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Your submission

I believe that the ability to bring back Christchurch's public transport passenger numbers to pre-earthquake levels is a big ask. People no longer "Just go to work"... They have moved; they drop their kids off in different directions, their workplace has moved and they have more "things" going on after work that require them or makes it easier for them to use a car rather than a bus. More people are living outside of Christchurch and commute into Christchurch – they won't take a bus. More people in Christchurch have a company car now and the rebuild is fuelling this. Adding more Bus lanes will not change the way people view transporting themselves. The greater population using a bus are students and the elderly or lower socio-economic Mothers. More and more frequently both parents are working and they won't be busing to work when they have child pick up and drop off to do.

"The following sections describe commuting patterns for people who travelled to work on census day in 2013 – that is, excluding people who worked at home or did not go to work that day.

We would expect to see changes in commuting patterns in Christchurch city after the earthquakes, and the consequent movement of workplaces from the central city to surrounding areas. However, changes in modes of transport between 2006 and 2013 were generally small, with the largest rise being in the proportion of people who went to work in a company car.

Car transport remained the dominant mode of commuting, with almost two-thirds of people in Christchurch city taking a private car, truck, or van to work on census day. The proportion of people taking a company car to work was higher in districts around

Christchurch city, with around 1 in 5 people in Waimakariri and Selwyn districts travelling to work by company car on census day.

Bus use fell in Christchurch city between 2006 and 2013, from 5.1 percent to 3.7 percent of people who went to work on census day."

Note there have been fewer changes excepting use of buses – that by far has had the greatest change and drop and I believe that will continue in a downward trend.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

Focus on other issues like ensuring that no family is living in a cold damp house.
Focus on heating and insulation and the implement of double glazing in homes.
Focus on getting our city rivers back in to shape and non-polluted.