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Transport and Urban Development Support/Oppose

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Transport and Urban Development Comments

Please provide any comments

Hello, I believe increased public spending is needed for public transport, and reduced fares for service users.

I want to see reduced congestion on roads, to reduce greenhouse emissions, improve air quality, and improve quality of life by reducing travel times. Hopefully, less traffic would also reduce costs of building and maintaining roads. As a smaller point, reduced congestion would increase safety for cyclists.

We need to encourage use of public transport, and reduce the number of private trips by automobile.

It needs economic incentives. Make public transport cheaper at the point of use, and perhaps make parking in the city more expensive for car users (with exceptions for workers who work after-hours, eg nurses)

I've mentioned environmental and quality of life issues. Making public transport cheaper will also help reduce INEQUALITY, which is the other major cause of reduced quality of life, both in New Zealand

and worldwide. Public transport users are disproportionately less wealthy than car users, so lower the costs of public transport users, and spread the costs across the tax base.

Unfortunately we're not building Christchurch from scratch, or we could build bus-only lanes with sensors that turn the lights green, and give people a faster transport option than driving a car. We don't have that option, but we can make buses the economic and environmentally-friendly choice. Public transport is often less convenient than driving a car, so make it cheap enough that it becomes an attractive choice for the majority of citizens.

Thanks, Julia Zhu