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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

## 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:**

It would be nice to remove restrictions for Gold Card users so they can get free travel all times of the day not just between 9 and 3.

## 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'm not a huge fan of this but can see the necessity, however if the prices go up higher than \$2.50 per trip on the bus it would no longer be viable for my partner and I to use public transport and go back to using a car and paying the additional petrol and parking costs.

Improvements to frequency and service hours would be fantastic for communities as a whole

## 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:**

Unless there is any way you can monitor milage this is not a fair system. someone could get on the bus one stop before the zone boundary and get off 2 stops afterwards and have to pay effectively two bus fares for a journey of 3 stops, this isn't a long distance, but that person would be penalised for it which in my mind would be unacceptable.

## 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:**

If a family is reliant on a bus for their children to get to school, this makes a significant impact on family budgets, especially as the children do not contribute to household expenses.

**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 a family is reliant on a bus for their children to get to school, this makes a significant impact on family budgets, especially as the children do not contribute to household expenses.

## 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 am particularly keen to limit the environmental impact, and having the electric buses are much nicer when waiting for a bus, none of the diesel fumes as there were previously.