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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

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:

Several towns Twizel service Omarama and Kurow taking people shopping and hospital visits. Waimate service their town, also taking people shopping to Timaru they even have a special Xmas trip for Xmas shopping.

They charge a small fee which people are willing to pay.

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:

It may only be a small fee, it adds up at the end of the month etc. Many people cannot afford, especially families with one or more members that need to use public transport.

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:

I lived in Dunedin in a zone area, I occasionally used the bus. I was paying rates for people living closer to the city to get a cheaper fare.
It was just as cheap for me to use my car

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?

No

Tell us more:

If we want our young people to get out to sports, lectures etc, we need a cheap transport system so that they can participate in the community.

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.

I read that Oamaru will get a bus service 3-10years. What an insult. We have paid transport rates for years. When I objected I was told that I could get a free bus from Palmerston to Dunedin, thus I did. The bus arrived in Dunedin 12.20pm. it left 15.35pm, very little time to get lunch or shopping, not suitable for any hospital appointments. In winter one gets back to Oamaru when it is dark, not suitable for those that can only drive during daylight. The question below "how often do I use public transport" never NOT ONE