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Subject: Submission on 145 bus route discontinuation

On behalf of the Board of St Martins School : as one of the largest primary schools on the 145 bus route we would like to express our dismay at the proposed discontinuation of this route.

We are a school of over 560 students and the vast majority of our graduating students go on to attend Cashmere High school. Many of them rely on this service, which replaced a previous school bus service, to take them to and from school.

Cashmere is the only full state school in our zone and the 145 is by far the most convenient route, demonstrated by the fact that it is very busy service at the peak school hours.

Without the bus there will be even more traffic and even more congestion at peak time hot spots such as the St Martins and Dyers pass roundabouts as well as the High school, causing more headaches for parents, kids and schools on the route.

We want to encourage a new generation of commuters to get out of their cars and onto public transport, but for that we need sensible public transport options. Currently, the only alternative to the 145 (the Orbiter) means an extra 15 - 30 minutes walk for many of our families.

On behalf of our school community we would ask you to reconsider axing this route or at the very least, to provide a viable alternate.

Yours on behalf of the St Martins Board of Trustees

Kate Hodgins

Please note: I have already submitted as a private individual but I have now been asked to submit on behalf of our Board.