

PROPOSAL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAM ROUTE SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings.

Are you completing this submission:

On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing, how many people do you represent?

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Your Submission:

We wish to acknowledge with the Christchurch City Council our serious concerns re. The proposed Tram route moving along Cashel Street, past the front of the Wilson Parking Cashel Street car park, and then onto Manchester Street. We recommend that the proposed route should not proceed as it will not only adversely affect our customers but other citizens/motorists in the area.

It has been our experience and those of our customers that Manchester Street is always a congested thoroughfare for traffic especially at the intersection of Cashel Street and Manchester Street. Adding the tram route to this already problematic bottleneck will only increase issues for motorists and adversely affect our parkers who currently have problems accessing our car park from either directly through Cashel Street intersection or via Manchester Street itself.

As the tram route will then come back in a circle on to High Street it is not practical or recommended to offer this as another access option for our customers to our premise on Cashel Street. It will only become another point of congestion in an already difficult access way.

We also believe that with the tram route directly in front of our car park on Cashel Street there will be further congestion issues, that is more hotel buses and vans dropping off and picking up tourists in front of our site and blocking our entrance way as the room for this type of activity diminishes with the tram traffic. Not too mention the tram itself blocking access in and out of the car park. We especially feel this will have a significant impact during our Peak hours of operation, which is between 7am to 9am in the morning and between 4pm and 6pm in the afternoon/evenings during the week.

Therefore we do not agree with the proposed tram route and strongly recommend a re-evaluation of this project taking into account these opinions and recommendations. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our valid concerns.