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Environment Canterbury,

Submission in regard to proposed ceasing of 135 bus Route.

My submission I am aware will be rather it would seem wider than it would be desired to be but I believe it is necessary that it be so.

Firstly I find New Brighton as a commercial hub to be confusing. It appears to be a bad marriage of purely generic retail and commerce sitting alongside an alternative retail vision based upon green and recycling and training for budding artistic minds.

However the two do not seem to sit work together for the prosperity of either.

The commercial sector is either dying, shifting or transient. The alternative retail I have no idea of how it sustains its viability. I know that when I visit Brighton the market and other places I assume are run by vendors with alternative incomes to sop up the losses.

I do see that there is endless planning supposedly, mall traffic alterations and endless public discussion through the media. However only the Pier and a revamped playground have eventuated.

The fact is that transport and economy go hand in hand yet none of it seems to work in Brighton.

Buses are meant to have a wider range of briefs than cars. To lessen road use, lessen pollution and provide help to the poor, cyclists and so on. I had assumed that the new smaller bus/van on the 135 route once paid off would cost less I fuel. I noted that sometimes every seat was used but other times like other routes not so. I noted that being smaller in size seemed to deter vandalism and I hoped it would become that the bus fleet would become modernised and

viable .I know that I see a preponderance of women during the week who clearly use the route to get shopping etc done or attend social and other events.

I also noted youth using the bus to attend events at Brighton. However clearly not enough.The other matter of course is that the beach as a destination is not a high priority in cold months as retail knows.

But as I have seen retail outlets that have been successful everywhere in Christchurch but Brighton it is obvious that there are other factors or decisions being made that make it so.

New Brighton needs one large popular retail outlet that would bring all other patronage .And until this happens I believe that the route should exist perhaps with less bus times until this is achieved.

But added to this is the fact that transfer tickets unless for a short distance eat up the time in sheer travel time and need to be made longer. A small increase to cover this I believe would be acceptable.

But this problem affects all routes generally but in the case of Brighton is important as trips to the beach, picnics or anything else take longer generally than the time of a transfer ticket. In short it does not encourage staying at Brighton for any length of time for any activity.

I believe an overall investment in modernising and really investigating our bus service and its role in our city has been half hearted and generally neglected.

I know it is stated that the proposed options are all that are available but I disagree and ask that the 135 route not be ceased but looked at differently and in conjunction with what needs to be done in New Brighton itself.

I make no comment regard the other routes except in regard to transfer ticket times being too small.

My thanks in anticipation of the City Councils attention to this submission.

Deborah Minchington.



Long-Term Plan 2018-28

Feedback form

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Environment Canterbury is the regional council for this magnificent region. We need your input to ensure our Long-Term Plan will deliver the outcomes the community wants.

The Long-Term Plan 2018-28 outlines the framework for the types of activities we will undertake from July 2018. It also details the measures that we have put against these activities, and the corresponding financial information, policies and strategies.

Feedback closes at 5pm on Monday 26 March, 2018.

You may send your feedback:

By mail (no stamp required): Freepost 1201, Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345, CHRISTCHURCH 8140.

Online: Use the online form provided on our website www.ecan.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Please follow the online instructions provided.

By email: mailroom@ecan.govt.nz. Ensure your full name and address is included.

Use this form to tell us what you think

By providing feedback you agree that Environment Canterbury may use, and may publish, that feedback, including your name and the contact details you provide.

Your name Deborah Minchington.

Your organisation and role in it (if applicable) _____

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Signature [Signature] Date 9.3.18

(If you wish to meet with Councillors to discuss your submission please also complete Q12.)

The work of Environment Canterbury is reported on under six portfolios as outlined in the draft Long-Term Plan document. Our website outlines many of the areas we work in, in more detail. On this form you are asked for feedback on the activity planned under each portfolio as well as on the entire plan and specifically on the Public Transport options. In the comments section under each portfolio, please tell us what you support/don't support about the planned activity, and if there is anything you would like to see more or less of.

Please view our short Consultation Document and full Long-Term Plan supplementary document on www.ecan.govt.nz.

1. Whole Plan

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for the Long-Term Plan.

Comments:

2. Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the Consultation Document. (on page 14)

To make comment on the Public Transport proposed changes please complete the selection panel below.
To make comment on the the whole Transport and Urban Development portfolio, please go to Q7.

Options

Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support: (please select one answer)

Option 1 – A combination of routes, fares and (targeted) rates changes: small fare and rates increases, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Option 2 – As Option 1 but larger rates increase, no fare increase: larger (targeted) rates increase, no fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Option 3 – As Option 1 but larger fare increase, smaller (targeted) rates increase: minimal rates increase, larger fare increase, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Option 4 – none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

Comments:

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3. Freshwater Management

See page 6 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Freshwater Management.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Freshwater Management.

Comments:

4. Biodiversity and Biosecurity

See page 8 of the Consultation Document.

Support/Oppose

Please select one of the following: (please select one answer)

I generally agree with the activity proposed for Biodiversity and Biosecurity.

I generally disagree with the activity proposed for Biodiversity and Biosecurity.

Comments: