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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.**

Re The Northwood bus service#107

I strongly disagree with the plans to cull this service. A large number of students and elderly residents of the Northwood area use this service to commute to various schools, shopping centres, banks, doctors etc from their home locations. In particular, we have our youngest son due to start at Papanui High School next year, and at present he would have a 5 minute walk to the bus stop in Hussey Road from our home. If he is then forced to walk to a bus stop on the Main North Road near the Northwood Super Centre, this will take him approximately 30 minutes in either direction, twice a day. Our son is also on the autistic spectrum and adding this sort of stress to his life will not have a positive impact on his learning abilities whilst he attends Papanui High School. He cannot ride a bike to Papanui High

School using Gardiners Road as there are no cycle lanes or footpaths to ride on and the traffic flows on the Main North Rd are too high for safe commuting by bicycle, for a child like him. If we have to drive him to school or a bus stop, this is defeating the purpose of the bus service and trying to reduce the number of private motor cars contesting the roads at peak commuting times. You need to have a serious think about students and the elderly community when considering reducing or removing bus services. The 107 could possibly be set up to run within school hours and less frequently during school holidays. We often see tourists visiting Willowbank Wildlife Reserve who use this service and they too would be affected if this service we to be cancelled, which would likely mean they would be forced to travel there by taxi or rental car, again adding vehicles to the commuter congestion we all experience.