

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY (INCLUDING USER SURVEYS AND PATRONAGE TRENDS)

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The purpose of this report is to provide information on progress with the implementing the Passenger Transport Strategy.

This report was presented to the combined environment Canterbury Christchurch City Council meeting on 20 July 2000.

It is two years since the Canterbury Regional Council and the Christchurch City Council approved the “Our Future – Our Choice” Christchurch Public Passenger Transport Strategy. The approval came after 18 months of development, which included considerable technical research and analysis, extensive public consultation, and regular input and guidance from a Community Advisory Group formed to assist the process.

The consultation process and advisory group input provided an overwhelming community endorsement to improve the level and quality of public transport in the city. The final strategy document reflected this community mood. It sets out a number of short and long term targets for patronage growth and improvements in the bus system, while also laying out a comprehensive programme of work to June 2000 and a series of further work and investigations to 2003.

The strategy also led to the Canterbury Regional Council setting in place a plan to double the public expenditure in passenger transport from 1998-2008 in order to support the goals and objectives of the strategy.

The report (tabled) sets progress made to date on the targets and actions specified in the strategy as well as outlining recent patronage trends and Bus User Survey feedback.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That in future Environment Canterbury be required to consult the Council via the City Services Committee on passenger transport issues including bus routes.
 2. That Environment Canterbury be requested to advise when the trial for hybrid buses will be held and details of this.
 3. That information on the effects on patronage of the changes to the Sumner bus route be advised to the Committee.

4. That Environment Canterbury be asked to report on the process for extending existing routes into new suburban areas.
5. That Environment Canterbury be asked to report on the possible alteration of the Orbiter bus route to include the Bishopdale Mall.