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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.

This submission is in relation to bus routes 107 and 108. These routes are the only ones that service the suburbs of Northwood, Regents Parks and Casebrook. School children rely on these services to get to Casebrook Intermediate and Papanui High Schools primarily as well as St Bedes College and St Andrews College and as a connection to get to Heaton Intermediate and Burnside High School.

Both these bus routes are well used by school children between the hours of 7am and 9am and then again after 2.30pm.

From my own children's research over the last month, in the mornings there are regularly a dozen children who get on the 7.40 108 bus in Northwood. By the time the bus reaches Highsted Rd/Casebrook

area the bus is well over half full and often has only a few empty seats by the time it reaches Papanui High School. For the return journey home after 2.30pm, both the 107 and 108 buses are usually standing room only for much of the journey to Northwood.

For many residents of Northwood, if these routes were removed, the closest bus stop would be 1-2km away, if not further. This is obviously not ideal for the many elderly residents of this area. Even more worrying is that, in winter, children will have to walk this distance, in the dark to catch a bus to school. This is very much a safety concern!

My proposal is to maintain both these services as they currently are between 7am and 9am and between 2.30pm and 4pm as these are the times of high usage. Outside of these hours I propose that the buses run at half the number of their current trips, and evenly space their respective departure times from Northwood/Papanui. For eg if both the 107 and 108 run twice an hour, reduce this to once an hour for each route, with half an hour between their departure time.