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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?

Yes

Tell us more:

I think you need to be looking at basic infrastructure also like bus shelters and adequate seating

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

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:

Unfortunately a 50c increase is likely a huge amount for some people so should be avoided if at all possible, most of us use the bus because we can't afford cars or parking

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:

Keep the central area the same flat fare but increase to a second zone for the far reaches of Dunedin

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

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.

Basic bus infrastructure was not included in the bus hub. Several stops do not have any shelter from the weather (ive literally had several tourists stop and comment to me about it while walking past, its a constant topic of complaining at the stops on bad weather days) Several stops have either no seating,very

little or extremely uncomfortable narrow seats im l'm unable to use so i end up sitting on the ground. In wet weather there's nowhere to sit at my stop. I have a disability, I NEED to sit. These are extremely basic needs. No-one wants to stand in the rain or snow simply to catch a bus, no-one wants to be forced to sit on the ground due to narrow or absent seating.

There's an actual shelter placed at the stop I use to get home from after the Dr, but again there's no seating so in bad weather the fence nearby can't be used to sit on.

Sick,tired,elderly,young,pregnant, we all need to sit but we currently can't