

Proposed changes in Porirua city centre

Same route for all buses

All buses would use the same route through Porirua city centre. This is similar to Wellington city's successful "Golden Mile" route from Courtenay Place to Wellington Station.

The advantages of all buses using the same route through Porirua city centre are:

- easier to know where to catch a bus
- better access to the "middle" of the city
- more options to travel from one end of the city centre to the other
- helps revitalise the city centre

See the new route through the city centre on the map below. Whitby services will now stop at Porirua Station first and will no longer go via The Ramp. There would also be changes to existing bus stops and some new stops.

City centre bus stops

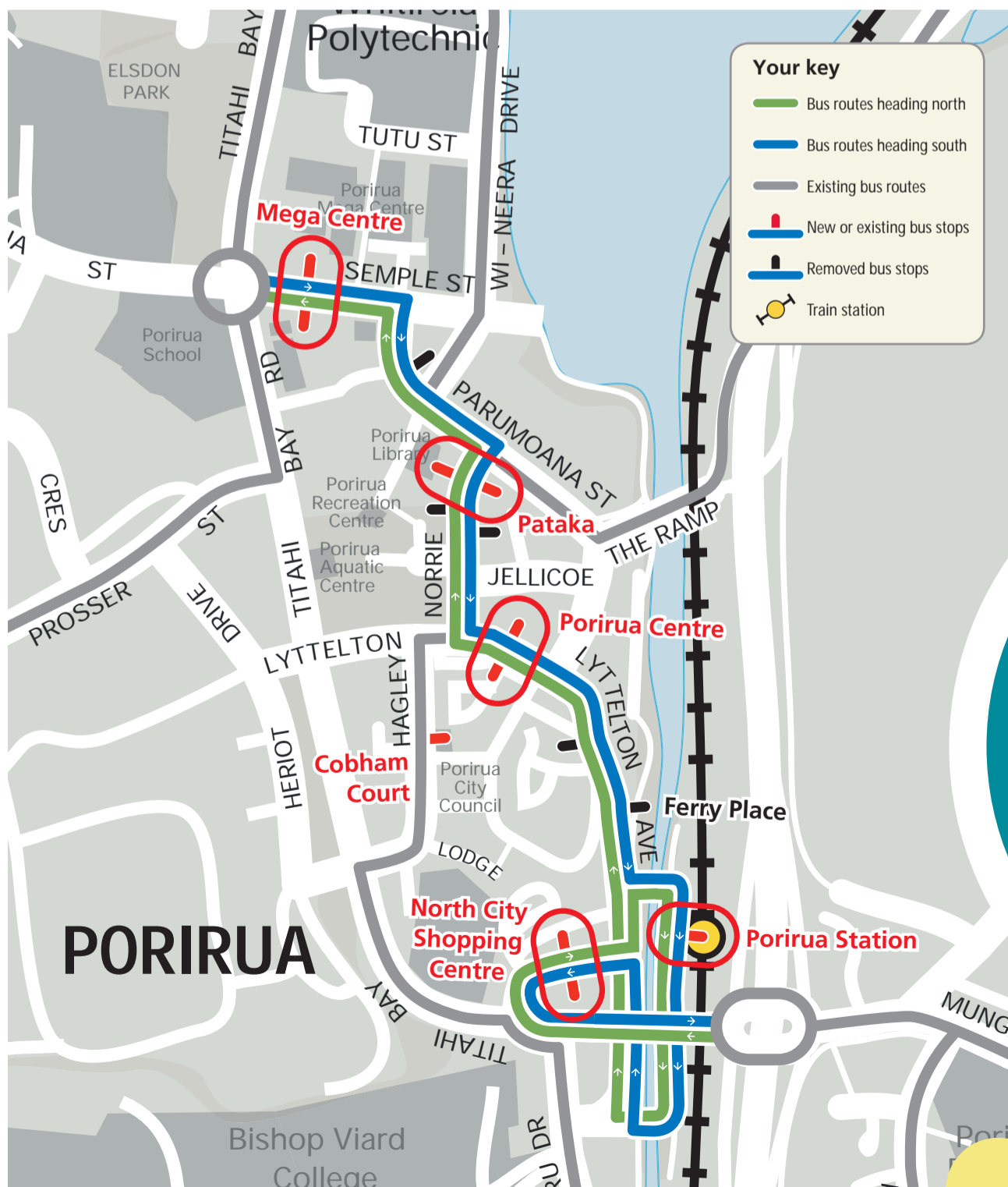
To allow all buses to use the same route, we are proposing changes to some city centre bus stops:

- Both Megacentre stops would be on Semple Street which requires moving the existing Parumoana Street stop
- If possible, the Pataka stops would be moved closer to the library entrance as both are currently very close to the Porirua Centre stops.
- The Ferry Place stops would be closed to make bus trips faster. The Porirua Centre and North City Shopping Centre stops are nearby so you would still have easy access to buses.
- The Hagley Street (Cobham Court) stop would not be part of the city centre route but would continue to be used by buses going to Tawa and Johnsonville.
- You can comment on the city centre bus stops in question 12 of the feedback form on page 11.

Options for other bus routes

We have also developed two options for improving your local bus routes. Each option is slightly different and has certain advantages and features. We want to know which one you prefer.

- Both options would involve timetable changes.
- We are planning to operate all buses at regular intervals which means buses would leave at the same time after each hour making it easier to know when your bus is departing.
- We will ensure timetable changes also continue to provide connections to trains.
- Fares and fare boundaries remain unchanged.



What happens next?

When this consultation closes, your feedback will be put together with everyone else's. We will then work with the bus operator and Porirua City Council to finalise the new bus routes, timetables, and changes to bus stops.

The changes will be introduced later this year. Look out for more information closer to the time.