**The new BusConnects network is rolling out!**

Launching 26th November 2023

* S2: Heuston Station – St James’s Hospital – RDS – Poolbeg
* S4: Liffey Valley Shopping Centre – Ballyfermot – Crumlin Hospital – Terenure – UCD
* S6: Tallaght – Rathfarnham Shopping Centre – UCD – Blackrock Station
* S8: Citywest – Tallaght – Sandyford Luas – Dún Laoghaire
* W2: Tallaght – Newlands Cross – Liffey Valley Shopping Centre
* 74: Dundrum Luas – Marlay Park – The Coombe Hospital – Eden Quay
* L25: Dundrum Luas – Dún Laoghaire
* L55: Palmerstown Village – Ballyfermot – Chapelizod

Operators:
Go-Ahead Ireland: S4, S6, S8, W2 and L55

Dublin Bus: S2, 74, and L25

# **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. This phase is serving areas including:

* Blackrock
* Tallaght
* Citywest
* Ballyfermot
* Walkinstown
* Rathfarnham
* Drimnagh
* Churchtown
* Dundrum
* Liffey Valley Shopping Centre
* Crumlin
* Stillorgan
* Monkstown
* Kimmage
* Sandyford
* Terenure
* Dún Laoghaire
* UCD

# **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 5b of the Network Redesign**

Phase 5b commences on the 26th of November and
involves the introduction of Orbital routes S2, S4, S6, S8 and W2. Along with Radial route 74 and Local routes L25 and L55. Routes S2, 74 and L25 are operated by Dublin Bus and routes S4, S6, S8, W2 and L55 are operated by Go-Ahead Ireland, on behalf of TFI. Please note that the following routes will no longer be in operation: 17, 18, 61, 75/a, 76/a and 175.

# **Fares:**

The TFI 90 Minute Fare applies to most journeys in the Dublin area, along with some parts of East Kildare and North Wicklow. It allows you to transfer between Dublin City Bus (Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland Dublin city services), Luas, DART and commuter rail (zones 1 to 4 in the Short Hop Zone) for free during 90 minutes when using a TFI Leap Card. You must touch-on every time you board a service to demonstrate you hold a valid ticket for each journey. As long as you touch-on your last service within 90 minutes of the first touch-on, you will qualify for the TFI 90 Minute Fare.

# **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 with different routes and modes of public transport with the TFI 90 Minute Fare.**

Only €2 for Adults, €1 for Young Adult and Students and 65cents if you’re 18 or younger. Just use your TFI Leap Card as normal and start your last journey within 90 minutes of your first.

## **S2 interchanges:**

* Switch at Heuston Station for Luas Red Line.
* Switch at Ranelagh for Luas Green Line.
* Switch at Sandymount for DART services.

## **S4 interchanges:**

* Switch at Liffey Valley to connect with routes, G2, W2, W4, 26, L51, L53, C1, C2, C3, C4 and 52
* Switch at Kylemore for Luas Red Line
* Switch at Milltown for Luas Green Line
* Switch at UCD to connect with routes S6 and 39a
* Switch at Terenure to connect with routes 15, 15a, 49 and 74
* Switch at Ballyfermot Road for the L55, G1, G2 and 60

## **S6 interchanges:**

* Switch at The Square, Tallaght to connect with routes,
S8, 27, W2, W4, W62 and other services
* Switch at Dundrum for Luas Green Line and to connect with routes, L25, 44, 74, 14 and 161
* Switch at UCD to connect with routes S4, 39a, 145, 155
and 46a
* Switch at Blackrock to interchange with DART services
* