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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?

Do you agree that these focus areas capture Otago's public transport priorities?

No

Tell us more:

But you are reinventing the wheel use new govt model, the reinventing costs money in that oauinf a committee of people.

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?

No

Are there other initiatives or programmes that you think Council should be considering?

Yes

Tell us more:

I would rather pay once to our local council than ORC.

It seems to me paying a yearly fee to ORC is a waste of money as you do not benefit Oamaru

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:

\$2.50 seems to be manageable.

Idea : why spend money on extra cards when the gold card could be used by pensioners for their bus fares, do pensioners get a reduced fare?

In other countries Pensioners have reduced fares..... IDEA : research other country system.

research other centers in NZ, nationalising public transport was govt proposal so why are you not going down that track? This would reduce red tape fares and make it easier for anybody travelling in NZ by public transport to pay same fares.

Children free, pensioners / disabled reduced cost with gold card, set fare for working people.

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?

Yes

Tell us more:

The zone system could work as long as base fee was reasonable.

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 standardize but nationally

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.

Public transport certainly is a good way to help with movement around NZ, also environmentally, reducing cars on the road will help our air(.remember lock down?) The govt has made a plan would it not be more cost effective to develop this plan to create a national transport system, we are a very small country!

Watch chch when the MOVE system comes into play to see how this plays out.

I can't understand why we pay twice for rates here in Oamaru ORC and waitaki district council, all I can see is that the rural towns subsidize what happens in Dunedin, this should be reviewed!

Do you work with The waitaki district council ? Both of you are working on similar issues which in my mind is double dipping ending in rate payers paying more.

Thanks for the opportunity to air my concerns.