**BusConnects Core Bus Corridor Project – Phase Three**

 **Public Consultation Key Facts**

**Background**

* Population in the Dublin region is due to grow by 25% by 2040, bringing it to almost 1.55m.
* Bus is the proven solution and main form of public transport across Dublin with 67% of public transport journeys each day made by bus.
* Cars only account for 30% of travel into the city centre each day.
* Bus carries three and four times the number of people who travel on Luas or Dart and commuter rail.
* Commuting to work by bicycle has increased by 43% since 2011.
* Over 141.3 million passengers used the Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead services in Dublin in 2018, representing an increase of 4% over 2017.

**Core Bus Corridors Project**

* 230kms of continuous bus priority and 200kms of cycle tracks along 16 of the busiest corridors in Dublin.
* Delivery of journey time savings of up to 40-50% on each corridor.
* Annual passenger growth in Dublin Bus services on the next six corridors unveiled today has increased by up to 18% in the years 2015 to 2018.
* Overall the current bus system has dedicated bus lanes for only one-third of the route lengths.

**Phase Three Facts**

The public consultation for Phase Three has now commenced and submissions can be made until Tuesday, 30th April 2019.

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| **Corridor** | **No. Properties Impacted** | **No. Parking spaces being removed** | **No. roadside trees being removed** | **Route length** | **New cycle lane length** | **Current bus journey time** | **BusConnects journey time** | **Future bus journey time without Bus-Connects** |
| Ballymun to City Centre (Option A) | 34 | 46 | 40 | 6km | 5.5km | Up to 45 mins | 20-25 mins | 55 mins +  |
| Ballymun to City Centre (Option B) | 80 | 48 | 140 | 6km | 7.5km | Up to 45 mins | 20-25 mins | 55 mins + |
| Finglas to Phibsborough | 24 | 13 | 130 | 4km | 4km | Up to 17 mins | 12 mins | 25 mins + |
| Bray to City Centre | 166 | 8 | 330 | 13km | 14km | Up to 55 mins | 40-45 mins | 70 mins + |
| UCD Ballsbridge to City Centre | 67 | 94 | 160 | 4km | 4km | Up to 35 mins | 14-15 mins | 45 mins+ |
| Blackrock to Merrion | 51 | 33 | 25 | 4km | 4km | Up to 30 mins | 13-15 mins | 40 mins + |
| Ringsend to City Centre | 2 | 55 | 40 | 5km | 6.5km | Up to 35 mins | 15-18 mins | 45 mins + |

**Phase Three – Bus Services & Annual Patronage per Corridor\***

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|  |  | **Annual Patronage** | **Average Daily Patronage** | **% Growth** |
| **Corridor** | **Routes** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2015****- 2018** |
| Ballymun to City Centre | 4, 9, 11, 13, 17a, 42d, 40d, 83, 140, 220 | 17.5m | 18.4m | 19.9m | 20.5m | 47,837 | 50,298 | 54,494 | 56,288 | 18% |
| Finglas to Phibsborough | 40, 40b, 40d, 140 | 8.4m | 8.6m | 9.6m | 10.1m | 22,877 | 23,695 | 26,226 | 27,565 | 20% |
| Bray to City Centre | 7b, 7d, 25x, 32x, 39, 39a, 41x, 45a, 46a, 46e, 46n, 47, 51x, 66x, 67x, 75, 77x, 84, 84a, 84n, 84x, 116, 118, 145 | 21.1m | 22m | 23.6m | 23.6m | 57,802 | 60,153 | 64,559 | 64,743 | 12% |
| UCD Ballsbridge to City Centre | 18, 27x, 4, 7, 7a ,7n | 7m | 7.2m | 7.8m | 8.2m | 19,222 | 19,862 | 21,503 | 22,405 | 17% |
| Blackrock to Merrion | 4, 7, 7a, 7n, 8 | 5.7m | 5.9m | 6.3m | 6.5m | 15,745 | 16,195 | 17,339 | 17,934 | 14% |
| Ringsend to City Centre | 1, 33d, 33x, 41x, 142, 151 | 3.5m | 3.6m | 3.9m | 4.4m | 9,574 | 9,929 | 10,747 | 12,178 | 27% |

*\*Dublin Bus passengers only. Other bus services also operate on these corridors.*

**Additional Notes:**

**Phase One**

The public consultation for Phase One of the first four corridors commenced in November 2018 and further to requests the closing date for submissions is **Friday, 29th March 2019.**

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| **Phase One – Core Bus Corridor Routes**  |
| Clongriffin to City Centre |
| Swords to City Centre |
| Blanchardstown to City Centre |
| Lucan to City Centre |

**Phase Two**

The public consultation for Phase Two featuring six additional corridors commenced in January 2019 and closes on **Tuesday 30th April 2019**.

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| **Phase Two – Core Bus Corridor Routes**  |
| Liffey Valley to City Centre |
| Clondalkin to Drimnagh |
| Greenhills to City Centre |
| Tallaght to Terenure |
| Kimmage to City Centre |
| Rathfarnham to City Centre  |

Details of all the corridors and submissions dates for respective phases can be found on [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie).

**Mitigation Efforts**

* Where lands are being acquired, the NTA will ensure **new landscaping and replanting** of gardens, **reinstatement of driveways** as well as **providing compensation** for the garden and driveway portion loss and disruption.
* Where private and public walls or fencing are removed, we will **rebuild and replace**.
* Where there is a loss of on-street parking and loading facilities, we will seek to provide, where feasible, alternative arrangements close by.
* Where trees are removed, we will put in place a **comprehensive replanting programme** replacing more trees than removed. The programme will largely use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees, and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations.
* We intend to create attractive local environments at key urban centres along the routes, with the provision of attractive landscaping, lighting, seating and other features.

**Process of Engagement**

* The NTA believes a step-by-step process of engagement is the best approach to take in delivering the Core Bus Corridors project.
* All property owners potentially affected by today’s announcement have been notified by post and a one-to-one meeting is being offered with each of those impacted.
* Today marks the beginning of a dialogue with those potentially impacted which will continue during 2019 and throughout the project.
* Planning approval from An Bord Pleanála will be required for this project and for the acquisition of garden portions. That planning application will be made in 2020.
* The NTA has already established four Community Forums for Phase One corridors and six Community Forums for Phase Two corridors. These forums are an opportunity for a representative from Residents’ Associations, Community Groups, Public Representatives and disability groups to get informed and engaged during the public consultation process. Interested groups can register by emailing cbc@busconnects.ie
* A series of public consultation meetings will be held in venues along the final six corridors – details of which can be found on the BusConnects website in the coming days.
* Written submissions and observations on the six corridors announced today may be made:
* Online at: [www.busconnects.ie;](http://www.busconnects.ie/)
* Via post to: Core Bus Corridor Project, NTA, Dun Sceine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2, D02 WT20;
* By email to: cbc@busconnects.ie.