

# Christchurch Transport Plan

For a stronger city

Christchurch has the potential to become the most liveable, sustainable city in New Zealand, but it needs a supportive Government that's willing to work with councils and communities towards these goals.

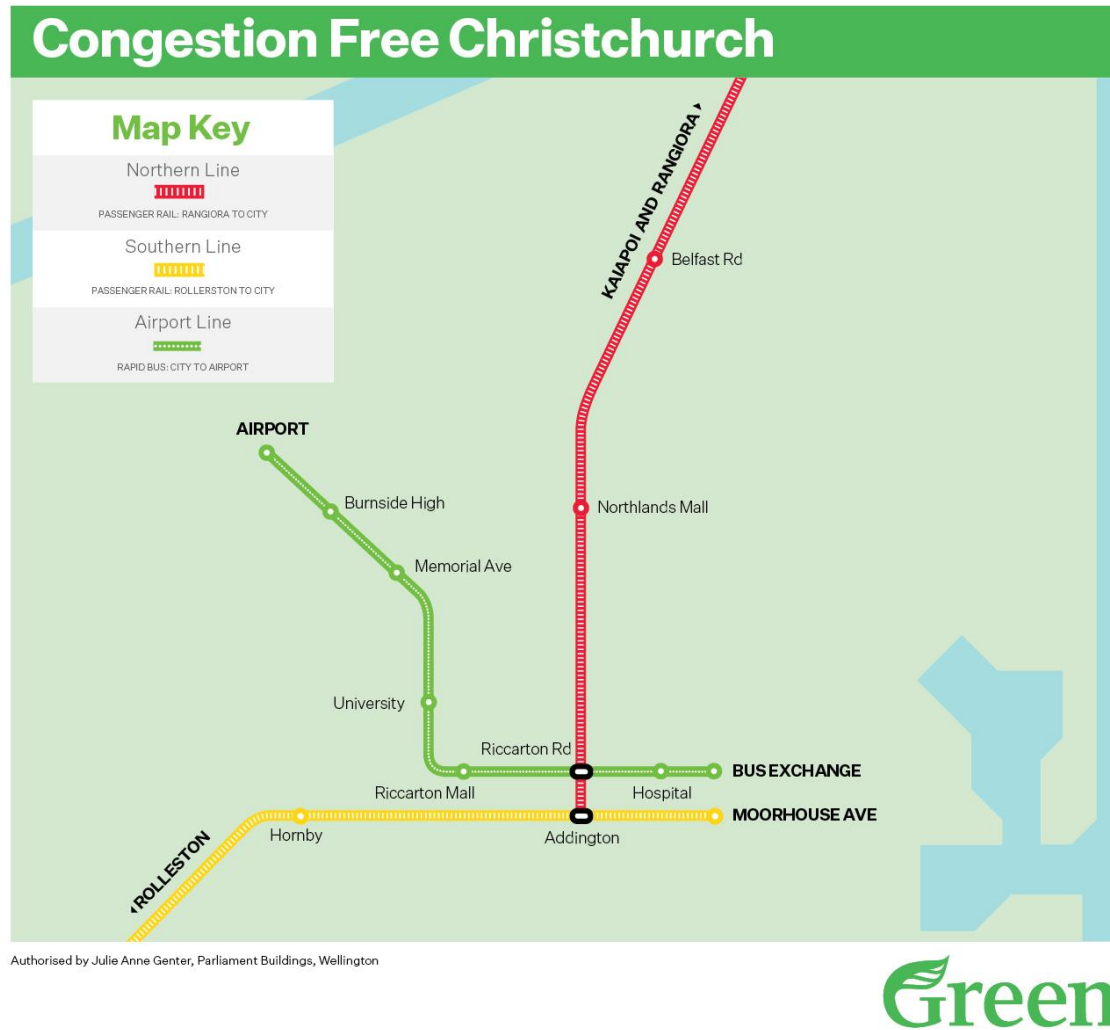
The Green Party will invest over \$400 million in Christchurch transport to make it easier for people to get around cheaply and quickly, by bike, bus, and train. Better funding will enable more frequent buses on existing routes. As part of our nationwide commitment to invest \$1 billion over ten years to create safe cycling networks nationwide, especially around schools, we commit to at least \$135 million for cycling investment in Christchurch. The Green Party will:

1. Establish three new rapid transit lines in Christchurch by 2022:
  - a. The Northern Line – passenger rail from Rangiora to the city
  - b. The Southern Line – passenger rail from Rolleston to the city
  - c. The Airport Line – bus rapid transit from the city to the Airport
2. Invest \$1 billion nationwide, including \$135 million in Christchurch, to create safe, city-wide cycling networks for all ages and abilities. This will prioritise:
  - a. The completion of Christchurch's 13 major cycle routes
  - b. Investment into safe cycling infrastructure around schools
3. Work with Christchurch City Council (CCC) to establish a city-wide bike share agreement.
4. Provide free public transport, all the time, to all young people 18 and under via a Youth Green Card. And free public transport, during off-peak hours, for all tertiary students and apprentices via a Student Green Card, as well as for people living with a disability on the Supported Living Benefit.

## Safe cycling to school

The Green Party will refocus investment to create safe cycling corridors to schools and help give kids a safe, healthy way to get to school under their own steam, in Christchurch and nationwide. Cycling investment in recent years has focused heavily on commuter and recreational cycling. Focusing investment on school trips will mean adding feeder routes to and from major cycle routes and make sure the whole journey is safe. We'll make 30 km/h the default speed limit outside schools so that schools don't have to go through a frequently unsuccessful application process just to make the street out front safe.

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### **Bike share for Christchurch**

The Green Party will work with Christchurch City Council to deliver a comprehensive bike share scheme for Christchurch. This will allow people to rent bikes on an as-needed basis, without the costs and responsibilities of bike ownership. People would likely be able to subscribe for an annual pass and then make unlimited trips of up to 30-40 minutes, before incurring a small fee. A minimum of 250 to 350 bikes would be rolled out in the central city and surrounding suburbs, with around 10 drop off points per kilometre.

### **Complete the major cycleways**

We will work with the City Council to complete the 13 Major Cycle Routes in Christchurch. Most of these have either been completed, are under construction, or have had some degree of design and investigation completed. All our nationwide cycling investment is reprioritised from non-urgent and low value projects in the existing land transport budget.

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