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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:

I live in a area, where we have a range of income be very careful out pricing people who can't afford transportation, we want more people to catch bus not use car.

## 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:

We have a aging population an health shuttle are great, these people are vulnerable an can't afford taxi fair an pay for food an power, a shuttle for elderly for getting to grocery an appointment would be great.

## 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:

Honestly it depends a lot of family are struggling with money rent, add extra money re transportation , those family would be able to use the bus, I live in a area that if you guys did zoning many people in the community couldn't afford buses, \$2.50 ok but please don't do zoning fare it would cost about \$7 from port to town. Alot of kids are catching bus for school, the cost would be ridiculous.

## 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:

Honestly no of family are struggling with money rent, add extra money re transportation , those family wouldn't be able to use the bus, I live in a area that if you guys did zoning many people in the community couldn't afford buses, \$2.50 ok but please don't do zoning fare we already seen it here, it would cost about \$7 from port to town. Think about how big Dunedin is, Alot of kids are catching bus for school, the cost would be ridiculous. An you would find people would stop using the buses please don't zone the buese

## 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 you need to do it \$1, as a parent of 5 children who all are at high school it needs to be reasonable, most kids under 12 don't catch the bus, most over 12 use bus to get to high school

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

Yes

**Tell us more:**

Yes but should be 50 %

## 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.**

Environmental you guys putting the price up makes most people use there cars, since covid bus prices came down an more people got off the road an use buses, which is great, less car on road good for environment lol more parking spots , most people that use public bus service are the one that struggles with money or can't drive or afford a car, don't punishment them, because government not providing help, we need to think of a better way look at other city that are doing amazing with public transport, also how about we bloody charge cruise ship a \$10 fee to get on bus an you guys should do a airport bus \$20 to airport make good money off airport an a few stop for high school kids an that don't change them \$20