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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:

I think a better service balance is necessary. For instance, I live in Mosgiel and would love to use the bus more. However, I find that I can plan to head into the city for an event but the times later on make it hard to get home. The later buses are either a bit early e.g. event not finished, then there's a big wait until the next meaning a long wait at a stop or the hub. So, I usually end up driving in.

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:

I am very surprised that there is still no bus service to and from Outram. And, a service to the airport is a

no-brainer in my mind.

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 a modest 50c increase is affordable.

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:

I think there used to be zoned trips. Bringing in the flat fee makes any trip affordable for everyone. I remember years ago my children (young adults) paying over \$6 each way from Mosgiel. That makes it an expensive trip that would make me just use the car. At the moment I am happy to hop on the bus for the \$2 fare to town but wouldn't be paying \$10 - \$12 dollars.

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

Tell us more:

I think this current system is fair.

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.

I heard about the idea to replace the Mosgiel loop buses with an on-call electric mini bus. I'll be interested to see how that works out. I'm surprised that the loop bus still runs as it always looks empty and can't possibly be cost effective.