

Public Transport in the Horowhenua

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Transport is a critical service that enables people to move around our communities safely and quickly as they go about their daily lives. At present our transport system is car centric which puts a high cost on individuals and their families and leaves a lot of our community behind. There are many negative results in our community from our current transport systems and the lack of public transport options.

Around 25% of our population do not have a car licence and are restricted in their transport options. Increasing house and rent prices puts more financial pressure on families and pushes some families to the edge of our community. Lack of public transport compounds these issues.

Horizons Regional Council is the body responsible for delivering public transport to our community and as an elected Councillor and representative of the Horowhenua I am keen to build more support for improvements to our public transport network.

I would welcome the opportunity to come and talk with you and groups you are involved with, alternatively I am available via phone or email.

I'm wanting to better understand what the public transport needs of our community are and the impact of having limited transport options.

Please get in touch to discuss further. I am happy to come and talk with you and any groups that may be interested. I have included a questionnaire below if you would prefer to complete that and email to me.

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Horowhenua Public Transport Questionnaire

Details will be received by Sam Ferguson and will not be shared further unless permission is granted. All information is optional, only provide what you are comfortable to provide sam.ferguson@horizons.govt.nz 027 827 7037. This is not an official Council document, it has been undertaken by Sam independently of Horizons.

At present, public transport in the Horowhenua includes:

- Capital Connection train from Palmerston North to Wellington in the morning and returning in the evening. Monday to Friday. Stopping at Levin and Shannon.
- Bus from Levin to Palmerston North via Foxton in the morning and returning in the evening. Monday to Friday.
- Bus from Levin to Palmerston North Monday and Wednesday in the morning and returning in the afternoon.
- Bus from Levin to Waikanae Tuesday and Thursday in the morning and returning in the afternoon.
- Around town bus from Levin, Shannon, Foxton, Foxton Beach, Waitarere Beach on Friday morning and returning on Friday afternoon.

1. Have you used any of the public transport services listed above this year?	Yes / No Details:
2. If public transport had more coverage around our towns, better connections to our neighboring towns, and more frequent services would you use it more often?	Yes / No Details:
3. What stops you using the bus and train services at present?	Details:
4. What is the impact to you and your family of not having enough access to public transport in the Horowhenua? Work, school, study, sport	Details:
5. Would you prefer better public transport connecting our towns, connecting with Palmerston North, or Connecting with Waikanae & Wellington. Please indicate what would be more helpful to you and your family.	Details :
6. Contact details, name, phone, email, town.	

Thanks for your time and input. Any other comments welcome: