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Overview of Presentation

An extensive review of the Greater Christchurch Metro Bus Network has recently been undertaken by Environment Canterbury Regional Council. The review sought to implement the new connected Hubs & Spokes model to the metro network. The focus has been on providing high frequency routes along key corridors to the central city, supported by local services connecting at suburban hubs. Through smart, careful planning the network will provide excellent coverage of the city (95% of households within 500m of a bus route and 55% within 500m of a high frequency route). Better organisation of the network, the removal of unnecessary duplication and the removal of poorly performing services is anticipated to result in savings of \$2.1million.

Routes included in the review account for 91.9% of the patronage and 90.57% of the kilometres operated in the Greater Christchurch Metro network. Given the scale of the review, extensive consultation was undertaken with the public and key stakeholders. Following the consultation process a number of changes were made to the proposed routes. The new routes will support the design and operation of the new Bus Interchange due to open mid 2015 and sets up Christchurch with a stronger public transport system for the future.