
From: Have your Say
Sent: Friday, 23 February 2024 10:01 am
To:
Subject: FW: Thank you for completing 'Draft Regional Land Transport Plan submission'

We received some additional information for George Laxton's submission, see below. Please can you add to the Content Manager record for this submitter.

Ngā mihi

From: George Laxton
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:31 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Thank you for completing 'Draft Regional Land Transport Plan submission'

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Hi,

I would like to add a couple extra points that I have thought up since I completed this feedback.

I'd like to see long term investment by the region in a bicycle renting service (similar to OV fiets in the Netherlands) where you can take a train or bus to a hub and then a very inexpensive bike for the last mile of transport. This means you don't have to take a bike on a bus since there will be likely one at your destination. I don't take lime or neuron (or whatever they are called) scooter and bikes because of the price. They are so expensive and are not useful for most journeys.

Another thing to add is better quality transport for those who are disabled around the city. While separate cycle lanes are great for short distances by mobility scooter and better smoother pavements make it easier and safer for walking to a local shop, it does not help with cross town trips and you run into the same problem as bikes on buses (capacity) only one can fit on most buses. I would like to see a target or improving accessibility around our city. If not this plan then the next plan.

Also it would be great if it would be baked in that whenever a new roading construction happens then improving transport choice and connections be considered. It is the best time to do something about a street when you are going to be doing work on it anyway so it would be nice to see that all projects have to consider transport choice and improve it whenever the street or road is resurfaced or renewed. There are too many streets, bridges and roads around Christchurch where no thought has been given to providing a safe means of getting from A to B unless you are in a car.

One last thing and related to the above I would like to see the Pegasus road bridge project be put forward as a high priority for the city. This is an important link and will provide a link for people to evacuate New Brighton when (not if) a large earthquake strikes Canterbury again in the future. If that bridge is out of action and fails then people will be cut off and if a tsunami strikes then large loss of life is possible. Please make this project a priority.

Regards,

George

On 15/02/2024, at 8:58 PM, Environment Canterbury

wrote:

Kia ora

Thanks for making a submission on the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021–31.

Your responses are listed below.

First name

George

Surname

Laxton

Email address

Are you giving feedback on behalf of an organisation?

No

Select your local city or district council:

Christchurch City Council

Tell us how important each of these objectives is to you:

Maintenance	Important
Resilience	Important
Emissions	Very important
Growth	Very important
Safety	Very important

If you think we should consider other objectives, please describe what they are and why they should be considered:

Reduction in noise pollution (for example brougham street) when no cars are driving down it, it is so much nicer, that road way is so loud and unpleasant and research shows that living next to high noise pollution is bad for our health. I would like to see targets to reduce noise pollution which can and will be achieved by mode shift, moving freight to rail ect but it would be good to see specifically targets relating to reducing noise pollution. It would also be good to know what areas are worse than others with data. I don't know i Christchurch has this already but monitoring of the noise pollution would be a good place to start.

Target 1: 40% reduction in deaths and serious injuries on Canterbury roads by 2030

This is great to see targets related to reducing deaths and injuries on our transport network.

Target 2: 41% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from land transport in Canterbury by 2035

It would be great for Enviroment Canterbury to work with Christchurch City Council (and pressure them) to get more bus lanes built and dedicated public transport lanes throughout the city as more people on public transport is less people in cars and less emissions.

Target 3: 100% increase in tonnage of freight moved by rail in Canterbury by 2034

No Answer

Tell us how important each of these priorities is to you:

Create a well-maintained network	Important
Manage risk of exposure to extreme events	Important
Support and develop connected public and active transport networks	Very important
Implementing safer systems (Road to Zero)	Very important
Support and develop freight systems connecting to air, rail and sea	Important

Are there specific actions you think should be taken to help achieve these priorities?

Providing connecting links between regions of Canterbury. I would like to see investment in cycle highways connecting the region for those who wish to travel the long distance. With E-bikes becoming more prevalent this is slowly becoming a legitimate option for travel between cities on

one off or once per week journeys. Also promoting small micro mobility vehicles (such as e-scooters, cargo bikes) Providing later running public transport that works for those who do night shifts/early morning shifts. Providing better connections to all parts of the city, not just the central city. All the high frequency routes go through town so for some destinations I have to travel into town before exiting town adding a lot of time to journeys. Network needs a redesign. Working to improve “off peak” times though are they really “off peak” or are people simply not taking trips because of the lower service times. Provide a link to Lyttelton through the tunnel for pedestrians and cyclists. (Especially for cyclists as a bus can only take 3 bikes at a time so you can get stranded in Lyttelton if you have your bike)

Do you support investigating alternative approaches to fund transport system improvements?

Yes

What sources of funding do you think could be used to pay for regionally significant improvements:

Tolls, increasing parking charges (adding a surcharge?), I do not support private investment into public transport. Private capital is always out to make money instead of doing what is best for the public, I would rather those assets be held by the public.

Are these the right measures of success?

Yes, these are the right measures.

Are there other monitoring indicators or measures of success that you think should be included?

No comment

Do you have any other comments that you would like to make on the draft Plan?

I would like to see rules around electric scooters (so they stop blocking the footpaths) scooter companies make you take a picture when you are finished using the scooters yet people still leave them in places. Perhaps there should be rules saying they should be parked on the street (where cars are parked) a single car park could hold 20-30 scooters and remove them from sidewalks which block people who push prams, or get around by other wheeled means. I would also like to see investment in metro cards being able to be bought at more places (dairies, supermarkets, Christchurch Airport and Christchurch Port, this is important for those who are arriving into Christchurch and need to take a bus, having access to a metro card at the airport would provide access to the whole network by removing barriers. I would like to speak at the hearing if I am able to get time off work.

Would you like to speak to your submission at a hearing in March?

Yes

Please provide a contact phone number so we can arrange a suitable time for you to speak at a hearing:

Ngā mihi nui,

Environment Canterbury