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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?

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:

Just words. Hourly bus services in Shotover, last bus from QT at 10pm but so many number 1 buses for tourists. Our traffic is terrible BECAUSE we can't rely on public transport. Without a car, we can't work because 10pm is far too early. Encouraging drink driving? Yes because ubers are ridiculous priced, 10pm is far too early

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?

No

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:

Absolutely increase.

For locals on Bee Card in QT, 25%. For non local in QT raise it to \$5 per trip or give them day passes at \$12. They don't know any better. Look at how much they pay in Melbourne and Sydney. Increase tourist fares or create a product for them.

We're getting over everyone grouping us together equally.

If they can afford to come here, they can afford \$10 a day on our buses they clog up. Please do something about tourists. They're also wasting plastic by buying beecards but using them for only 1 week, ever and topping up to save \$. Give those savings to us, the people who keep this town running.

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:

Queenstown is small. Parking is an issue. Don't create more barriers to us taking the bus beyond a blanket 50c increase.

Our zones are tiny.

Put the increase on tourists - they pay so much more in their cities for bus fares. Create a day pass and push that - they will happily go for convenience of a paper ticket 1 day pass over buying a Beecard, topping up, running out. Tourists are a nightmare for local workers - they are constantly asking about Bee Cards/topping up at my work and it's not my job to do - it's yours. The workload your Beecards put on me, a local is unfair. And you couldn't even support my work schedule so you're taking my labour but not even providing me a service. Sort it out.

MAKE A DAY PASS. YOUR BEE CARDS ARE CREATING MORE WORK FOR LOCALS BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE KIOSKS LIKE EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD SO THEY ASK ANYONE THEY CAN.

MAKE A TOURIST PASS.

INTERNATIONAL TOURISTS SHOULDN'T GET SUBSIDISED PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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. Raise the fare for international visiting children

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

Yes

Tell us more:

Dunno.

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.

Queenstown needs a local fare and non local. Or find a loophole to do this.

You lost me on public transport. I bought a car to add to the traffic because your buses once an hour, 10pm latest return are so INCONVENIENTLY.

"ENviRoNmEnTaL SuStAiNabIlITy" - bikes on buses? That worked well.

To add a positive note, your drivers in QT are so friendly and accommodating. They're very welcoming and willing to help.

Most negative note :

TOURISTS ARE A NIGHTMARE. SO INCONSIDERATE OF OUR TIME, ASKING QS ON THE BUS. TAKE UP SPACE WITH SO MANY LUGGAGE CASES ON THE #1.
YOU'RE GETTING FREE LABOUR FROM LOCAL STAFF BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT VISIBLE IN THE PUBLIC AND YOU PROMOTE THE BEECARD TO TOURISTS.
MAKE A TOURIST DAY PASS. PAPER TICKET.