but over this year I have noticed more high school students being disrespectful on the bus. I reported this and they added a security guard to the bus I was on. This is good from them though I wish that they had prevented it sooner and taken proper consequences on the students that were reported.

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:

I feel they need to fix the school bus systems because I feel bus rides to Green Island aren't that good. They waste time for the driver and students and waste money through petrol. From Kings to Green Island, the average time to get there is over 30 minutes which is double the amount of the average time it should take them. Both two busses go over Corstiphine which wastes so much time. There should be a fast bus which goes through the motorway, straight to Green Island from Kings High School. This helps students take the Mosgiel and Brighton bus which helps them get home earlier. Instead of them getting home at later than 4.

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:

Everyone is always going to say no for a price increase, but if it is needed for better bus systems. Then yes

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 bus was already going there. I don't think so.

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:

They take up a seat so I believe they should pay.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Yes, unless it increases other fares.

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.

Please fix the kings high school bus route. I am getting home annoying late because both bus routes are doing annoying routes which could be done by one bus because on around 8 people get off in corstiphine. Thanks