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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?

Tell us more:

1. The Kelvin Heights bus service runs approx once per hour. Over the last 4 years I have never seen the bus full. It's even rare to see pax having to stand -- maybe occasionally at high school start finish times. What are the economics of running smaller buses and more frequently -- p'haps every 30min during higher use periods. I understand that other services on the periphery of Qtn also have similar situation. With increased service frequency I think overall patronage would increase slightly, easing road traffic.
2. my address is shown above, it would be good if there was a busstop near the corner of Peninsula and Poplar roads (opposite the current stop for in-going buses).
3. my suggestion 1 above would also be relevant to ORCs proposal below when extending into more smaller/rural towns

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?

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:

that would be acceptable

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?

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:

13-18yr olds are probably using the bus to commute to and from school. Parents are paying enough for the "free" education, so I would oppose increases here

Any other comments?