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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.

Kia ora.

Option 2 is the least worst option.

It is difficult to believe that a Long term plan would contain such short term thinking.

I find it utterly disturbing to see empty buses driving around. The odd passenger aboard means that ECAN is recouping 'pocket money' for a bus and a driver.

Raising fares will not make better use of the bus or driver. It will further discourage their use.

Cutting routes will not encourage the use of public transport.

I despair at the lack of co-ordination between 3 agencies providing transport solutions in Christchurch. We have Transit NZ building motorways at either end of the city to bring more traffic in more efficiently. We have CCC discouraging cars, reducing traffic, prioritising cycles, putting in speed limits, and building structures to discourage the use of cars.

And now we have ECAN proposing actions that will decimate the use of public transport.

This synergy will create massive gridlock. ECAN must take more thoughtful decisions that prevent this.

The goals should be aligned to increase patronage of public transport.

Have you considered perhaps Free buses? A full bus plus driver isn't going to cost any more to run than the currently empty ones.

How could you fund this?

One way could be to redefine the service that you are recovering the costs from.

If you think narrowly with blinkers on, then the service would be the transport that the passenger is paying for (as it currently is).

If you redefine your service as 'uncongested roads', then people who are not taking advantage of public transport are the users of this service and could pay by way of a targeted tax.

Public Transport cards could be issued to every house with the rates demand. By collecting information on their use, the non-users would be eligible for a targeted tax for creating congestion. This could then subsidise the cost of the public transport.

The carrot of free transport along with the stick of a targeted tax will encourage the use.

This will result in reduced growth of traffic and reduced wear and tear on the roads.

There must also be many other creative options than the ones recommended.

Please go back, put your thinking caps on and start again.

kind regards

Bryan