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Extending the City Tramway 2. The proposed tram route

Submission by Red Bus Ltd

Oxford Terrace

Red Bus operates the After Midnight Express Service which requires 4 buses to travel down Oxford Terrace on the hour between 1 am and 4 am on Friday and Saturday evenings. The proposal to reverse the flow to north to south does not present a problem for our service apart from the location of a suitable bus stop along this stretch. We pick up/put down a large number of passengers in this area and require a bus stop that is centrally located and can cater for 2 buses at any one time.

Our No. 29 City Flyer Airport Service currently travels down the strip enroute to Worcester Street where an important bus stop for tourists and locals is located. The proposed route will add at least 5 minutes on the travel time and an additional 3322 kms per annum. The Airport Service is an important bus service for the city and the proposal has potential to adversely affect it and central city air quality.

Hereford - Colombo Street intersection

Red Bus foresees significant traffic issues at the Hereford/Colombo Street intersection as the tram will increase the already significant number of bus movements in this area with buses heading north out of the city and the current pedestrian and street phasing of lights.

Colombo Street - Cathedral Square

Both options are likely to cause significant safety issues with the large number of urban buses, electric shuttles and other motor vehicles operating in this area. This area is currently a safety concern with vehicles passing our buses in this area, and we believe the addition of the tram will not help this. A tram crossing at this point will reduce the 'open' time for Colombo Street hence further increasing Colombo traffic congestion.

The phasing, time constraints at Colombo-Cathedral and Colombo-Hereford will have the effect of reducing traffic access along Colombo resulting in increased congestion, longer trip time and new potential safety issues at this intersection.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul McNoe".

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