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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:

The Priorities are captured, but not born out in the execution. Items 3 & 4 specifically. Bus routes have, until now been very poor for efficiency and therefore emissions. Where there are no bus stops within a safe walking distance on the routes, the only way to use public transport is to drive a personal vehicle to a bus stop.

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

Tell us more:

Would a community transport program take into account the residential properties in rural Queenstown

where there is currently NO bus service?

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:

Whatever the fare, it needs to be easy to obtain and load \$ on to a Bee Card, without having to travel to do this.

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:

Define a long trip in Queenstown???

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

Tell us more:

Less complicated, easier to manage, less confusion for the users.

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.

If the more sensible option to use the back road (Malaghans/Gorge) between Arrowtown and Queenstown CBD is undertaken, then a bus stop between Arrowtown and Arthur's Point would go towards addressing the needs of the population living in that area.....rather than the need to drive to a bus stop in Arrowtown or Arthur's Point. Unless you were planning on providing more parking for this, which would rather defeat your focus items 3 & 4....