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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?

No

Tell us more:

For the expansion of rental shortages in the past few years and offering the expansion for jacks point for realestate options for workers. There is a substantial lack of a late night bus for those working in hospitality, accommodation and other late finishing positions to transit back. Expanding on a later bus past midnight for those who can support a nighttime role would benefit the high concentration of cars packing the city in the afternoons

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

Tell us more:

I want aware of the inter travel being an option as there has not shown for on community pages

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?

No

Tell us more:

Not charging more if there is so much congestion leaving 5 mile towards the city and vice Verda. The model should be to encourage people to use the bus or other transport and not use a vehicle as much as possible.

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

Tell us more:

The bus is essential for kids using it to socialise with other people. I see plenty of kids who talk their way onto the bus if they don't have money to support themselves to pay for it. The roles of the youth is only supported when they have access to work through public transport and if they can't have access they can't contribute to society

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.

There needs to be an expansion for biking safety from jacks point to Queenstown as the data from the month of cycling to work highlighted the disregard drivers have for cyclists. People want to use cycling to get to and from but not at the risk of danger and the bus can only support those after the fact