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MEDIA STATEMENT

State of the art public transport technology for Timaru

BusFinders are being launched in Timaru to help make using a bus easier. The BusFinders are small electronic devices attached to the bus stop pole which provide real time information about when the next bus will arrive at the stop.

Five BusFinders are this week being installed on routes in Timaru at the following locations:

- Queen St outside Timaru Hospital
- Victoria St & Catherine St
- Wai-iti Road between Sealy St and Chalmers St
- Evans St between Ranui Ave and Hobbs St
- Strathallan St opposite where it meets The Terrace

Over 500 BusFinders are currently installed at Christchurch bus stops and bus passengers find them accurate and easy to use, says David Stenhouse, Environment Canterbury assistant manager passenger services. "The BusFinders have been developed by local Christchurch company Connexionz and are a great way of providing passengers with certainty of travel as well as being an integral part of Environment Canterbury's vision for the public transport network," he says.

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Note to media: You are welcome to arrange a photo by contacting Environment Canterbury's Southern Area Transport Officer, Tony Henderson on 03 688 9069, 027 423-3577 or South Canterbury regional councillor, Mark Oldfield, 03 688 2262, 0274 403 731