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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 1 – A combination of routes, fares and (targeted) rates changes: small fare and rates increases, reduced Total Mobility subsidy and six routes discontinued.

Public Transport Comments

Please provide any comments.

Please also seriously consider introducing a new route between Darfield and Christchurch Central. Until recently Red Bus has been running this service on a commercial basis. Whilst the communities of Darfield, Kirwee and West Melton have demonstrated strong demand through a recent Bus Go Canterbury survey, the service offered by Red Bus did not meet the requirements of that demand. In particular, the service should include the following:

- 1 Smaller bus (20 seater?)
- 2 Two trips each way - example:
- 3 Comfortable seats with decent leg room and good climate control

- 4 Nice to have: USB charge points and WIFI
- 1 7.15am departure from Darfield for commuters and school children
- 2 9.30am departure from Darfield
- 3 3.30pm departure from Chch central for school children, etc
- 4 5.30pm departure from Chch central for commuters, etc.
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For the right level of service adult fares of up to \$10 each way could be acceptable.

Minimal pick-up and drop off points and the driver can choose the fastest route between those - similar to the Rolleston Express service.

Providing a sustainable transport service is essential for rural communities, especially for those unable to drive, and will reduce the numbers of cars on our roads, helping to reduce congestion within Christchurch and being better for the environment all round.