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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:

Reliable, regular, safe and affordable public transport is an extremely important part of any community.

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:

A regular public bus service between Wanaka and Queenstown please! At times for workers not just tourists. However, getting as many people out of rental cars would also be a win for traffic congestion and emissions.

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:

Yes - if it is due to a general increase of costs and a need to keep the service running or make improvements etc.

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:

This may lead some people to jump in a car instead? But it would depend on how much more. A small amount for a greater trip does seem a reasonable proposal as long as the cost would not inhibit those who really need the service or act as a disincentive for those who may just switch to a car for a longer trip.

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:

Absolutely, enabling younger people some travel independence and encouraging public transport use through free or low fares at a young age is really important.

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.**

Public transport (ideally with electric bus) within Wanaka and connecting to surrounds (Hawea, Luggate etc). Amount of traffic for a small town is unacceptable. Service would need to be regular and mainly aimed at getting people to and from work - the amount of traffic coming into Wanaka from outer suburbs as well as Hawea and Luggate area feels huge relative to our size. Also needed for the many seasonal workers who come here and are surprised by no bus service. Essential for those unable to drive due health conditions or disability.