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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?

No

Tell us more:

you're catching a bus from a. to b. Building Trust is really not something that needs to come into it,outside of having a safe driver and trusting the bus runs on time.

I catch a bus at least ten times a week and and feel comfort,security and access is definitely catered for.

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?

No

Tell us more:

if the use of buses has increased from 2019, then so too has your revenue. Would you consider a decrease in bus fares? Plus it's a psychological thing too. People may contemplate catching the bus to work instead of driving their car if it only costs \$4, however \$5 a day and you could tell yourself it's much of a muchness.

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:

I think people who live remotely or very far away would even agree. \$2 to get all the way to Palmerston is for want of a better word, peanuts. Increase fares when driving out of Dunedin, if you really have to and leave the flat fare alone when commuting within the city.

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:

5 - 10 maybe. 11 and 12 yr olds are choosing to bus on their own,so they may have to pay.I did at their age - no worries. It made you responsible for planning your fun

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

Yes

Tell us more:

why not

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.

have a feeling that D.C.C are planning to do whatever they like anyway and this is merely a public relations exercise but believe it or not I have faith,which is why I have completed this form. Thank-you

Natasha Hagen.

P.S.Why on earth would you feel a need to liaise with iwi? Do you need to consult with the rainbow community or perhaps autistic people re. sharing their personal space? It's a bus,not a political bandwagon.