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<p>C (1) The specific provisions of the Draft RLTS that my submission relates to are: (Specify page number and section on which you are submitting).</p> <p>Vision</p>	<p>(2) My submission is that: (State concisely whether you support or oppose each separate provision being submitted on, or wish to have amendments made and the reasons for your views.)</p> <p>The University of Canterbury strongly supports the vision of the Draft Strategy and comments on specific sought outcomes as follows.</p>	<p>(3) I seek the following amendments or decisions: (Please give precise details for each comment. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Regional Transport Committee to understand your concerns.)</p>
<p>Improved personal safety and reduced security risks to all transport users</p>	<p>The University strives to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all staff and students and seeks to engage with the committee to review and improve safety initiatives for both the transport vehicle and the passenger pickup / drop off points surrounding the campus.</p>	
<p>Improved health from increase in time spent travelling by active means & Increased proportion of the population travelling by active means</p>	<p>The University is, as part of a master planning process, intending to review and improve cycling and walking routes and facilities on campus and strongly advocates for the development of safe cycle and pedestrian routes to and from the University to encourage increased use of these modes.</p>	<p>The University would like to see a firmer statement for this outcome which states that greater priority will be given to cyclists and pedestrians.</p>
<p>Improved journey time reliability on the strategic transport network</p>	<p>The University supports the significant improvements needed to the strategic road network and comments that with the substantial growth in numbers of people living both north and south of the city, the timing of these improvements will become increasingly important.</p>	
<p>Connectedness is enhanced</p>	<p>The ability to provide ready access to public transport routes is a key decider in whether a student uses public or private transport options. In conjunction with a strong internal marketing programme around travel choices, the University seeks to engage with the Committee routing and timing options to ensure the best utilisation of public transport is achieved within the student body.</p>	

<p>Increased travel choices for households to access key activity centres</p>	<p>This outcome seeks to improve levels of investment in car-pooling and alternative vehicle ownership models however no mention is made in this section, nor in the entire document, about investigation into and the development of commuter rail options to service the City or outlying communities.</p> <p>There are examples of communities internationally who have confronted the issue of commuter rail and implemented alternative and cost effective methods of utilising existing rail lines. Christchurch has these available but is not making use of them and this strategy does not identify these as an opportunity to develop.</p>	<p>The University encourages the committee to review opportunities to develop rail links from outlying communities into the city with a view of developing cost effective commuter rail services which could assist in the reduction of the pressure on strategic roading links.</p>
<p>Opportunity to engage with the Committee</p>	<p>The University of Canterbury's Master Planning Group offers to engage directly with the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee to support the Committee's work in developing an affordable, integrated, safe, resilient and sustainable transport system for Canterbury.</p>	

Add further pages as required.

