

# BUS CONNECTS

MORE PEOPLE, TO MORE PLACES, MORE OFTEN.



## The New Dublin Area Bus Network September 2020



This is an Easy to Read Summary Report.

# What is this information about?



The National Transport Authority looks after public transport services across Ireland.

The Authority is making some changes to public transport.



BusConnects is the name of a plan to have better bus services in Irish cities.



There is a BusConnects plan for Dublin.



This booklet tells you about the New Dublin Area Bus Network.

# BusConnects Dublin



The BusConnects team talked to and shared ideas with people from different cities.



These people all had an interest in public transport.



BusConnects is part of some Government Policies:

- The National Development Plan 2018 - 2027
- Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016 – 2035
- The Climate Action Plan 2019

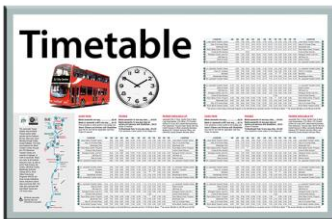


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There are nine main parts to the BusConnects Dublin plan:

## 1. Network Redesign



The network is the routes and timetables that buses follow.

A redesign is a change to make the network better.



A redesign means looking at everything about the bus service.

For example, bus routes, bus timetables, journey times, and information.



It looks at the things that are working well and things that need to change.

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## 2. Core Bus Corridors

Core Bus Corridors are bus lanes.

These bus lanes will make the bus system work better.



They help buses to avoid traffic and get around the city quicker.



Buses will be able to travel faster.

Your journey will take less time.



The bus corridor project will deliver more cycle lanes.

This will help make cycling safer.



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## 3. A good system for tickets



This means quicker and easier ways to pay for and use your ticket.

There will be new tickets and fares that could save you money.



## 4. Moving to cashless payments

This means paying your fare with a card, for example, a Leap card.



## 5. Fares that are easier to understand.

You will be able to use your bus ticket on other types of public transport too, for example, bus, train, Luas, or DART.

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## 6. Park and Ride

These are car parks.



You can park your car and finish your journey by bus, for example, if you are going into the city centre.



## 7. New buses

Modern buses with a similar style, for example, colours.



## 8. New bus stops and shelters

These will be better and safer.

For example, more seats.



## 9. Buses that are better for the environment

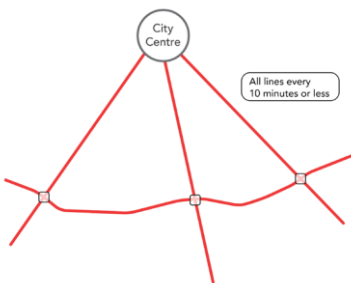
This will help with Ireland's work on climate change.

People will use their cars less.

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There will be new bus routes called Spines.  
Most bus routes that go to the centre of Dublin  
will be organised into spines.



There will also be new bus routes called orbitals.  
These buses go around the edge of the city.



There will be local routes, for example, buses  
take people to shops in their community.



Express routes will bring people straight to the  
city centre at busy times.

Some services, called peak services, will only  
run at busy times



# Why is BusConnects Dublin important?



BusConnects will give a better bus service for Dublin.



More people will be able to travel by bus.  
They will be able to get to more places.



The bus network will be easier to understand.



The bus service will be quick and reliable.  
There will be more buses so you should not have to wait so long for a bus.

# Why is BusConnects Dublin important?



There will be more bus routes to get people to the city centre.



There will be more buses at busy times so they will not get so crowded.

There will be more buses in the evenings and at weekends.



Some bus routes will run all day and all night.



New routes will help passengers get to school, college, work, and hospitals.

# Talking to the public about the new bus network



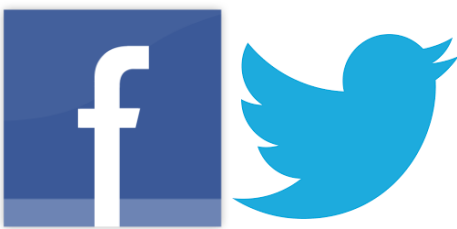
The National Transport Authority wanted to give the public as much information as possible about the new bus network.



They held public meetings.



They put information on the website [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie)



They put information on social media.  
For example, Facebook or Twitter.

# Talking to the public about the new bus network



They put information in the newspapers.



They put posters up on bus shelters.



They spoke to Politicians and other people with an interest in public transport.



People asked questions and gave their views by email, letter and phone.

Some people filled in a survey.

# Listening to the public's views on the new bus network



The National Transport Authority talked to the public in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

These were called consultations.



Thousands of people gave their views on the new bus network.

The team listened to all these views.



Thousands of people also signed petitions.

A petition is a letter that a lot of people sign asking for something to happen.



The BusConnects team gathered all the information together.



# Listening to the public's views on the new bus network



The National Transport Authority wrote reports on the consultations.



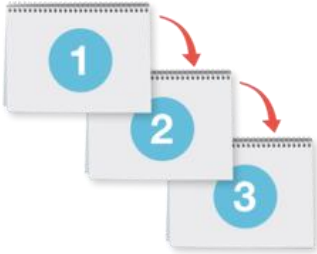
The information from the public was very important and valuable.

It helped the Authority to make the right changes to the bus network.



You can read the final report on [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie)

# What happens next?



The National Transport Authority has decided to bring in the new Dublin bus network in stages.



We will give bus users plenty of information and time to get used to the changes.

We will put information at bus stops, on buses, in adverts, and online.



We need time to train our drivers and organise their work schedules.



The first stage will start in 2021.

It will take a number of years to make all the changes.

# What happens next?



The National Transport Authority will keep checking to see how the plan is working. We want to make sure any changes are working well.



We will give clear information on accessibility. Accessible services mean that everyone can use them. We will talk with disability groups.



We will make sure there are extra buses when new routes are brought in.

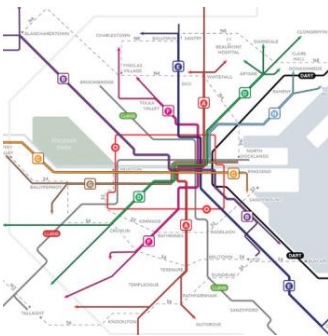


The new bus network for Dublin needs money from the Government before changes can begin.

# Maps and Routes



You can see the new bus network maps at [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie)



You can get more information on the new bus routes and times at [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie)

# More information



This information has been put together  
by the National Transport Authority.



ACE Communication helped with this  
Easy to Read information.



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