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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

## 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

## 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:**

The fares are incredibly cheap - it would be better to have a slightly dearer individual fare but a capped daily fare which could also include Queenstown Ferries - which are disproportionately highly priced.

## 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:**

There should also be a daily cap for multiple trips to spread the cost and contain bus fares for frequent users.

## 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:**

This age range should extend to 15 or 16 year old's and then full adult fares should apply.

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

No

**Tell us more:**

Make free travel available for children up until the age of 15 or 16 (school leaver age) and then adult fares for over 15 or 16's.

**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.**

More peak services for commuters in the Queenstown Lakes District. Currently a number of bus services run on an hourly frequency and given the distances and lack of options to travel this becomes an issue. Also, buses coming from suburbs to the bus hub in Frankton do not line up or synchronise well for commuters needing to come to the CBD.

Consider providing more services between 6:30 am - 9:30 am and then again in the afternoons from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm to allow students and commuters to get where they need to go. Even adding one more service so that the services are half hourly would make a huge difference to the commute.

Another alternative could be to provide dedicated school bus services which are free for students and this way removes the need for students to share with commuters at peak times.