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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?

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?

No

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

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?

To whom it may concern

Hope this finds you well.

I am a Te whatu ora employee and writing you ,as I'd like to address a problem I've been facing in recent time.

It is about prolonging some bus times . I've been working nightshifts for about eight years and I' had no problem with parking at all.

However, in recent months I was allocated on the morning and afternoon shifts .

So I decided to take a bus. I've taken bus number 8 as I live in NEV and it took me right in the front of the hospital ,then back home, happy days !!!

Unfortunately this is not the case in the afternoon shifts. Because the last bus passing the hospital around 22.45 and our shifts finish at 23.00

Therefore ,myself and other hospital staff

working in afternoon shifts have no chance but to take our own cars. It's not only inconvenient for parking ,but it has few other disadvantages. Coming on shift at 14.30 means that we need to arrive to town long before that,because we never know where the next parking spot arises ,sometimes it takes five minutes, other times 30. It's very unpredictable and unsettling before already facing busy shifts. And of course considering how to get back to our cars after the shifts, often facing unsafe conditions, like pretty drunk student, weather conditions or just a danger or walking in dark on our own. There is a option of security officers taking us to our cars ,but they are often busy and we have to wait around after already exhausting shift.

I have spoken to quite a few of the staff about this and number of employee would

really appreciate, if buses were going just a half hour later. Ideally if there was the last bust 23.15 or even better 23.30 ,that all staff can safely do their handover to the night staff and then go and catch a bus and get home.

I also know number of staff who don't drive and that's a problem.

This solution would be very beneficial for quite a few staff but it would also free up parking in middle of the town, lower car pollution and density. Not mentioning Carbon footprint .

Please ,consider my suggestion and try to see all the benefits it can bring.

To say this,I believe there is more services and companies (Woolworst perhaps) ,where staff works later hours and would also benefit out of this solution.

So thank you for reading this and have a lovely day .