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It is absolutely essential that we develop a sustainable public transport system for now and for the future. The earthquake has given us the opportunity to do this. 40 years ago when I lived in Auckland there was an opportunity to build a light rail public transport system and it was turned down by short term business interests. The reduction of carbon emissions through a serious public transport system is not just a would like but it is absolutely critical. The next generation will wonder what the heck we were doing if we rebuild our city on the needs of the private motor car.

What would a great public transport system look like?

*Full, cheap, electric buses for commutors

* others using buses to go into the city centre for shopping and recreation.

* moving around the CBD in small free shuttle buses

Therefore:

1. Do not increase the fares. Rather increase the cost of parking to encourage commutors in particular to leave their cars at home. The cost of travelling by bus for a family of say two adults and two children out to Brighton beach for example far exceeds the cost of taking the car. So what is the incentive to leave the car at home.

2. Increase the free window of 2 hours to 4 hours which will encourage shoppers, movie goers, restauranters to come to the CBD by bus.

3. Free shuttle buses around the CBD.

4. Find the extra money by taxing those who take their cars into the CBD including commutors.

5. Work to provide a more efficient bus service so that more people use it and so that it can eventually pay for itself.

5. Bus routes which are poorly patronised need to be axed.