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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?

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:

Working with locals more to communicate when buses are late, as high school students are required to be on time and if the bus is late, we need to drive them in. As it stands it's guess work when it might arrive sometimes. Warrington was consistently late that we gave up on it and started running our kids in.... not ideal, as public transport keeps cars off the road.

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:

No one likes increased prices, but it makes sense.

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:

It is fair but unaffordable for those who rely on the bus transport kids to and from school. Maybe increase for waged workers?

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)?

No

Tell us more:

Prices probably need to increase somewhere and it would be best to keep student rates the same and increase 5-12 fares to the same cost as teens.

Maybe a 5-12 year old is free is traveling with a paying adult, but if traveling alone then same fare as a teen.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Need to keep going to school affordable. There is enough stress on families with kids at high school, as high school incurs more fees within school (including uniform etc) that can be crippling. We take all year to pay our kids school fees.

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.

Better communication when buses are late due to break downs and illness.

Keep high-school fares the same. If increases are required apply to waged workers and/5-12 yrs. Waged workers maybe on income brackets.