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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?

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

## 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:**

\$2 is very cheap. I'd support fare going to \$2.50 and the cash fare stay at \$3.

## 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:**

People choose to live in places far away from city so should expect to pay more. There should only be 2 zones. Zone 2 is more than 20km from the Octagon i.e, 20.1 km That means Mosgiel, Port Chalmers, Portobello and Waitati are in Zone 1 and anything outside that Zone 2. The fares for Zone 2 should be \$3 and cash \$4.

## 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?**

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.**

Bus Hub - I'd like to see better maintenance of the bus hub - whose job is it to look after it, ORC or DCC? Woodwork & seats are faded, tagged, shabby; paint is chipped. The whole hub needs cleaning up. Also if putting stickers & posters on the glass walls put them at the back so people standing at the bus stops can't pick them off.

Timetables - regarding the 'real time' timetables, these are fine when they work but I've noticed several recently that are frozen, stuck on the wrong time. I suggest put a number or email at the top of the screen that people can contact if a timetable is faulty.