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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:

This sounds all very well but you need a list of priorities for focus. Eg going electric should not be a key focus until a decision is made on services that are going to be provided. Maybe focus on more disabled parking choices rather than access on buses unless your research means that a high percentage of "disabled" are catching the bus!! This focus is very far reaching like most business "re inventions" and is going to be too much too expensive and will take ages and ages to do anything innovative. Stick to doing one two or three things WELL rather than bits of everything poorly. If you raise prices too much people won't use your system so keep a very beedy eye on costs.

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?

Tell us more:

Is the current system broke? What will it cost? Will this initiative be self funding? I would focus on high populated areas first rather than minority areas if a system that exists is adequate.

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:

However I do think there is an opportunity to charge tourists more not by a lot but locals need to be encouraged to use the system on a more regular basis to keep it going.

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?

Tell us more:

Depends on how cost effective it will be. I also think discounts should be given for multiple trips per year e.g. someone who has to go to Dunedin for hospital appointments on a regular basis should not be penalised for multiple 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

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.

Would like to see more services between Queenstown and Wanaka/ Cromwell.