

#### 4. PROPOSED CROSS SUBURBAN BUS ROUTE

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Corporate Plan Output: Passenger Transport	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of a trial cross suburban bus route.

#### BACKGROUND

The Canterbury Regional Council proposes a cross suburban bus route from Northlands Mall to Princess Margaret Hospital that passes key destination points along the way. This will allow patrons direct access to areas that would normally require a bus trip to the Square and another one back out to their destination. Publicity involving a discussion document and a questionnaire delivered to houses within 400 metres of the proposed route resulted in positive feedback, and a few minor changes were made which are incorporated in the **attached** map (coloured version also circulated to members only).

It is intended that this service commences in July 1999. For this to happen the City Council has to establish a number of new bus stops. It is desirable to install bus shelters on a good number of these stops to ensure the success of this service. Because this is a new route there are few existing bus stops able to be utilised. This means that patronage counts are not available until after commencement of the service.

Existing bus stops are available on radial roads like Harewood Road, Memorial Avenue and Riccarton Road. Where there is no existing stops available, agreement will be obtained from the adjacent property owners and approvals sought from the Board before the proposed stops are installed.

There are a number of bus stop positions yet to be finalised. These will be submitted for approval to a subsequent meeting.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.