

Orbiter Service Review: Ilam Area

September 2022

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Background

- Orbiter route was temporarily changed in 2019.
- Re-routed along Waimairi Road, due to the closure of Homestead Lane for building works.
- UC has confirmed Homestead Lane is permanently closed to through traffic, so the route needs to be permanently amended.
- Service review completed to consider how the Orbiter can best service the Ilam area to maximise accessibility to two high trip generators, the UC and Bush Inn centre.

Key

- Orbiter proposed route (current route)
- Original route pre 2019 (Homestead Ln)



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Proposed options

Key

- Orbiter current route
- Original route pre 2019 (Homestead Lane)
- Option A, Waimairi Road
- Option B, Ilam Road



- **Option A – Waimairi Rd (purple route)**

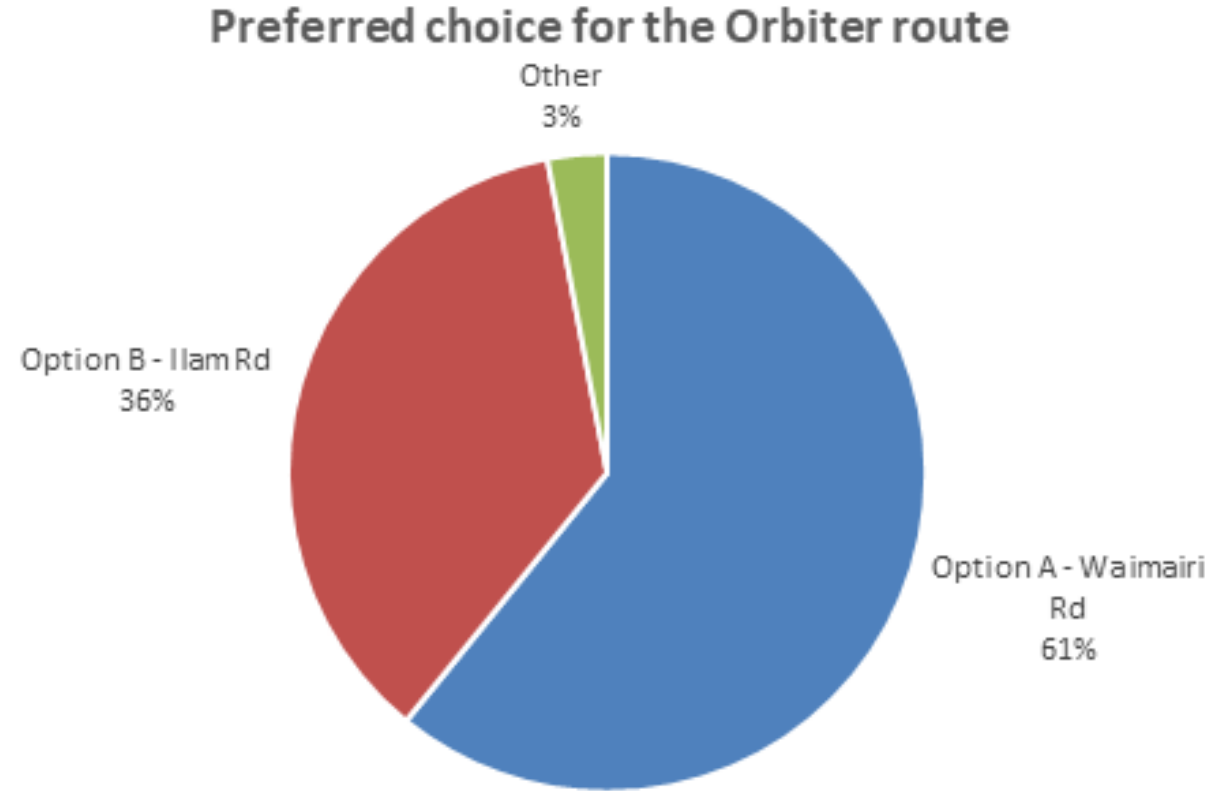
The current route is retained with no change. From Memorial Ave, the bus travels along Greers Rd to Waimairi Rd, and then continues along to Riccarton Rd.

- **Option B – Ilam Rd (blue route)**

The current route is changed from Waimairi Road to Ilam Road to better service UC. The bus continues along Ilam Rd to Riccarton Rd. Bush Inn/Church corner is not serviced.

Consultation summary

- Engagement process 3-week period 30th May-19th June 2022.
- High participation, 801 submissions, including from:
 - CCC
 - the UC
 - Parkstone Retirement Village residents
 - Villa Maria and Riccarton High Schools.
- 57% of respondents were residents in the area
- 61% respondents (485 responses) preferred of Option A – Waimairi Road.
- 36% of respondents (288 responses) preferred Option B – Ilam Road



Recommended Option

- Retain the current Waimairi Road route (Option A) as the permanent route.
- Work with CCC to align infrastructure with Homestead Lane. Provide access for passengers to other high trip generators.
- Proposed option supports the preferred consultation option, (61% respondents).

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Next steps

- Environment Canterbury will continue discussions with CCC to align infrastructure for better connectivity to the main university campus.
- Environment Canterbury staff will continue to work with the UC to improve public transport options and encourage student and staff mode shift to public transport.
- Through PT Futures the Orbiter service will be reviewed in approximately 2024/25.



Recommendations

1. Notes that the current Orbiter route via Waimairi Road (Option A) will become the permanent route.
2. Notes that staff will work with the Christchurch City Council on bus stop locations adjacent to the Homestead Lane pedestrian safe zone, to improve access from the Orbiter to the university main campus.



Thank you



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