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Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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Contact details

Name:

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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:

Admirable aspirations but I have reservations about this statement in the Value for Money Section: "Improve financial performance by enhancing third-party revenue sources". What exactly are "3rd party revenue sources"? Does that mean borrowing? If so, not keen.

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:

Outram has no public transport whatsoever. Recent rate increases for us Outram residents include contributions to Queenstown and Dunedin which is "salt in the wound" for a community with no transport service. Rather than a subsidised community transport service the ORC should provide a small regular bus service Outram - Mosgiel - return say 3 times a day. This would sensibly be timed to coordinate with bus services from Mosgiel to Dunedin.

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:

Council has already taken more money off us Outram residents. Council say it's for the stop banks but they were built before the Council took over the Silver Peaks area.

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:

Most local authorities use a zone system - the further you go, greater the cost

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:

The financial strain on families is always mounting so please continue to subsidise 5 to 12 yr olds

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Students need subsidies

Any other comments?