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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?

## 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?

Tell us more:

They should include Train travel.

## 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?**

Are there other initiatives or programmes that you think Council should be considering?

Tell us more:

Train travel- first from Dunedin to Christchurch

## 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?**

## 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?**

## 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.**

BRING BACK TRAINS! This should be in any modern transport plan.

\* A medium and longer term vision for passenger rail in the South.

A daily, each-way passenger rail service between Christchurch and Invercargill, via Dunedin; Using equivalent hybrid diesel-electric units (railcar-type) to those currently ordered for the North Island services;

A 'limited express' mode, stopping at key regional centres (eg Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru, Palmerston, Mosgiel/Airport, Balclutha, Gore);

Incorporating bike-carrying facilities, wheelchair enabled, wifi service and onboard café;

Integrating with local PT bus services; and Intercity buses

Funded – as with the North Island services – by a mixture of affordable passenger fares, locally-collected rating support and central Government PT support;

Connecting tourist passengers (unsubsidised) with existing tourist train services (Taieri Gorge, Trans-Alpine, Coastal Pacific), and tourist coach services (eg Oamaru-Aoraki/Mt Cook).