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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?

Yes

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:

Trains!!!!!! And if we can't have trains, please at least make it so you can bike off-road from Dunedin to Balclutha to Gore safely. Balclutha needs to join up with Milton. Waiholo needs to join up with everything.

Wellington had off-road cycling for nearly the entire 90km from Otaki to Wellington Airport.

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:

Trains!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We would save money on road maintenance. So many people go in to work from Clutha or further to Dunedin. Give us a train. Or a bus. Just not Intercity. They are terrible for competition being what seems like the only provider, now nakedbus is gone.

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:

\$3 is also fine. As is \$3.50. "Rock and a stupid place" like Cadogan said of South Otago's water thanks to this useless government doing what our useless selves voted for, uselessly! Our farmers protested against all this and now we have no water lol. Let's not have this happen to our buses, I absolutely hate how much our rural town stinks of petrol and coal

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:

You used to. I enjoyed running further to save money. It was 3 zones from Halfway bush and it certainly wasn't only \$2.50 to get to town. Hence uhhhhh \$4 is fine, even. Keep it less than Wellington but not much less.

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:

Build it and they will come. Make it difficult and families will not bother. The worst thing about public transport has always been the cost is multiplicative when you have a whole family. 5-12 free makes it an option. I'd love to take the bus to Dunedin so neither of us have to drive.

So many of us have Long Covid out here and would prefer to delegate driving to a bus.

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

Yes

Tell us more:

This makes sense. Don't waste too much money telling the people in the region which isn't changing about the change. Or are they both changing? Because that would be dumb

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.

MAKE IT RAIN TRAINS.
MAKE A TRAIN TRAIN!

It's silly that we have Balclutha station on monopoly but can't catch a train from there, it's only \$200! ;)

If trains aren't even slightly in this plan I will strongly consider taking us out of Otago again. We just moved down here and it's immediately obvious we are overall currently a car-stupid region. The cycling in Dunedin and Queenstown is extraordinary but outside of cycling (and it's not all connected up, we need Balclutha to join and to Gore) there's so much missing.

We need more car chargers too specifically Clinton. It looks like they planned on the scenic route being EV users which is great for tourists but ffs SH1 has a gaping hole especially when the Balclutha 50KW is faulted.

TRAINS.
BUSES.