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# Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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## Contact details

Name:

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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

## 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:**

I personally think that there should be an added bus to your route. Outram to Mosgiel or Outram to town as Outram is now a growing town and needs some form of public transport. Not just for school buses but also for the public and there is a mixture of ages in Outram from newborn to 75+ which I feel like people

should benefit from having the option of a public transport if they don't have the way to get to where they need to go. I have noticed at my work the amount of older customers are cancelling appointments because they can't get a ride to Mosgiel to catch the bus or they can't get to the appt as there is no way of getting there.

### 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:**

For the poeple that can't afford to have cars and things like that it's good for us to be able to get a reliable transport to get us for A to B. I feel like for under 20s and over 60s should stay the same price but for the other people they should be able to financially afford to pay the extra 50 cents but for everyone else it can be a struggle

### 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:**

Why make people pay more money for buses when it's what everyone has paid for a couple years since bee card has been introduced. Example why would someone should pay 5 dollars to get from mosgiel to town when someone in green island to town would only have to pay 2.20 how is that fair, we can't pick and choose where we live.

### 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)?**

No

**Tell us more:**

Youth and over 65s should stay the same.

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

No

## 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.**

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