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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?

Yes

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:

I think one part you have right is the building of trust, next thing simple and honest
Have a good team keeping a eye on how it's working.

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:

In my way of thing it is a duty of the Otago Regional council as you have all elected members that cover Otago.

But I am looking at North Otago where we have problems to get to Dunedin Hospital, there are no buses to work in with times you need to be there for appointments.

You are asking about ways of considering, I would like to put a better effort into having a rail service Oamaru to Dunedin. Would look at running a two car unit like we had when the silver fern was running from Dunedin to Oamaru. I would run around the other way leave Oamaru at around 7am for Dunedin and in the afternoon leave Dunedin at around 530 pm for Oamaru. The unit would stay in Oamaru over night. Now in time you may be able to run more trips per day. The biggest job to work with Kiwi Rail but there are known need for them to put hurdles in the way of doing this. One thing they will tell you there are known units around that can be used. Well there is but they just do not want to have to work with passenger trains. When the Silver Fern comes up for sale, they keep telling me porky-s. The three of them were sold for \$10,000.00 to a rail society. So I have needed to look other places to buy a railcar so I have one now in Oamaru it is just run on our rails.

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:

I take this Bee card fare would be used to run from Oamaru to Dunedin if you were to have a bus or rail transport

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:

I would be working out ways to get longer trips worked in to as close as possible, use a bit sales pitch in to this. (ie like the \$1.99 instead of \$2)

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:

Yes that is a good start to have a sales pitch.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Not only for the Dunedin and Queenstown as there is more towns in Otago bring us all in under one umbrella as one out side these two places pay into your O R C rates

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.

We need to stop talking, as ORC have had this on there books for a number of years. So it has come up again looking at public transport, I do think we need to get to the next page and look after the rest of Otago now