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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?

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?

No

Tell us more:

value for money needs to be number one.

There is so much damage control to be done in order to build trust the public transport system is a complete botch up always has been! listen to what the public want implement effective changes, provide an incentive to bus, currently there is none! waiting in freezing with no shelter or seating for a bus that may or may not come! I pay rates & bus fares why should we continue to pay for a service that is below standard? there is a long long way to go with trust!

integrated network should be number 2. Bus users have been saying this for years with no action taken most bus routes are every 30mins with no after hours and less weekend services - this does not work and people wont bus because of this!

I would absolutely love to be a consultant on public transport, I use buses everyday, im 40 and dont drive I also have some health conditions around walking and standing.

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:

on demand transport - Im not sure but I think there was a trial in Timaru? how did that go?
in queenstown years ago there was a bus called savvy it was on demand ride share that was \$5 per trip - this would work well out of hours, weekends or places where buses dont go.

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:

definitely not! live within the budget like the rest of us have to! cut the burrocacy! what do excutives get paid at orc? how much does thier pay increase every year? savings can be made else where fairly easily! what about the new orc building I think most would agree that is a luxury when no one can afford luxeries!

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 like it the way it is! although I do think that is would be fair to charge a fixed rate for longer trips to Oamaru for example I am excitted that Oamaru will be more accessible to me to visit my family. I think it would also be good for tourism.

I would like a day or week pass re-introduced as this means I can make stops along the way without worrying about how much it will cost it would be very conveyent. I often catch more than 3 buses a day. make it so its only beneficial for those catching more than to & from work each day.

Id be willing to pay more for better week night and weekend services - as I have no other choice, uber is far to expensive! but buses are way to hard in evening espicially if you need to transfer and the times dont line up.

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

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

Yes

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.

just call me in and ask the questions! survey bus users in person at the hub, actually act on what people want, respond to complaints - sorry doesnt cut it! the timetables are bad the tracking often doesnt work, the routes take long ways. the stops in some places are too far apart in others too close together! there is no shelter or seating even if there is shelter it needs to be more as it gets very cold here.

one way to earn more income could be increased advertising - how hard would it be to put a tablet screen with rotating adds on?

I think tourists on buses should be charged more- maybe like a rate payer discount? I think that the community servoces card discount is absolutely essential as a disadvantaged already group to remov e it would be completely unjust.

how do other cities make their buses cost effective? I dont believe that the buses should be run for profit.