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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 1 – A combination of routes, fares and (targeted) rates changes: small fare and rates increases, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Public Transport Comments

Please provide any comments.

I find it absolutely abhorrent that it is even being considered axing existing bus routes numbers 107 and 108.

Surely consideration should be given to the number of particularly elderly and physically challenged people who rely entirely on this mode of transport.

As many of these senior citizens are obliged to make frequent visits to their doctors and hospital, this service is absolutely essential to them.

Many of these transfers do not even provide seating or adequate shelter meaning particularly the elderly and frail are subjected to the elements to the detriment of their already failing health.

When the expansion of the retirement villages along these routes is factored in, it is obvious that the patronage will increase exponentially.

As a means to increase the falling patronage, it would improve dramatically if the service was to revert to the old system and not require people to have to transfer from one bus to another to complete their journey. Often this requires standing in all weathers while waiting for the required connection(s).

I was under the impression that the public transport system is funded by Central Government and by the ratepayers of Greater Christchurch, and as such is not primarily a profit making organisation. With that in mind, surely to reduce the level of this service is a regressive move.

Another consideration is the fact that the Council is spending a tremendous amount of funding, time, and effort in trying to encourage its citizens to utilise the CDB so surely to reduce the opportunity for people to easily access the many new facilities the city has to offer both now and in the future would be a step in the wrong direction.

In our endeavours to promote both our city and the country at large as being clean and green, any move to reduce the number of vehicles on the road would surely be an effective way of achieving this goal.

In closing I hope you listen to the voices of the citizens of Christchurch (your employers) and seek to improve the transport system, not contribute to its demise.

Ken Campbell.