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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:

Living in Oamaru for some time and there not being any public transport is dissapointing.

## 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:**

There should be a public bus service in Oamaru. There is nothing for anyone of any age.

### 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:**

Bee card serves no purpose in Oamaru but when it does arrive here, fees should be low to allow anyone to be able to use the service frequently.

### 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:**

No because if you want people to be able to afford to use the service it needs to be priced cheaply. People should not be penalised because it is a longer distance. North Otago residents are already paying something towards this when there is no service.

### 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:**

Again, people should not be penalised by having to pay. It is an assumption that parents or caregivers will pay for children. Young people have the right to be able to travel safely.

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

Yes

**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.**

North Otago should already have public transport.

There should not need to be a 10 year plan.

There is a huge population here who are discriminated against.