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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

Are there other initiatives or programmes that you think Council should be considering?

No

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:

Increasing by 50c is a reasonable increase. However you cannot increase the price and also expect it to be reasonable to also reintroduce the zone fare system.

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:

No the way that zone charges used to work was unfair and actually reduces affordability for families that have further to travel. You are disadvantaging and penalising families that live further out that need to catch buses. They likely live further as it's likely cheaper and more affordable for them. By increasing their bus fare because they live further from their workplace or their schooling will put further pressures on a family that might already be struggling to survive and support themselves.

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:

Most children that age would be travelling with a family member so it allows families to keep price for travel down. Also if a child is travelling by bus alone, having it free ensures their safety in being able to catch a bus anyway to get home/ to a place safely

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Should not only have a standardise discount fee for youth but should also just have standardise pricings for adults across Dunedin and Queenstown networks

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.

Do not reintroduce zone charges. It's unfair to those that have to travel further. There has been an increase in bus usage and a reduction in cars on the mosgiel route because of the standard and affordable price. Bringing back zone charges will make it more confusing and less convenient