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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

Tell us more:

There is a need for a bus to and from Dunedin on a daily basis. At least 3 return trips each day. This would assist with transport to hospital appointments etc that aren't available in Oamaru.

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

Tell us more:

Oamaru needs a bus service around town, into Weston. This would allow those who do not have their own vehicle to access the CBD for library, shopping, hospital appointments. It needs to be affordable and on a regular basis during week days.

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?

Tell us more:

We have no public transport in Waitaki district. There is a large number of 65+ that require assistance with travel and the ability to use the gold card- even if for a reduced fare.
Many locals rely on taxis to do their shopping.

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:

A zone fare is reasonable- provided the fare is reasonable

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?

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.

Oamaru Ratepayers are being charged with very little to see for their rates compared to Dunedin and Queenstown.

We need to see something for our rates.

Please amend your survey under Optional. You should add "No Public Transport available " as an option