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Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch,

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Strategy

I would like to make a submission concerning the Christchurch Transport Board. Specifically I would like the Council to consider a reduction in the volume of bus traffic in the centre of the city, which will have a number of benefits.

This could be achieved simply by rerouting all the western bound buses to allow passenger drop-off and pick up on the outbound journey, following the old route past the Library, Oxford Terrace, Durham and Tuam Street.

The primary reason for my submission is a need to reduce city congestion generated by the continuous flow of buses between the City Exchange and the Square.

Frequently the buses carry no commuters on either outward and inward journey through the city centre, and this suggestion will eliminate the requirement to make the unnecessary round trip through Manchester and St. Asaph streets.

This will logically also reduce the emissions in the area, with an added advantage that drivers will enjoy a longer stop at the end terminal in lieu of the short break in town. Alternatively this could be used to improve scheduling.

I feel strongly that the current situation is inefficient, generates excess pollution, and creates unnecessary traffic flow in the city centre. Reduction in this traffic will enhance the visitor enjoyment of the city and provide the bonus of a reduced safety risk through lower traffic volume.

I would like to thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely
John Van Slooten Snr.