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Parents for Climate Aotearoa welcomes Let's Get Wellington Moving's proposals to create a mass rapid transit system for the region. We want to see our children grow up in a liveable and climate friendly city that is fully accessible and inclusive in every sense of the word.

Our preference at this stage is for Option 4. We want to see a well thought out, connected transport system that increases and prioritises walking, cycling and use of public transport. Option 4 appears to have all these including the smallest carbon footprint and will be able to be implemented faster. Given the particular importance of swift action to reduce emissions between now and 2030, deciding on an option and getting on with designating the corridor for it and building it is essential.

We would like to see families, disabled and elderly needs centered. If our most vulnerable peoples needs are met, then all our needs are met. For too long the commuter perspective has been considered over other needs. In order for families in particular, to decrease car dependency, the infrastructure must be put in place.

It is important the travel behaviour change that is being done is fed into the decision-making around the preferred option, and equally important to make sure these measures don't make [transport poverty and transport disadvantage worse](#).

Our least favourite preference is Option 2. It doesn't encourage mode shift, seems to uphold the status quo and with increasing climate change impacts, it doesn't make sense to encourage increased housing in the east.

We would like to see light rail shifted from the Quays to the Golden Mile. There is already a disconnect between the city and waterfront, it is already challenging enough to cross the road if you are a child, disabled or elderly person. We believe it makes more sense to shift MRT to where the bulk of the people actually are. It would be the most inclusive and accessible place and would encourage more people to use the service.

We look forward to the next steps which hopefully include a quicker time frame!

Ngā mihi

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