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Your Submission:	<p>The plan details spending \$660 million on roads in Canterbury, but does not justify why this is the best way to spend money on transport, and does not justify potential benefits (cut congestion or whatever). More/'better' roads can be an extremely expensive way to improve transport, and I believe the plan doesn't adequately consider transport alternatives--in particular cycling. Without considering these options properly this roading project is potentially a huge waste of money.</p> <p>Cycling is a way better way to get around Christchurch (faster, cheaper, healthier) than driving, and is a much more sustainable long-term option. By comparison there is very little long term certainty about future road use (how long is NZ going to be such a cheap place to drive for?). Encouraging cycling can potentially bring huge benefits to current cyclists (safer), future cyclists (a cheap, fast and healthy transport option) and motorists (less cars=less congestion).</p> <p>Cheaper options that should be considered:</p> <p>Driver education--awareness of cyclists, speed limits, etc.</p> <p>Cyclist education (lights!), bike to work/bike to school schemes.</p> <p>Pedestrianisation for the city centre, Riccarton road?? This is a major reason why European cities are so much nicer to visit than NZ cities.</p> <p>Smarter traffic lights? Potentially very cheap way of cutting congestion. Commercial systems are available. *Also sensors that detect bikes*</p> <p>Not entirely ridiculous: \$660 million would buy about 5 NZ-made bikes for every person in Canterbury.</p>