

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

# Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

Unique ID

RPTP-0415

## Contact details

Name:

alan starrett

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:

Most of the buses are way too big. They drive way too slow as a rule, although occasionally there are those that drive dangerously fast. 40-45 in a 50 zone would be preferable to the 25-30 that is normal. . The drivers need to be trained to pull off with their backend out of the way of passing traffic. . In general they need to be more considerate of other road users.

## 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

## 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?**

**Tell us more:**

One main reason I don't use buses is because of the confusion of payment. A \$2 coin is simple. A card for those that use it frequently is fine, but not for the occasional user.

## 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:**

i thought there had been a zone pricing scheme happening since the 1980s with exceptions between 10-3 for shoppers. .

## 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?**

## 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.**

The main focus should be on supply & demand. Most of the time there are hardly any passengers so a fleet of smaller buses/vans is needed. Bring out the big monsters during peak times and high numbers.