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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>Red Bus Submission on CCC Draft LTCCP 2009-19</p> <p>Free Parking Policy</p> <p>Page 83 - First hour free short term parking at Lichfield St, Manchester St, Farmers and the Crossing. The annual cost of this operational provision is not detailed.</p> <p>While Red Bus understands that the rationale for the free first hour is to encourage people into the central city to shop, we think this policy is diametrically opposed to the major investment that the city has and is making in public transport infrastructure.</p> <p>The city currently funds the free CDB shuttle, real time PT information systems, the bus exchange, public transport infrastructure and free 1st hour parking within the central city. The move towards a more liveable central city with high quality public transport seems to be at odds with the encouragement of car travel via subsidised car parking. The trend in other cities, particularly in Europe, is towards increased pedestrianisation of the town centre.</p> <p>A more effective long term solution could be to establish car parks out of the central city but link them with into central city through a frequent and high quality shuttle service.</p> <p>The effects of ceasing the car park subsidy would:          â?¢ Emphasize the integration of public transport, walking and cycling</p>

- â?¢ Reduce congestion and vehicle pressure in the central city enabling more pedestrian only areas to be established.
- â?¢ Provide a seamless, comfortable and efficient transport service for central city development
- â?¢ Remove barriers caused by unfamiliarity, with PT and therefore encourage new PT users onto buses within the wider Chch PT network.

#### Capital Projects (public transport related)

Red Bus supports all capital projects except for the tram. The tram investment will in our view merely extend the route for tourist operation without achieving a material effect on public transport use or accessibility within the central city.

Red Bus encourages Council to complete as a matter of urgency the following projects in order of preference:

1. The Hornby/Riccarton bus priority route
2. The bus interchange
3. Central city bus priority
4. New shelters on existing routes
5. A planned implementation programme to improve existing bus stops, particularly within the inner city and on primary transport corridors, to comply with the recently completed infrastructure design manual for bus stops and their associated street furniture. Many stops in these area are too short or placed in such as way as to impede traffic flows while buses are stationary.
6. A suburban interchange at New Brighton

#### Pubic Transport Infrastructure Manual

We commend the excellent work that the City has done in producing the infrastructure manual that defines good practice design elements for public transport facilities. Since this manual exists Red Bus would like to see an upgrade programme established to enable these new infrastructure designs to be implemented in at least the central city and on key transport corridors. The proposed LTCCP programme dos not appear to provide for the upgrades that this manual would indicate are necessary.