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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 ask Ecan to reconsider this discontinuation of bus route 145. This is because the bus is in effect a school bus for Cashmere High School. It is the only bus allowing students at the western and eastern edges of the school zone to get to and from school. Providing students with a method to access their zoned school must be seen as a core purpose of public transport. Without this bus the students have a difficult time and limited options to get to and from school. The Orbiter does not service the outer edge of the zone. The distance (up to 6km at the edge of the zone) is too far to realistically walk. Biking is an option but not suitable for everyone or every day. It is long, hilly and on busy roads, unsuitable in inclement weather or when the kids have extra equipment to carry (sports and music). If children have to stay back at school or be somewhere else after school for extra-curricular activities, they can end up biking home in the dark and/or in peak hour traffic. Without the bus, and if biking is

not possible, school children are reliant on caregivers. Care givers should not be tied to transporting high school aged children to and from school. It needs to be kept in mind that these children are not choosing to go to an out-of -zone school - they are going to their local zoned school. Access to it should not be difficult. Without the 145 bus, children living in the outer edge of the Cashmere zone in Christchurch will have a more difficult time of getting to school than those living over the port hills. The 145 has only been in operation for about 2 years. It was a relief when the service started and to now face losing it is very disappointing and is going to make life more complicated for many parents and children in the outer zones of Cashmere High.