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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?

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

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

Tell us more:

I am a volunteer for our friendship group, there is no available transport for our older people some are lucky enough to have access to volunteers but there must be lots that don't.

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?**

Tell us more:

N/A to us.

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?**

Tell us more:

N/A to us.

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?

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Tell us more:

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Any other comments?