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Ticket changes next year

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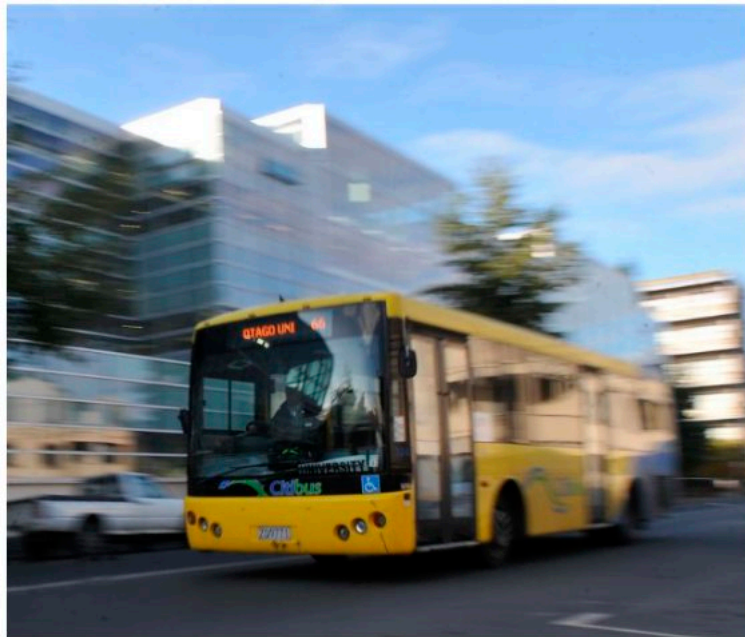


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Dunedin's bus ticketing system is expected to change over by June next year, the Otago Regional Council has announced.

ORC support services manager Gerard Collings said the new ticketing system, which was announced in October 2015, would be a tag-on/tag-off system, allow passengers to top up online and enable the bus cards to be used around the country.



Gerard Collings

The ticketing system was a collaboration between nine regions, namely Otago, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Manawatu-Whanganui, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Northland, Nelson, and Invercargill, he said.

But it excluded Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch.

All GoCard users would need to update to a new card, but the ORC would be releasing more information about the ticketing changeovers in the coming months, Mr Collings said.

The new ticketing system would be rolled out across the regions over six months from January to July next year.

Mr Collings said the delay in the system roll-out was because of the work it had taken between the nine councils.

It would also take the councils a while to test and install the new ticketing systems on the buses.

There were not expected to be any changes in fares with the new ticketing system, but that decision was always left to council discretion, Mr Collings said.

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