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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 am horrified to read that the **ONLY** public transport option serving Westmorland, namely the 145 bus, is under threat of being axed.

How can this be justified? This is the **ONLY** transport option some people have. How can you sever the **ONLY** link to one of Christchurch's suburbs? Not all suburb resident own cars, hold licences or can drive and some have limited mobility.

I frequently use the bus around the city and if you want to discourage people from using their cars then you must invest and increase public transport options.

The main problem with route 145 is that it goes nowhere useful. Most people work in the city centre and at peak commuting times most people commute into the city centre and then home again from

the city centre at the end of the working day. Route 145 goes to Eastgate which is of no use to most people. If this route is under-utilised it is because the route is useless to most people and therefore they will choose other options such as their cars. There would not be a financial shortfall if these routes were more heavily utilised.

The journey to the city from my house is 8km. Using the 145 route as it is at present requires me to walk, then catch two buses, in total taking me nearly an hour to get to work. This journey can be made in the car in 10-15 mins. By removing the 145 my nearest bus stop is over 1.5km away. This journey to work would also require catching 2 buses and would take over an hour. The current ECan passenger transport service standard is that most households are within reasonable walking distance of a bus stop (generally within 500 metres). Removing the 145 route is going to break your own transport standards for hundreds of residents.

Surely logic would dictate that you connect all your suburbs direct to the city centre (we do have a lovely new bus station after all). An ideal public transport system transports people easily and quickly to places of work (ie for the majority – the city centre). This keeps your city running, generates income and supports a healthy growing city. If people need to get to peripheral areas they can connect to these from the central hub (much like the hub and spokes of a bike wheel).

By simply redesigning these peripheral routes and connecting them direct to the city centre would increase the bus usage, cut down cars in the city centre and make daily commuting to and from work a lot easier.

I would also hasten to add that all the bus routes under threat are all peripheral suburbs. The city centre routes appear to be protected. Do people in these peripheral areas not also pay rates? Are people in these peripheral areas therefore not also entitled to public transport options? You have a duty of care to provide public transport for **ALL** residents not just those in your city centre. If you take away public transport options for thousands of residents in peripheral Christchurch will they be receiving a rebate on their taxes to help fund their own transport options around the city?

You **MUST** keep public transport options to peripheral suburbs and I suggest all that is needed is to look at these routes and connect them **DIRECT** to the city centre.

For me the ultimate irony is that ECan state their vision is to "facilitate sustainable development" and "good quality air and water" and "an efficient and accessible public transport system". So their solution?  
- Remove the **ONLY** public transport option and force people into environmentally polluting cars.