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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:

I think buses 44 & 55 should not continue all the way along the one way St heading into town as once on one way St system there is only 2 stops before reaching the bus hub which I think is inadequate. I think a better option would be for the service to go pass the oval and onto Princes Street and into town, which allows more stops. 44 & 55 are the closest bus routes from my house and I don't use these bus because the one way St system has inadequate stops into town. I currently drive to the oval area park my car to catch a more practical bus into town. If I didn't drive it would mean I have to walk to Macandrew Bay road intersection. I older I get the worst it will get. There is a high number of elderly that don't drive in the area and using taxi can be too expensive.

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

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:

The fares should remain the same at the moment as people are struggling to make ends meet with day to day cost of living.

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:

No not within the city, maybe for further a field, possibly to Mosgiel. But there are costs already included in the rates covering transport.

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:

Lots of children use the buses to and from school.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

If possible

Any other comments?