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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.**

The 535 bus is a vital service to our geographically separated community and cannot be cut. There are many vulnerable people in our community that require the bus as a critical part of their life. Without it they would be isolated and unable to get to the shops, bank or work and may be forced to move from the place they love. It cannot be cut! The 535 is a critical link to Ferrymead and Lyttelton.

The alternative is a 3.5km walk around roads frequented by heavy vehicles due to Evans Pass being closed. People in Rapaki don't even have the option of walking other than on the road as there is no footpath - if they have to walk it would be on the main road up a steep hill, certainly not a safe option. Without the 535, even if the elderly struggled on the footpath to Lyttelton, they can't do the banking as

the banks are all gone, and they can't get to Ferrymead as the 28 doesn't go there - you have to go to the bus exchange and then Purple line, just to get to Ferrymead.

During summer the 535 is very crowded as people come to Corsair and Cass Bay. Without the service there would not be enough parks. Currently people park on the grass and curbs which cause risk to road users and this would only get worse.

People who can't drive use the 535 to access the Corsair and Cass Bay beaches. The proposal to cut access to New Brighton beach, Corsair Bay and Cass Bay means people who rely on the busses for access to the beach now only have Sumner beach, which is always heavily crowded already.

For any locals that have their car break down or lose their license due to health or other reasons they would become stranded, unable to get to work. It's not like in the centre of town where they could walk a block to find a different bus.

Children who are too young to hold a drivers license or don't have access to a vehicle rely on 535 to stay socially connected and get to school or work. How would you suggest the kids get around?

Cutting the service would be a cruel punishment to the vulnerable people in our society who rely on it. We pay for a bus service in our rates - why aren't we allowed to have it?

**Suggestions:**

- 1 If the service was reduced from 2 buses circulating to 1 bus this would be sufficient, halving the cost while still providing a valuable service.
- 2 Possibly it could be extended to Governors Bay to increase the potential passenger numbers.
- 3 Other bus routes in the city could have reduced frequency at low usage times to reduce costs to save this service.
- 4 The 28 could extend the route every 4th loop to include coming through Cass Bay and Rapaki.