

BUS CONNECTS



Plans for Changing the Bus Network in Dublin 2019



This is an easy to read report.

What is this report about?



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

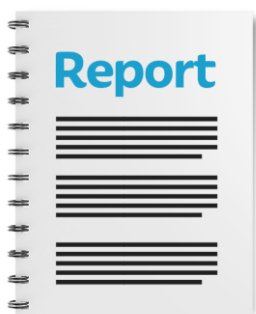
The Authority is making some changes to public transport.



There is a transport plan for Dublin.

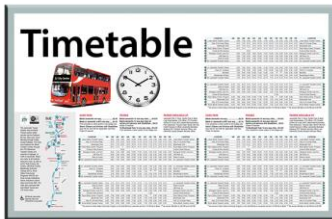


BusConnects is the name of a plan to change the bus services in Dublin.



This report is about the plan for one of the ideas in BusConnects - network redesign.

What is 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.



This report is about the 2019 plan for changes to the bus network in Dublin.

Why do we need to make changes to the bus service in Dublin?



Dublin is a busy city.

As the city grows, more people are on the move.



We need a great public transport system that will work now and in the future.

This would make Dublin easier to live in and do business in.



Without good public transport, we will have very heavy traffic in Dublin.

It will be harder to get around and journeys will take longer.



The Authority wants it to be faster and easier to get from one place to another on the bus.

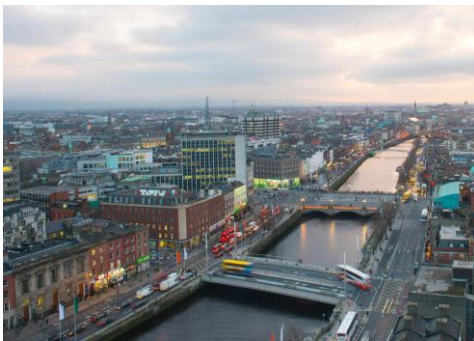
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The bus network in Dublin can be hard to remember and use.



The bus service needs to work for new communities in Dublin as the city grows and changes.



The bus network is good for trips in and out of the city centre.

However, it can be hard to travel around the edges of the city, for example, from Lucan to Blanchardstown.



Buses need to work well with the Luas, DART and train services.

There needs to be space for cyclists too.

How did we come up with this plan?



We did a lot of thinking about the bus network.

We carried out research.



The National Transport Authority, Dublin Bus and people from local government worked together on the plan.



We had experts to help us.



We talked to the public and other people with an interest in public transport.



We changed the plan a few times to get it right.

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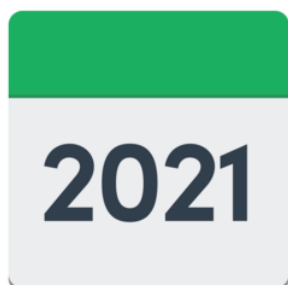


It took 3 years to put this plan together.



The plan is about public bus services in Dublin.

These buses are run by Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland.



The plan will not be brought in until 2021.

It will be brought in gradually.

Listening to what the public had to say



In 2017, the public thought that making changes to the bus network was a good idea.



However, when the National Transport Authority showed the public their plan in 2018, some people were not happy.



They thought the bus service would be worse. Some were worried about how the changes would affect them.



The NTA listened to what everyone had to say. They listened to the different views from different communities in Dublin.

What did the public say about the new bus network?



People said they would like to be able to get to the city centre on one bus.



They were worried that buses would still be too crowded at busy times.



They thought some of the new routes would take longer or that there would be less buses.



They were worried that the new network would be harder for persons with disabilities and older persons to use.

What did the public say about the new bus network?



Hospital



People said they wanted to be able to get to schools and hospitals easily.

They did not want to have to change buses too often.



People were worried about having to get off a bus and onto a Luas or DART to finish their journey.

They said these services could be very crowded.



People said there must be good facilities at interchanges.

This is where passengers get off one bus, train or Luas, and get on another.

What are the main changes to the bus network in Dublin?

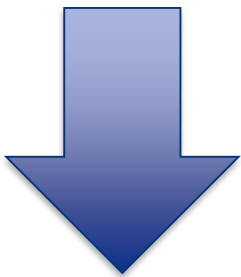


You may need to change buses to get where you want to go.



Because these buses would come more often, your journey would be quicker.

You will not have to wait for so long for a bus.



The plan tries to cut down as much as possible the number of times that people have to change buses during a journey.



Most trips around Dublin would need one or two bus changes at the most.

Many will not need any change.

If you have to change buses, it will be quick.

What are the main changes to the bus network in Dublin?



There will be new bus routes called Spines.
Most bus routes that go to the centre of Dublin
will be organised into 8 spines.



These bus routes will go along the main roads
to the City Centre every 3 to 8 minutes.
Some will also go into neighbourhoods.

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H

Spines have their own letter from A to H.

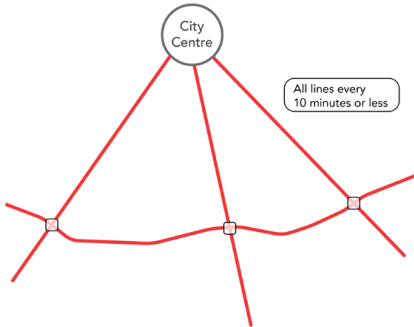
There are smaller routes called branches from
the spines. These have their own number.

1	2	3	4
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There is a map showing these routes on
www.busconnects.ie

What are the main changes to the bus network in Dublin?



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



There will be 7 orbital lines.
There is a map showing these lines on
www.busconnects.ie



These buses will go every 8 to 15 minutes.



There will be interchanges on these lines.

What are the main changes to the bus network in Dublin



There will still be bus routes that go across the city so people can get from one side to another.



More people will have a bus service straight to the City Centre.

The new bus network will have more buses at busy times from some areas to the City Centre.



It will have routes for people that cannot walk long distances to get a bus.



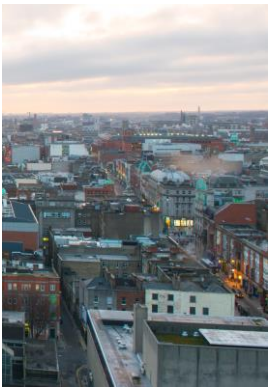
The network will be easier to understand.

It will be easier to give the public information on the service.

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More routes will pass through or stop at major centres. For example Tallaght, Dun Laoghaire, Blanchardstown.



It will be easier to travel in the City Centre.



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

Important things to think about



Where people have to change buses, we need better, safer bus stops and bus shelters.

There will be seats and it will be safe to walk to these stops.

One new interchange will be built at Liffey Valley Shopping Centre.



There will be more ways to pay for your ticket.

A new 90 minute fare will allow you to get on the bus, DART or Luas as many times as you want for the one fare.



The Core Bus Corridors will help the buses to travel quickly along the roads in Dublin.

Next steps



This report is the first step of another consultation with the public.



A consultation is when you ask the public for their views.



All Dubliners are welcome to give their views before a final plan is put together.



You can give your views and ideas at www.busconnects.ie

More information



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



ACE Communication helped with this Easy to Read Report.

Experts by Experience helped put this information together.



There are maps and more information on local routes on www.busconnects.ie



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