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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:

Not at the cost of Dunedin users who use the bus service every day

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:

We have multiple users of the bus in our house hold. The reason we choose the bus over a car is because its cheap and easier than finding a park in town, but only just. If fares were increased, it would be cheaper for us to take the car.

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:

We live a bit further out of town and use the Port Chalmers 14 bus and I never used the bus before the fares where changed to \$2 because it was just to expensive. If the fares increase, I'll start taking the car again. The bus times in the morning are good, but only every 30 minutes in the afternoon does mean you are waiting around a lot, for example I finish at 5pm but have to wait around for the 5:30pm bus, but its worth it because the bus is cheap. If the fares go up, I'll just take the car and save myself a lot of time.

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:

Kids are expensive, every little bit helps

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.

People use it because its cheap. We will stop using it if becomes dearer. Might as well have a fuller bus and an empty one.

Also, maybe you should charge non bee card users a lot more, like all these cruise ship passengers that are constantly using the number 14 bus. My son hasn't been able to get on the bus after school because its full of cruise ship passengers, its disgusting. Why should we be subsidising cheap fares for them, who can clearly afford to go on a cruise?