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### 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 use the tab on the left.

**Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support:** Option 4 – none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

### Public Transport Comments

#### Please provide any comments.

I use the #145 every week-day to get to work and usually to get home too. The removal of this route would be a major inconvenience. If the #145 was going to be reduced then it should run 7am-10am and 3pm-6pm.

A reduction in bus services will impact the poorest and least mobile people in Christchurch and I do not support any of the proposed changes. Further reductions in services and service levels will just add momentum to the cycle that is in place now - declining patronage and declining affordability.

What I propose is:

1. An increase in the targeted rate on Christchurch ratepayers to pay for the bus system without the need to disestablish routes.

2. A reworking of the routes that are proposed to be disestablished to push them through the exchange.
3. A review of the hub-and-spoke model. I understand the model is best-practice, but there is no point in doing it without a full set of routes. By pushing the routes through the exchange it dramatically increases the number of destinations available to commuters.
4. A request to Central Government to change legislation to allow the full public ownership and operation of public transport, as the competitive tendering model is and has failed.
5. Polling and focus-grouping of Christchurch residents to see why they don't use the bus system. Although, the results are likely to show that people:
  - a. Think fares are too expensive. For example, it is currently cheaper for my wife to drive our car into the CBD when she goes to Ara than it is for her to catch the P bus. Fares need to be \$2 or less (I support a higher ratepayer subsidy to get it down).
  - b. Think they have to wait for too long for a bus - anything over 10mins feels onerous.
  - c. Find it hard to get where they want to go (i.e. too few routes).