

PROPOSAL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAM ROUTE SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

Are you completing this submission:

For yourself

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Your Submission:

I am fully supportive of the intent of the proposal to Extend the City Tramway through the City Mall.

I am keen that the rails be installed in the City Mall now whilst work is underway rather than requiring the mall to be "dug up again". This both future proofs the City Mall, plus should save future costs.

Doing the work "now" also has the added advantage that progress can be seen to be being made, and in my opinion, also increases the likelihood that having made the investment in the rails in the City Mall, the remainder of the extension will also proceed.

In terms of the route through Cathedral Square, I support the route that follows the existing street. I note in the flyer that this is seen as having a disadvantage that it could potentially slow traffic. In my mind, this is a positive and may help enforce the frequently ignored 30km speed limit that I recall applies to traffic in this area. Certainly, it avoids the removal (even if partially) of further pedestrian areas.

I am also keen that as far as possible, options to future proof this extension so that it can be further extended in the future - perhaps as part of a wider light rail network for Christchurch.

In particular, I support the idea of in the future, extending the route further down High Street - and perhaps even further - in stages. I would like to see the investigation of the condition suitability of the existing Tram Rails in High Street, but would suggest that this work not distract or delay the initial extension through the City Mall from occurring - perhaps this investigation could happen in parallel - and that consideration for this work to be included in any High Street resurfacing when this proceeds.