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# Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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## Contact details

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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:

However, I think you should also be considering expanding routes to include a cheap public transport link to the airport (free for people with a Supergold card).

## 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:**

ORC should only be involved in transport links between cities and towns in the Otago region and beyond, but the DCC should control city buses with strong community input as to how and where these should operate.

### 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:**

Some under-subscribed routes could be better served by using smaller buses. There should be small electric light rail (in the form of mini train pods) to places outside the city boundaries, especially the airport.

### 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:**

Only for trips that go beyond the city limits (eg. to Karitane, Warrington, Waitati etc.)

### 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:**

Unsure, as I don't know what the current fare is. Whatever is planned should not be more expensive than what it currently is.

**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.**

Dunedin residents desperately need a cheap public transport option to the airport. Please break the current private shuttle monopoly. I'd like to see light rail, at least to Allenton, with connecting shuttles to the airport from there, OR public bus options from the city, via South Dunedin (some connecting with Mosgiel) to the airport and back.