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## Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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### Contact details

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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?

No

Tell us more:

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It is concerning there is no reference to passenger rail at all something the most other main centers including ChCh have included.

### 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:**

Passenger Rail is something that should at the very least be mentioned as we move forward into the future more demands will be made by the public wanting others opinions especially between the religious as well as Mosgiel to Dunedin, As well a environmentally friendly opinion.

## 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:**

Its important to keep public transport affordable the lower the cost the higher uptake to the provided services.

## 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:**

Again NO there should not be a higher cost if this happens it will just put people off using the service at a time we really need people to be moving to public transport.

## 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:**

Yes :

By doing this it makes it more likely children will use the service and by doing this allowing them to become much more proactive about public transport and the environment.

**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 :

Again it will encourage more youth to use public transport !

## 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.**

Dunedin is lagging behind most main centers in its public transport plans and its unfortunate the ORC have not considered passenger rail in its future planning something we now need to start thinking about as we move forward, we would like to see at least some mention of this as public transport becomes ever more important.