



# Everybody wins when the bus comes first

## Main South Road bus priority measures

### Feedback from consultation

In October 2007 Transit New Zealand (Transit) wrote to residents asking for feedback on a number of initiatives designed to help improve the reliability of bus services using Main South Road.

These are being considered in response to a steadily growing population and the resulting car traffic that is causing increased congestion and pollution. One way to help resolve this is to support greater use of our city's buses by improving their reliability.

We wish to thank residents and other stakeholders who participated and provided feedback. The purpose of this flyer is to give you details of the varying viewpoints received and describe the final concept design. This concept design is expected to carry forward into detailed design for construction in the New Year.

### How did we consult?

The consultation process has to date included:

- ▶ Direct mail out of consultation material and feedback forms to all properties on Main South Road.
- ▶ Liaison with stakeholders, including meetings with your local community board, schools, local businesses and bus operators.
- ▶ An open day at Sockburn School.
- ▶ Presentation stands at Hornby Mall.

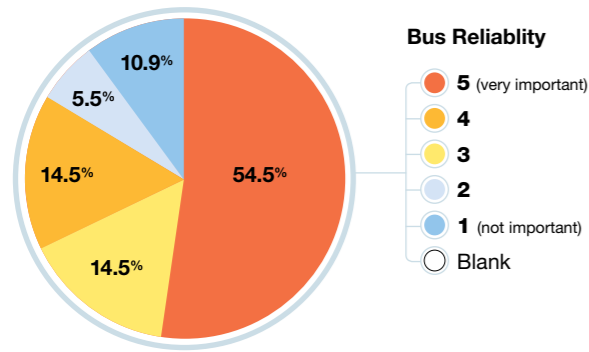
371 feedback forms and newsletters were sent out and we received 55 qualifying responses which were then reviewed.

Inside you will find a summary of the feedback received

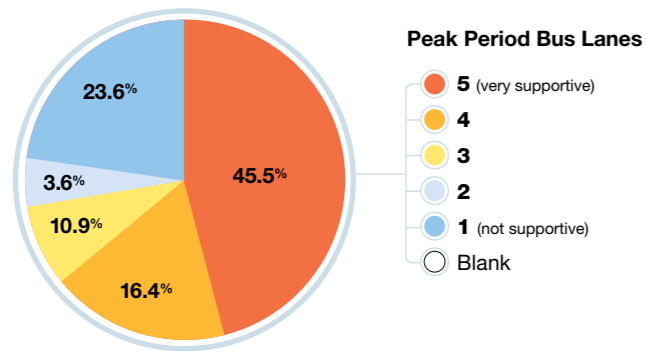
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**Feedback received to questions asked**

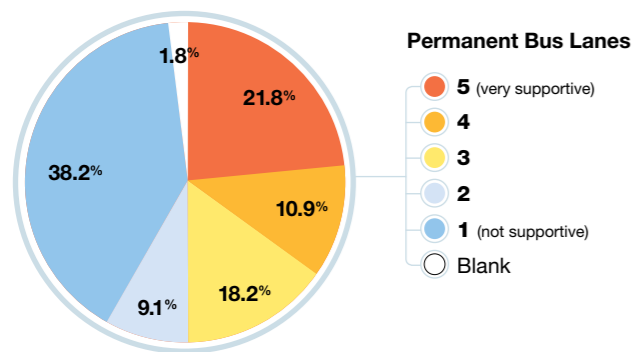
**Question A:**  
How important to you is having a good, reliable bus service in Christchurch?



**Question B:**  
How supportive are you of peak period bus lanes to help improve bus reliability?



**Question C:**  
How supportive would you be for permanent (as opposed to peak period) bus lanes?



**Main issues arising from feedback**

- ▶ Concern about the availability of parking outside of private property and outside businesses
- ▶ That buses will be given priority over other road users
- ▶ That buses will not use the proposed bus lanes fully

**Steps taken to address these issues**

**Concern about the availability of parking outside of private property and outside businesses**

Bus lanes will only operate Monday to Friday at peak travel times, 7am to 9am going to Christchurch and 3pm to 6pm heading out from Christchurch. Outside of these hours and at weekends the bus lanes can be used for parking. Some respondents opposed the development of peak period bus lanes due to concern with on street parking outside their property. For the majority of respondents there are no bus lanes proposed where parking is of concern.

The location of the proposed bus lane outside Hornby Surgery has been changed to retain parking outside the surgery at all times.

Despite concern to the contrary Transit is not proposing a bus lane outside Mitre 10 Mega and or Gopal's Dairy.

