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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.

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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.

All 3 options include discontinuing 6 bus routes. I do not agree. I live in Bishopdale and pre-earthquake I caught the bus 5 days a week. Either Harewood Road to city, or along Gardiners Road weaving thru the back streets. Then the Harewood Road bus was cancelled direct to CBD. That was when Ecan started to lose passengers, tinkering with a direct service. Post earthquake bus routes were a mess but at least we had a service. When 107 and 108 implemented, with a transfer at Northlands 'Hub' the commute time shot up and some nights (shift at work finishes at 5.30 pm) coming home took 90 minutes - I work in Tuam Street a block and a half away from the bus exchange. The little commuter busses in the morning get full with school children, and difficult to board. The Blue Bus stopping at Northlands does not wait for passengers being dropped off due to the 2 different bus companies not having the same radio communication, despite the 107 / 108 pulling up behind. I eventually gave up

on the "service" and now bike to work, rain or shine, most days - 35 minutes leisurely cycle along Harewood Road, down the cycle way by railway line, then Hagley Park. If a direct bus to city was put back, I would certainly use it again, especially in the winter. Putting in the 107 and 108 was a mistake from the start - commuters stopped immediately. Now the CBD has more workers post earthquake , I believe a bus from Bishopdale / Casebrook be reinstated. This would result in less cars driving into town and parking congestion. The 'shelter' at Northlands is still unacceptable, especially in winter.