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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?

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?

Tell us more:

Improving opportunity to individuals is key for well being and building stronger integrated communities.
Reliable transportation is crucial for those with dependencies.
Reliable regional links are key.
Trials should begin sooner than 3 years.

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?

Are there other initiatives or programmes that you think Council should be considering?

Yes

Tell us more:

Definitely need to initiate some services to smaller towns and rural areas throughout the region.
It would be great to have a regular service or connection from Oamaru to Dunedin and return.
Collaboration with Community Vehicle Trusts could be trialed.
Run buses to special events at increased fee

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:

It has to be cost effective and a fair fee
It would be better to pay a bit more than lose the service

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 say that would be fair to charge more based on a km and driver hourly rate, but without knowing more detail on comparisons of fuel efficiency of driving on open roads compared to round town, the wear on the vehicles and time taken on all round trips, it should remain the same

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:

Children can get a student card for proof of age and they should learn the cost and value of public transport, even if the fare is minimal.

Children are possibly more responsible about true cost, value and effects than many adults
It might be more appreciated by all.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

In an effort to reduce the number of parents being taxi drivers, causing congestion and pollution, the lowering of costs should be trialed to increase youth usage

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.

Keep up the good work