

BUS CONNECTS CORK

Changing the Cork Bus Network – Part 2



This is Easy to Read information.

It is about a new bus network for Cork.

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What is Cork BusConnects?



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

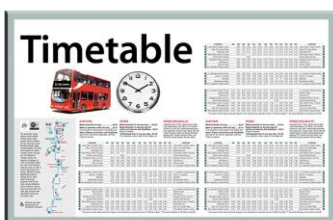


This plan will be paid for by Project Ireland 2040.



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

The NTA are managing BusConnects.



The network is the routes and timetables that buses follow.

A new Cork bus network will start in 2023 and 2024.

Talking to the public about the new Cork bus network



In July 2021, we talked to the public about a redesign for the bus network in Cork.

A redesign means changing the network to make it better.



Our first report was called 'A Choices Report'.

This report is on the Bus Connects website.



The report is about the different choices that we have to make to redesign the bus network.



The people of Cork had a chance to give their views.

People gave their views in a survey, by email, or on the BusConnects website.



There was an online public meeting in July with a question and answer session.



People of different ages and from different parts of Cork took part.



Not many people over 65 took part.

We will try to get more views from older people.



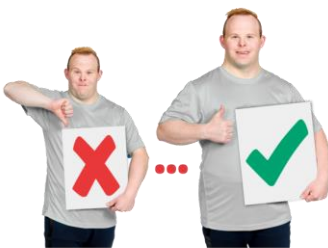
A lot of the people that took part used public transport before COVID-19.



Over a thousand surveys and emails were sent to the NTA.



Most people supported changing the bus network in Cork.



A lot of people said that they could put up with change if it made the bus network better for more people.



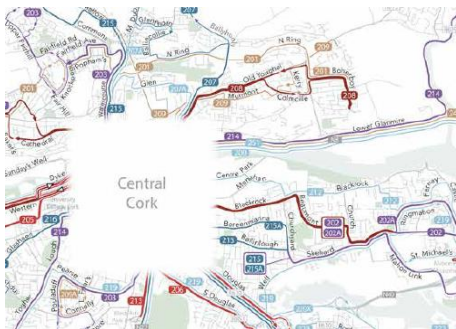
All the information gathered in this consultation helped us to put together this plan for the new Cork bus network.

What will change with the new bus network in Cork?



The new bus network is a complete redesign.

This means there will be lots of changes.



Every route could change in the new network.



Some people will have to learn a new or different way to make their journey.



Some people might have to walk a bit farther.



Some people might have to change buses during their journey.



It is important to know that all these changes will make public transport better.



The new bus network will get the bus service ready for the Luas in Cork.

It will change some routes that go across town.



The new network will make it easier for people to get to places where there are lots of jobs.

For example, Little Island, Mahon Point, Holly Hill, the Airport, Blackpool, and Cork City Centre.



The new network will make journeys to school shorter.

It will make it easier for young people to get to more schools.



Buses will come every 15 minutes or better in the places where the most people live and work.



Public transport will be faster and you will not have to wait so long for a bus.



More people will live near a bus stop.



The new bus network will have routes in new areas in Cork City and Suburbs.



It will be easier to change from one type of transport to another.

It will be easier to change from one bus route to another.



We will work with the County Councils on the road and street plans, and on better bus stops and bus lanes.

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BusConnects will bring other changes, for example, simpler fares, better information, new buses, and better waiting areas and signs.

What will not change with the new bus network in Cork?



If you are close to a bus service today, you would not lose this service.



The overnight service would keep going between Carrigaline and Ballincollig.



The regular service between Carrigaline and Cork City Centre would run every 10 minutes from Monday to Saturday.



It would run every 15 minutes on Sunday.

How will we know if the new Cork bus network is working?



We will check for a number of different things:



- People will be able to get to more jobs or schools in a 30 or 60 minute public transport journey.



- More people will live or work near a bus service that comes every 15 minutes or better.



- More people will live closer to a bus stop with a regular service.



A better bus network will mean more bus passengers.

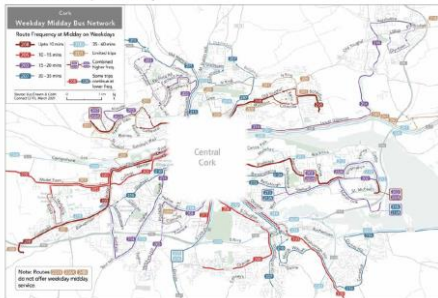
Less people will use their cars so there will be less traffic on the road.



This will be good for the environment.

When we talked to the public, they said this was the most important thing.

Bus Network Map: Cork City



People also said it was important to have a better bus service in all parts of Cork City.



The public said they do not like to have to wait too long for a bus.

They said waiting in bad weather is a problem.



We asked people if they would prefer a shorter walk to the bus or a shorter waiting time for the bus.



More people said they would prefer a short wait than a short walk.



Bad weather, poor footpaths, and dangerous crossings were some of the problems that people had when they walked to bus stops.



Some people said the most important thing for them is to get to where they want to go quickly.



We want buses to be able to move faster so journeys are quicker.

Changes like bus lanes will help this.



Buses should get people to where they want to go at the time they want to be there.

For example, in time for work, school, a hospital appointment, or a film at the cinema.



They should not have to arrive too early or too late.



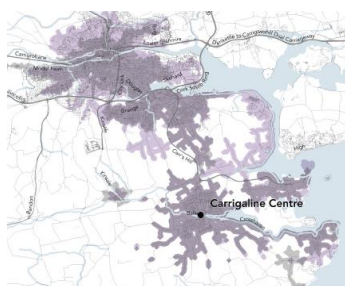
This is all part of what we call the waiting time.

If the waiting time is too long, people will use their cars instead of the bus.

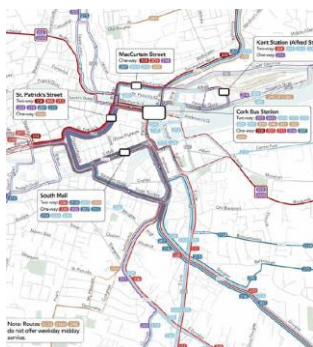
Learning about the new Cork bus network



Reading this report is one way to get information about the new Cork bus network.



There are maps in the main report which give you more information on the different routes.



There are examples in the main report to show how the changes will work in some areas.



All the routes in the new Cork bus network have new numbers.

This is to stop people getting confused between old and new routes.

What will the new Cork bus network mean for you?

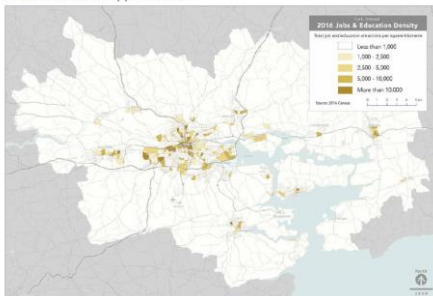


You can look at the map on our website to check out routes that are important to you.

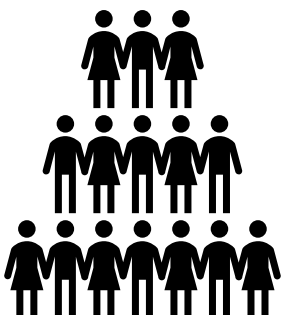


You can see all the places that you would be able to travel to in an hour or less.

Jobs & Educational Opportunities



You can see how many jobs are in this area.



The new Cork bus network should mean that more people can get to more places and to more jobs.

More information



This Report was put together by the National Transport Authority.



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www.busconnects.ie/busconnects-cork/



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