#### A bus network designed for Galway's future. Welcome to your

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This is Easy to Read information about a new bus network for Galway

### What is BusConnects?

### BUS CONNECTS

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



The National Transport Authority, or NTA, looks after public transport in Ireland.

The NTA is managing BusConnects.

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BusConnects is part of the Government's National Development Plan 2021 to 2030.

It is part of the Climate Action Plan 2023.

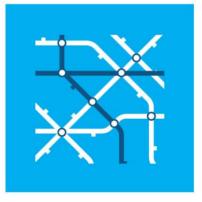


BusConnects will be paid for by Project Ireland 2040.

### **BusConnects Galway?**



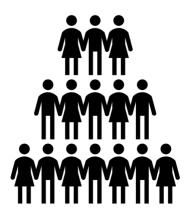
The NTA has a BusConnects programme for Galway.



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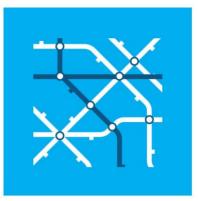


This is part of the Galway Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.



We want to make sure that as many people as possible can use public transport in Galway.

### **The Network Redesign**



The network is the routes and timetables that buses follow.

A redesign improves the bus network and makes it better.



The NTA, Galway City and County Council, City Direct and Bus Éireann worked together on the network redesign.





They looked at:

- the roads that buses run on
- where the buses go
- how passengers change from one bus to another
- bus timetables
- bus stops.

# How will the bus service in Galway be improved?



There are 9 parts to BusConnects Galway.



1. A new design for the bus network



2. New bus lanes, called bus corridors, and new cycle lanes



3. A new ticket system



 Ways to pay for your ticket without using cash



5. Simple bus fares



6. New buses



7. New bus stops with better signs and information



8. New Park and Ride places

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



9. Buses that are better for the environment.

# What are the good things about the new bus network?

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There will be more bus services for the Galway City area.



There will be a new 24 hour bus route.



There will be more services at the weekend.



Routes will be faster and more reliable. Three routes will have a service every 15 minutes or better.

# What are the good things about the new bus network?



People will wait for shorter times for a bus.



There will be more routes that take you straight to the place you want to go.

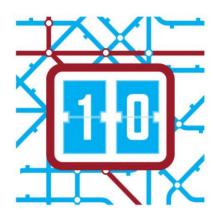


More people will be able to use public transport to get to their jobs.



The network will be easier to understand.

### Getting around with BusConnects Galway



BusConnects Galway will have all new route numbers.

This will help you to tell the difference between the routes now and new routes in the plan.



There will be a 90 minute ticket to cover bus and commuter rail trips.



The NTA plans to commence the implementation of the New Galway Bus Network between 2025 and 2026. This will give you plenty of time to learn about the new routes and bus numbers.

### How did we get here?



In April and May 2023, the NTA talked to the public about BusConnects Galway.

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



We listened to these views and ideas.



Your views and ideas helped us to plan and design the network.



There are booklets and maps to show you the new bus routes in your area.

### What happens next?



The NTA wants the new bus network to start in Galway in 2025.



As part of BusConnects, the NTA will start working on transport corridors.

These corridors will make bus travel quicker.



Other parts of the BusConnects programme, like simple fares, will happen with the new bus network.



To see the full report and use the online map, visit: https://busconnects.ie/cities/galway/ galway-bus-network-redesign/

### **More information**



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