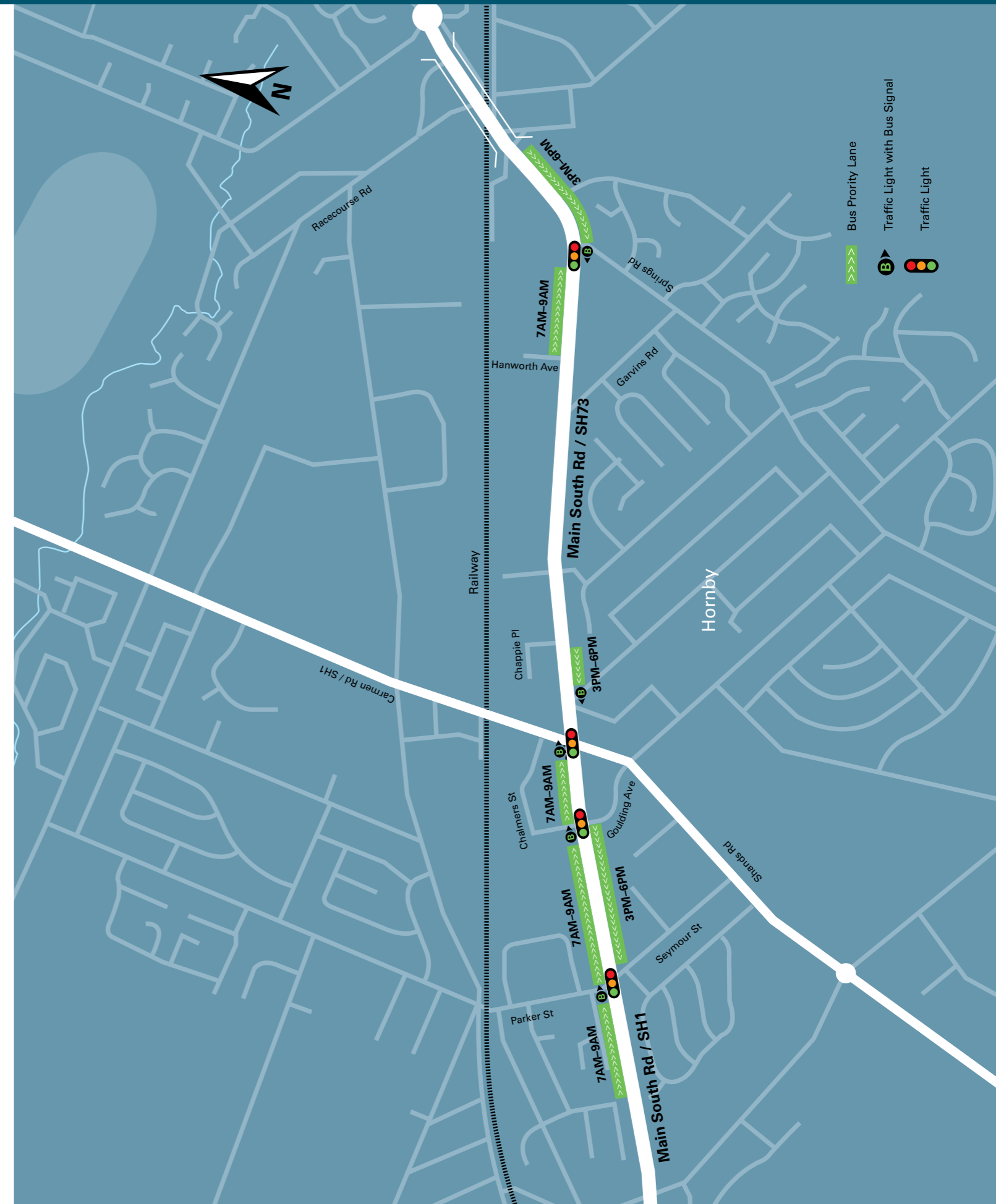
Bus lanes that operate from 7am to 9am will improve parking for customers as all day parking will be discouraged.

**That buses will be given priority over other road users**

Transit aims to ensure that traffic flow is improved for buses. The removal of buses from the general traffic flow will ensure a consistent and reliable service for bus passengers. It is acknowledged that buses will be given a few seconds of priority at some intersections, however adjustments in timings and linkages of traffic signals will benefit all road users.

**That buses will not use the proposed bus lanes fully**

Bus lanes are only to operate during morning and afternoon peak travel times when buses are most frequent.



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## Where to from here

Feedback from stakeholders, including those living along Main South Road, showed support for peak period bus lanes and showed opposition to permanent 24 hour bus lanes. Consequently, the recommendation is for design and construction of peak period bus lanes on Main South Road.

During detailed design and prior to any construction, Transit will work closely with stakeholders, including adjacent residents.

Construction of the bus lanes is expected to start next year, subject to funding. The majority of the work will be related to changing road markings and road signs. There will also be some minor kerb and channel works.

Transit New Zealand, Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury would like to thank you for participating in this project. It is Transit's goal to make sure you are kept informed throughout this bus priority project.

To find out more about bus priority measures visit [www.buspriority.co.nz](http://www.buspriority.co.nz).

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