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Hello,

I just learned today of the six proposed bus routes that might be axed in the upcoming LTP review.

I am not happy with this and think it is a very short sighted approach to managing public transport in the city.

Yes they may be performing less well than other routes but that appears to be from the stance that public transport should be run like a business and every part of that business must perform and make profit.

Public transport is just that.... Public Transport. It is a public service that is there for the good of the public to ensure that the majority of the population has access to some form of transport.

It also serves another purpose, that being to help reduce the use of cars and other carbon consuming vehicles and reduce congestion on the roads.

Accordingly, my concern is very broad:

1. Shutting down bus routes will mean that people along those routes may have no or very limited transport options; and
2. People will return to their cars along those routes, resulting in even more congestion on Christchurch's roads, which will lead to more damage to those roads and resulting expenditure, therefore the temporary savings will be lost in the long term as capital expenditure on roading increases.

I also would like to say that rather than shutting down routes and increasing prices, ECan should be looking to expand the network and reduce the cost of tickets to encourage people back onto Public Transport. By encouraging people back onto buses they will run more profitably as a whole, congestion at peak periods will reduce and we will take large numbers of cars off the roads at peak periods when they are producing the most emissions due to their slow speeds which in turn means that a) cars are on the road longer and b) their engines are running at less than optimal efficiency (no engine is efficient when it is slowing and speeding up as cars in heavy traffic do).

Accordingly, I suggest:

1. Bus fares should be reduced to incentivise people to use Public Transport more often;
2. The free Saturday you get for using your Metrocard 10 times in a week should be expanded to include Friday, thereby incentivising weekday commuters to use the buses more (how many weekday commuters will actually get on a bus on the weekend?? I know I don't);
3. More bus routes should be established; and
4. a more consistent bus timetable set up across the city (there are routes which have an overly frequent service including Sumner where I live and others have very poor service or a service which is infrequent or ends early).

I would like to be contacted about this and am considering if I want to be heard at any hearing on this topic such time as they occur.

Thank you

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