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Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2025-2035 Feedback form

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Contact details

Name:

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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:

I think that we need to focus on the need of the people, most people aren't worried about building trust etc, although those are good things I think we need to mainly focus on the wants and needs of the people, for example: the crowded busses, the missed/late busses, the seats for disabled people/ elderly that are taken by people who don't need them.

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:

I think that students or people under 18 shouldn't have to pay that as they use it for school transport whereas adults make an income so it would be better to charge them extra

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:

most the time those longer trips, (like Palmerston bus or mosgiel bus) are the hardest to get on because they stop at all the other destinations, meaning there is also double the people, you are better of running more busses to those longer destinations, with more room on the busses and then charging extra

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.

Please sort the bus drivers out so they aren't speeding or being dangerous drivers, I get they go through a lot and teenagers can be rude to them, but I have had a number of bus drivers abuse me for no reason one lady bus driver even got out of the bus to walk up to me and my friend and abused us.

Please also sort out the seating, I am a teenager who catches the bus to and from school, I also have a hidden disability, I try to make it so that the elderly, mums, disabled etc get a seat first but the busses are too crowded regardless, sometimes the bus misses people because there is simply no room. I can't even catch the bus that goes at 3:15 to Mosgiel because there is just too much people, the kids are quite literally pushing and shoving each other to get a seat.