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Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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Dunedin Tramways Union

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

Date: 31st March 2025

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Attention: Transport Management & Planning Division.

On behalf of the Dunedin Tramways Union, we submit the following comments regarding the service covering the Mosgiel/Dunedin. Brighton/Abbottsford/Green Island services.

Express Service Route 78: Mosgiel to Dunedin.

In our view this service requires an additional pick-up point in Mosgiel. This stop should be in Gordon Road opposite the Hotel Taieri. This service would then have 3 pickup points in Mosgiel.

Route 77: Mosgiel to Dunedin.

The Union's preferred route for this service would be as follows:

Travel through Caversham via South Road turning Right into Burns Street, Left into Wilkie Street then Right onto Princes Street, traveling on to the Bus Hub. A new bus stop would be located in Wilkie Road.

An alternative route would be to continue directly down South Road on to Princes Street onto the Bus Hub.

Route 77: Dunedin to Mosgiel

This route would be the reverse of the above.

The reason for moving away from the suggested Anderson Bay/Hillside Road is as follows:

- This would impact on the leaving time schedule of the Green Island/Abbottsford/Brighton service
- Traffic congestion at the peak times on these two Roads could delay the service by up to 15 – 20 minutes.

We don't envisage any changes to the current Departure times of these two services.

Route 70: Concord Service.

As you are aware this service is part of the Brighton – Abbottsford – Green Island service and operates from 10am to 3pm daily.

It is the Unions view that this service could be undertaken by Ritchies and be included into their Concord - Kaikorai Valley – City service. Routes 38 & 37. This would allow the Brighton – Abbottsford – Green Island to reach Kaikorai Valley and an alternative route to the city and also

providing school transfer of students traveling to Kaikorai Valley High School. This would then cut out the current school bus service which is linked to the Brighton – Abbotsford – Green Island service. Also, this would also alleviate overcrowding of passengers from Green Island.

Further by removing this Concord service from its current link with the Brighton – Abbotsford – Green Island, this would then allow this service to depart Green Island on time. At present this service invariably departs late.

Route 70: Brighton – Abbotsford – Green Island

New Services:

Currently there is two bus services running from Brighton – Abbotsford – Green Island leaving 30 minutes apart for workers coming into the city. This service is through to 9am.

We propose that this two bus service be replicated in the late afternoon with the services leaving Green Island at 4.30pm and 5.30pm & from Brighton 5.00pm & 6.00pm

Should this service be implemented we envisage an increase in passenger numbers.

The current **Brighton – Abbotsford – Green Island service** would remain unchanged except for the deletion of the Concord section of this schedule.

Route 70: Brighton – Abbotsford – Green Island

New Services:

On a Saturday the last full service leaves Green Island at 5.00pm with the next service being 10.00pm & 12pm midnight.

There is currently a service departing from Brighton at 7.25pm.

What the Union proposes is that this service starts from Green Island departing at 7.00pm.

This service would link with the City – Mosgiel service which departs at 6.12pm

In closing the Union requests an opportunity to present and discuss our submission with the Transport Management & Planning committee along with other route alterations which we understand are being considered, these being **Route 3: Ross Creek/Ocean Grove and Route 8: Normanby/St.Clair.**

Any correspondence can be sent to the Tramways Union President [REDACTED] email address [REDACTED]

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