**The new BusConnects network is rolling out in the North
of Dublin**

Launching 29th May 2022

* N4: Blanchardstown – Point Village via Collins Avenue
* N6: Finglas – Howth Junction via Beaumont Hospital

Operators:

Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland

# **The new BusConnects network**

The new network follows from three rounds of public consultation which concluded in 2020. It will improve the existing Transport for Ireland (TFI) network by providing enhanced bus services with high frequency spines and new local, orbital and radial routes.

This new network is being introduced on a phased basis over the coming years. The first two phases commenced in 2021.
The next phase involves services in the North of Dublin serving areas including:

* Blanchardstown
* Finglas
* Ballymun
* Santry
* Glasnevin
* Donnycarney
* Killester
* Coolock
* Kilbarrack
* East Wall
* Beaumont Hospital
* DCU

# **Some of the many benefits of BusConnects include:**

* Increased capacity and frequency
* Increased all day, night-time and weekend services
* Improved ticketing to allow for free interchange between services

# **We are now entering Phase 3 of the Network Redesign**

Phase 3, which commences on May 29, involves the introduction
of Northern orbital routes N4 and N6. The N4 will be operated
by Dublin Bus. The N6 will be operated by Go-Ahead Ireland.

This will coincide with the removal of the following routes:

* **17a (Blanchardstown – Howth Junction) and**
* **31d (Baldoyle – DCU Helix)**

# **Fares:**

The TFI 90 Minute Fare now applies to most journeys in the Dublin area when using a TFI Leap Card. It includes the options to transfer for free between Dublin City Bus (Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland), Luas, DART and commuter rail (zones 1 to 4 in the Short Hop Zone). Just touch on your last journey within 90 minutes of the first.

# **TFI Leap Fares:**

## **Short Fare:**

* Adult: €1.30
* Young Adult / Student: €0.65
* Child: €0.65

## **TFI 90 Minute Fare:**

* Adult: €2.00
* Young Adult / Student: €1.00
* Child: €0.65

# **Interchange**

## **Between routes N4 & N6 at Finglas:**

If you wish to travel between Blanchardstown and Ballymun, Santry, Beaumont, Coolock or Howth Junction, you will be able to transfer between the N4 and N6 at Finglas at no additional cost with the TFI 90 Minute Fare using your TFI Leap Card.

If travelling eastbound towards Howth Junction, get the N4 as far as Finglas (Stop 987). Then transfer to the N6.

If travelling westbound towards Blanchardstown, get the N6 as far as Finglas (new stop at Seamus Ennis Road, Stop 7845). Then transfer to the N4.

## **Between routes N4 & other services:**

Passengers wishing to travel between Baldoyle, Kilbarrack, Raheny and DCU can transfer at Killester, between H-Spine services and route N4, at no additional cost with the TFI 90 Minute Fare. Transfer between Dublin City Bus (Dublin Bus and GAI), LUAS, DART and commuter rail (zones 1 to 4 in the Short Hop Zone) is also free with the TFI 90 Minute Fare.

# **New Network Route Types**

The network redesign introduces five types of route that each operate in different ways.

**Spine:** Spines are very frequent routes made up of individual bus services that are timetabled to work together over their common sections.

**Orbital:** Orbitals provide connection between suburbs, without having to travel into the city centre.

**Local:** Locals provide connections to local centres and link to onward transport connections.

**Radial:** Radials are other services that operate into Dublin city centre. These services are not part of any spine and operate to their own timetable.

**Peak Only/Express:** Peak routes operate during peak travel periods, providing additional capacity along key bus corridors. Express routes are direct services from outer suburbs to the city centre during peak hours, serving limited stops to get passengers to their destination faster.

# **Benefits of the BusConnects programme**

BusConnects is the National Transport Authority’s programme to greatly improve bus services in Irish cities. The programme will be rolled out over the coming years.

It will provide additional capacity and increased frequency,especially at evenings and weekends. More 24-hour services will be introduced which will assist shift workers and support the night-time economy.

The BusConnects Network Redesign is introducing high frequency spine and radial routes that operate into Dublin City centre, new orbital routes for faster cross-suburban trips, and new local routes to provide important connections within local areas. Peak services will provide additional capacity at the busiest travel times.

230KM of priority bus lanes making journeys faster and more reliable.

New Bus stops and shelters with better signage and information.

New simplified fares system

New Park & Ride facilities at key locations

Low emissions bus fleet

200km of cycle lanes/tracks

New bus livery providing a common style across all TFI operators

# **Northern Orbitals – Summary of stops served**

## **N4:**

Sráidbhaile an Iosta / Point Village

An Port Thoir / East Wall

Stáisiún Bhóthar Chluain Tarbh/ Clontarf Road Station

Cill Easra / Killester

DCU, Ascaill Uí Choileáin / DCU Collins Avenue

Ascaill Ghlas Naíon / Glasnevin Avenue

Srbhl Fhionnghlaise / Finglas Village

Páirc Gnó Stadium / Stadium Business Park

Ospidéal Uí Chonghaile / Connolly Hospital

I.S. Bhaile Bhlainséir / Blanchardstown SC

## **N6:**

Gabhal Bhinn Éadair / Howth Junction

Stáisiún Dóiteáin Chill Bharróg / Kilbarrack Fire Station

I.S. and Taoibh Thuaidh / Northside SC

Ospidéal Beaumont / Beaumont Hospital

Seantrabh / Santry

Lána Bhaile Bhúiséir / Balbutcher Lane

Páirc Chrann Phapáin / Poppintree Park

Baile Shéarlais / Charlestown

Srbhl Fhionnghlaise / Finglas Village

# **For more information on the N4 please contact**

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# **For more information on the N6 please contact**

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# **Travel Assistance Scheme:**

The Travel Assistance Scheme is run by Dublin Bus on behalf of Transport for Ireland within the Greater Dublin Area. Its aim is to help customers use public transport on their own, especially those with disabilities and reduced mobility.

The scheme is open to all over the age of eighteen, and available on Dublin City Buses, Luas and DART services in the Greater Dublin Area. For further information on how to use the scheme call (01) 703 3204 or email
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