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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?

Yes

Tell us more:

I take the bus 10 times a week, & believe that the current system satisfies my desires with some room for improvement; this may include the following.

Electric busses, sharing a vehicle is good for the environment, but an electric shared vehicle would be better. I'd also appreciate it if passengers were better behaved. For example, most of the time, at the back of the bus there's a group of teenagers making lots of noise & overall negative vibes. Also; not that much of a concern, but a few more centimeters of leg-room would be nice as a person often carrying a large bag.

Thank you for the wonderful service.

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:

I'd like more overall coverage off the nation, I appreciate the access from Dunedin City to Mosgiel, but I see busses to Queenstown & Invercargill with cooperation.

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:

I believe that the adult fare should be increased so that students like me can use the bus as a costworthy mean of transport to & from school. I also believe that the staffs' pay should be increased; honestly, there're driving around the city for you. Additionally, I believe that you should emphasise that you need donations to keep the service running.

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:

I would appreciate this as me & my mother both take the bus walkable distances, the bus used for the heavy bags we often carry.

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:

I think this is good as most children travel with a gaurdian that pays a full fare.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

I think it should be a larver discount, mabye 70% if not free.

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.

I just want to thank you for the fantastic servife, all my suggestions are despite the awesome current system.