

## Comments

### LTP 2021-31 (5/03/21 to 30/04/21)

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**Environment Canterbury LTP 2021-2031 Submission April 2021 – Transport.  
Spreydon-Cashmere Age-Friendly Committee.**

The Age-Friendly Spreydon Cashmere Committee thanks Environment Canterbury for the opportunity to make a submission to their 10-year plan 2021-2031. The committee has researched local issues and works to a plan in partnership with the Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board for a safe, accessible, healthy and inclusive community that encourages active aging.

Age-Friendly Spreydon-Cashmere (AFSC) recently reviewed the status of public transport accessibility and the needs of older adults. As result we have both commendation and suggestion comments to offer.

The AFSC appreciates the following positive actions of Environment Canterbury:

- The availability of seats at most local bus stops,
- Ongoing support for public transport,,
- Provision of a real-time information system
- Innovations such as the Timaru MyWay pilot,
- Commitment to a customer centric ticketing and booking system, and
- Total Mobility subsidies.

The AFSC wishes Environment Canterbury to reinstate several bus routes that were eliminated as a result of the 2012 review and adoption of the spoke-hub system. These routes were located on Dyers Pass Road, Bowenvale Avenue, and south Selwyn Street in Somerfield. The removal of hill bus routes where the terrain is particularly challenging and risks harm to the well-being of older adults, many do not have or are unable to use private transport or afford taxis even with subsidies, and are reliant on public transport. These negative effects undermine health, safety, community connection and resilience, and can include:

- Limited ability to travel for social interaction, causing isolation,
- Difficulty accessing food, health services, libraries and other amenities ,
- Inability of public transport dependent family and friends to visit, affecting emotional well-being,
- Disconnection from recreational opportunities that support good health,
- Limited access to church or religious activities, and
- Loss of connection to cultural activities

**Recommendation:** That Environment Canterbury extends bus route coverage in Spreydon-Cashmere, in particular in the hill areas that challenge older or less mobile pedestrians reliant on public transport.

Thank you,

Simon Templeton – Chair Age-Friendly Spreydon-Cashmere

David Troughton – Committee member Age-Friendly Spreydon-Cashmere

Helene Mautner – Committee member Age-Friendly Spreydon-Cashmere