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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.

Options 1-3 are pre-loaded and give the public no real option. This gives the impression that the submission process is a case of going through the motions and the public will be ignored again.

The whole issue here could be seen as Ecan's poor performance and failure to understand the transport needs of Christchurch. The stop gap measures carried as a result of the Earthquakes no longer apply hence the poor current use of the transport system (ask the public why they prefer to use alternative transport - long waits on many routes/ catch several buses to reach work / or no bus service within a reasonable walking distance).

Ecan proposal to remove the 6 routes: Ecan set up these routes to fail as they are small feeder runs which would generate less income over a short distance - this would be the case for most of Christchurch bus routes over these distances.

The solution is for the feeder routes to be added to an existing longer bus route which in turn would maintain services and spread the cost over a longer run creating a viable bus route. For Ecan's sake that means undoing their poor decision to break off these routes in the first place or taking away a viable route (in our case it was the number 17 run) and put in a service that was doomed to fail.

Ecan's real argument is how to extract more money from rate payers using "smoke and mirrors". Maybe it is time the Christchurch City Council took control of the bus services and relieve Ecan of this burden so they can concentrate on more important issues like not enforcing winter fire restrictions and the doomed water quality of our rivers.

While Ecan are proposing a transfer time change to bring Christchurch into line with Timaru, maybe it is time they also looked at bringing Christchurch into line with Auckland and some other parts where Tertiary students receive a reduced bus fare using the Metro card or is Ecan only looking at changes with "blinkers". If it is fair to look at one change why not the other as after all this is up for public discussion or is it??