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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.

I am a mother of two that has been using the bus network for over 15 years to get to work and to take my children to school.

* If you increase the fares you will make it less affordable for people to catch the bus. If the buses are more reliable then people will catch them. If you have bus lanes that make it easier for people to travel on the bus then more people will catch them. I would rather a rates increase than a fare increase.

* Routes 107 and 108 have been declining due to these factors:

- The small buses were used during peak school times. I know of a number of families that were using the 107 from Papanui High and St Josephs school. However due to the size of the buses the children were left behind as there was no room. As the bus only comes every 30 minutes this can mean children are waiting an extra hour to catch the bus home. Those children no longer catch the bus. If the families knew that the normal sized buses would be used then they would allow their children to catch them again.

- Once the bus stop was removed from outside of Countdown at Northlands this meant children from St Joseph's school were not walking down to catch the 108.

- The online timetable and the actual timetable from Northwood park were not the same. I use to catch the 108 from Northwood park frequently. Unfortunately the bus timetable on the metro website and the actual bus schedule were different. This means people turn up to the stop at the wrong time. Once they have done this a number of times and waited over 30 minutes for a bus they are not going to do it again.

- A number of tourists and young families use the buses to get to Willowbank. If you remove the 107 and 108 then there will be no buses that come even close to Willowbank.

- Papanui High is the zoned High School for this area. If you remove the public transport then you are encouraging these families to drive to Papanui.