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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:

The wording is lovely, but the concern is how this is achieved.

I don't use public transport. But it does need to be affordable and accessible.

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?

Tell us more:

As a parent, I would hate to have my daughter in a car/van squished up with total strangers with no regulation or actual control. And the consequences in an accident are far greater.

A car or van leads to more opportunities to speed and make dangerous driving decisions.

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:

Create peak and off peak hours. So money is slightly replenished back into the system.

While not crippling society with growing costs.

It won't suit everyone. Which will still upset the community.

A blanket rule may be required. But it will be too damaging to increase costs and add zoning costs in at the same time.

And I bet my rates will increase too for the excuse for something you're punishing users for already. Triple dipping. Without proper financial transparency on more thought out solutions.

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:

Change it to time of day.

Peak: 7-9am 4-6pm is \$2

Off peak 10am to 4pm can be \$5 or whatever crazy amount you expect people to pay.

So kids getting to school and people getting to work are not hurt to the point where the cost of travel is crippling.

But costs can still be recovered.

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:

It's a kid getting to school. Getting to their families.

- 1) they are learning responsibility with a bee card
- 2) being grown up learning how to travel safely.

And some genuinely need this. I will happily have this stay as part of my rates.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

To develop on my previous comment

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.

Consider other options like peak hours and off peak for changing.

It's recoups money, but it also doesn't cripple the community more financially.