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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?

Yes

Tell us more:

An increased fare is more appropriate than a reduction in bus services.

People need a reliable and frequent bus system for it to be effective. Weighing the cost of a reduction in services against the minimal cost of the increase in fare, it is clear to me that an increase to \$2.50 make sense.

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

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.

Support for direct Arrowtown–Queenstown bus route (via Malaghans Road)

Thank you for the chance to give feedback on the Draft Public Transport Plan. I support the direct bus service between Arrowtown and Queenstown for the reasons below.

In short, this route makes sense – it's the way people want to travel. It's short, scenic, and connects two of the district's key hubs.

1. Improved Useability

The current route through Frankton adds unnecessary time to the bus route. A direct route would encourage more people to take the bus.

2. Its a beautiful, scenic route that supports sustainable tourism

Malaghans Road is not only the most direct link between the areas, but also the most scenic. A direct service would benefit visitors to Arrowtown (adding value to their experience) and reduce vehicle traffic and parking pressure, especially during peak seasons.

3. Equity and growth in Arrowtown

With new developments like Jopp Street underway, it's key to provide good public transport for a growing and diverse community. A direct service improves access for people of all ages and incomes, whether they drive or not.

Please prioritise the launch by July 2025. It's a simple change that will make a real difference.

Thanks again for all the work being done to improve transport in our region.