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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.

We have 3 daughters who attend Papanui High School, and will in due course be looking for jobs, and attending sport practices. Eliminating the 107 & 108 bus routes is ridiculous. Yes, they mostly use the bus only during term time, but outside of school hours there is weekends, after school & holidays - all of which involve bus usage. We encourage them to use the bus whenever they can, as they are old enough to do so, and it is a safe way for them to travel ( to/from school, to friends, to town to meet friends, to music lessons, to sports practise, to partake in CCC Events/Summertimes....)

Eliminating the routes would cause inconvenience for us (their parents) as we would have to organise other means of transport for our daughters to get to their appointments - & this could involve us having

to leave work early, or have another parent/grandparent/caregiver provide transport - putting cars on the road instead of using public transport.

Why don't ECAN combine 107 & 108 into an all encompassing route - to cover Willowbank, Northwood, Regents Park, & Casebrook? Half hourly buses (mini or otherwise) could run from 7-9am, hourly buses 10am - 2pm, half hourly resuming 2.30-6.30pm, then hourly again 7.30pm-11.30pm.

There is the new Highsted Development progressing its build & the Summerset Residential Village being built - both of which are adding to the wider Casebrook/Styx Mill number of residents. I believe a bus route would be a great draw card for the Summerset Village residents to use public transport while they can. And residents from the new subdivision would also. Using public transport is seen as a right in Christchurch. It helps communities come together - whether meeting at the local mall, or heading into town.

The ECAN newspaper delivered to (most/some of) our homes states that " Public transport is a key part of connecting communities and enabling work and social travel" HOW CAN THIS BE ACHIEVED IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE TWO MAIN SERVICES (107 & 108) WHICH CONNECT US TO OUR COMMUNITIES/WORK/SOCIAL TRAVEL???

Yes these 2 routes may not even run at 10% of the cost to run them; but other routes are achieving over 70% - swings and roundabouts (or in our case, little mini buses and big buses)

I hope that ECAN can think a little outside the square, & truly think about the current ratepayers in the area of 107 & 108 and our future ratepayers. We pay our rates and taxes, just like other areas, & we deserve to have our bus routes.