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The Canterbury Regional Council is currently reviewing the Bromley bus service and is seeking any suggestions the Community Board may have on improving this service.

The following letter has been received from Wayne Holton-Jeffreys, Passenger Services Manager of the Canterbury Regional Council:

“The Canterbury Regional Council is currently undertaking a service review of the Bromley (23) bus service prior to contract expiring in June 2000.

The Regional Council is continuing to align bus routes so that services come up for review in the same area of the city at the same time. Accordingly, although only recently reviewed, the Bromley contract expires in June 2000, and the contract will be let to align with the Sumner/Mt Pleasant (3) service.

The review of the Sumner/Mt Pleasant service was only recently completed, and changes to the services will be implemented from Monday 6 September 1999. As part of this review, a number of improvements to the Sumner/Mt Pleasant service will be implemented, which will in turn impact upon the Bromley route (please see attached map).

The intended route change will see the Bromley route extended through to the Woolston area, covering Radley Street and Garlands Road. This is currently serviced by the Mt Pleasant bus service. However, consultation with bus passengers and the general public indicated that fast quick services along major travel corridors such as Ferry Road, were important in encouraging people onto public transport. The Regional Council recognised the need to continue to service the area around Radley Street and Garlands Road, and as a result, the Bromley route will be extended. A letter and map detailing the exact change will be delivered to all households in the area within the next month, and a comprehensive bus information pack will be delivered to letterboxes in late July prior to any changes.

The timetable for the Bromley route will remain the same, as will the vast majority of the route. The only change to accommodate the extension will be the removal of the terminus point in Shire Lane.

The changes to the Sumner (3) service to be implemented in September 1999, will also see the development of a fast service from Sumner travelling via Dyers Road and Linwood Avenue into the central city. This limited stop service will run a 20-minute frequency during the weekday, with trips on weekends as well. This service will have a very limited number of bus stops at key locations along Linwood Avenue (eg Eastgate Mall) to encourage car drivers onto public transport. The bus information pack mentioned above, will also detail the changes and include new timetables when delivered prior to the changes in late July.

Accordingly, any suggestions the community board may have on improving the Bromley service will be incorporated into the service review, and implemented, where possible, from June 2000.

Please contact Delis Aston (Operations Planner), on 365-3828 (ext 7169) if you have any questions or wish any information to be presented at an upcoming board meeting.”

A map of the intended new bus route is attached. Also attached is a copy of the route map for the existing service and the timetable for this service.

Recommendation: That the Board consider any comments or suggestions on the proposed new service which it would like conveyed to the Canterbury Regional Council.

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Recommendation:

For discussion