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re: LTP Submission - 535

Dear Sir or Madam.

I am writing with regard to the proposal to cut the 535 Route. As you are no doubt aware this service and the 28 route serve as a means to ferry bicycles through the Lyttelton Tunnel. At present these two services combine at 06:30 with the Diamond Harbour Ferry to allow the six cyclists to get to work on time and without delay.

This morning there were four of us. There was one bicycle on the rack of the 535 when it stopped. One of us got on - the driver wouldn't allow anyone inside even though there was space in the wheelchair area. The others waited for the 28, which took two more; leaving me to wait for the next 28. This is inconvenient and, I feel, unreasonable given our situation:- we want to cycle to keep healthy and lessen the traffic but are put in an intolerable position. Furthermore, with the loss of the 535 service this situation will be compounded. In addition, in winter when it is colder the long wait will be "uncomfortable"!

I, respectfully, request that you consider solutions to allow a minimum of six bicycles through the tunnel at the same time on the early morning 28 service.

P.T.O.



Lest we forget

This may involve:- extra rack space on the
early morning service.
- allowing bicycles to occupy the
wheelchair area if there is no one using this.

N.B. These options would ONLY be available to
cyclists who use the service to negotiate
the Tunnel. They must get off at the first
stop after the Tunnel.

A further option might be utilizing the Tunnel
police vehicles to pull a bike trailer through
the tunnel to link to the 28 service at this time.

Kind regards,

AR Matthews.

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