

# BUS CONNECTS CORK

## Cork Bus Network Choices Report



**This is easy to read information.**

**It is about a new bus network for Cork.**

# What is Cork BusConnects?



BusConnects is a plan to change the bus services in cities in Ireland.



This information is about putting together a new bus network for Cork.



The National Transport Authority (NTA) looks after public transport in Ireland.

The NTA are managing BusConnects.



BusConnects Cork will work with other plans for Cork.

These plans are about climate action, transport, and how we use land.

# Why do we need to make changes to the Bus Service in Cork?



More and more people are living in Cork.



They want to be able to use the bus for work or leisure.



Bus Éireann and the NTA are making buses easier to use.



Cork needs more buses that run all day and all week.

Buses should help people get to more places.

# What are the problems with the Bus Service in Cork?



The bus service in Cork can be confusing.  
There are lots of routes to learn and remember.



Sometimes people get on the wrong bus and end up in the wrong place.



You might have to wait a long time for some buses.



Some people may feel they have to walk too far to get on a bus or when they get off a bus.

This is hard if the walk is noisy, dangerous, or hilly, or if the person is old or has a disability.



One-way streets are a problem for buses in Cork. If you are travelling to the city centre, the stop where you get off the bus can be far away from the stop for the bus back.



Some routes only run on certain days or times in the day.



If you change buses, you have to pay another fare.



It is hard to change buses or change to another type of transport.

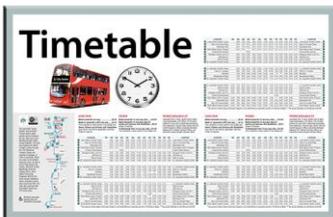
This means that some journeys take longer.

# The Network Redesign



There are 9 parts to the BusConnects plan for Cork.

Network Redesign is one of the main parts.



The network is the routes and timetables that buses follow.

A redesign is a change to make the network better.



The NTA, Cork City Council, Cork County Council, and Bus Éireann will work together on the network redesign.



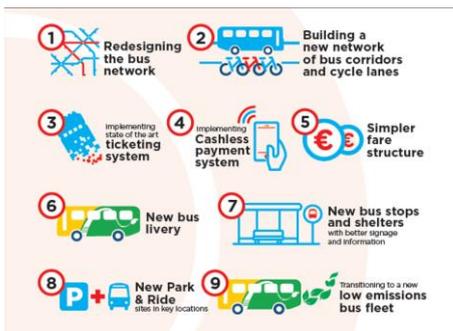
Bus routes in Cork City and routes that connect cities and rural areas of County Cork will be part of the plan.



We will look at the roads that buses run on, when they run, and how often they run.



We will look at bus stops, and bus and cycle lanes – two more parts of the plan.



Other parts of the plan are new tickets and fares.

With the new fares and tickets, if you change buses you won't have to pay for the second bus.



There may also be new buses, and Park and Ride.

Park and Ride is when you park your car outside the city centre and take a bus in.

# Important things to think about



We need to help the environment and make sure the city looks well.



We need to get more people to use the bus so there is less traffic on the road.



We want more people to be able to walk and cycle safely.



We want more people to be able to be part of their community and city wherever they live.

This means thinking about families, children, young people, workers, and retired persons.



We need to think about what happens when people change buses.



We need to make it easier for more people to get to work, school, and college.

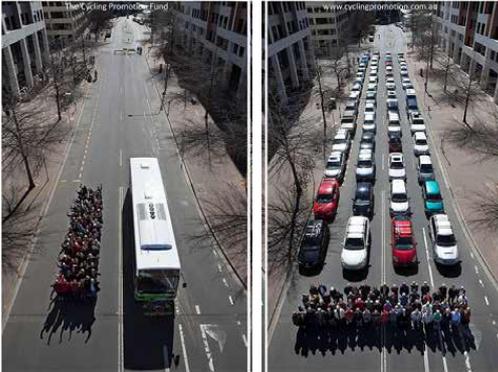


We need to make it easier for more older persons and persons with disabilities to use the bus service.



We must spend money carefully and get the best value we can.

# Why Buses?



There is not be enough space on the roads for everyone to travel by car.

A lot of people can fit on one bus and not take up much space on the road.



Parking lots of cars takes up space in the city.



Trains are very expensive to run.



Walking, cycling, and taking the bus is the best way to move people around the city.

# How do we get more people to use the Bus?



Make sure there are enough buses so people can make the trips they want to make, at the times that suit them.



Help people to get to more places.

Have bus routes that go into the city centre and around the outside of the city.



Make the bus service fast and easy to use.



Use technology to give people information about the service and the timetable.



Make sure people do not have to wait too long for a bus or spend too much time on the bus.



Think about how far a person has to walk to catch the bus and to get to activities nearby.



Put bus stops in safe places that more people can get to.

Have good paths and crossings to the stop.



Make it easy to change buses or change from a bus to another type of transport.



Make sure more people have a fair chance to use the bus service.



Make sure the bus service is good value for money.

Fares should be easy to pay and understand.



If streets and towns are planned badly, it can be hard to give a good bus service.

Bus trips take longer and people have to walk for longer to get to a bus stop.



If there is a mix of houses, workplaces, and leisure activities along a road, the bus service will be busy all day and all week.

# Making plans during Covid-19

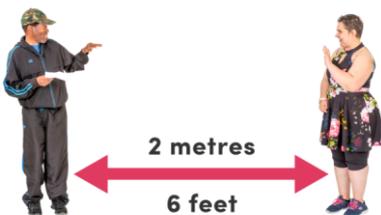


We need to know how people are using buses.  
The information we collected during Covid is different to normal.



Lots of places were closed and people worked and studied from home.

Our information might change as places open up again.



Our study team cannot meet people or bring people together at meetings.



We will talk to people in online meetings.

We will also have a website and survey.

# Talking about the Bus Service in Cork



We want to talk to you about the Bus Service in Cork and about changes.

This information is the first step.



We need to think together about the choices.

For example, is a short walk to the bus better than a short wait for the bus?



We need to know if people are happy to change buses if this means their journey is quicker.



We want to find out how much change people want and can put up with.

We need to be sure the changes are worth the bother they might cause some people.



We will have to change habits and things that we are used to.

Not everyone likes change.



Our new plan will have different transport goals.



We need to decide which goals are the most important

- More people able to use the bus
- Buses that can get to lots of places
- The environment
- Cutting down traffic
- Supporting people to take part in their community no matter where they live.



We want the public to help us come up with a plan for the new bus network.

We will listen to you and then put together a new bus network.



We will show a new bus network and ask if it is okay for you in October 2021.



We hope the final plan will be ready to start in 2023.



If you want to be kept up to date, and want to give your ideas, send us an email:

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# More information



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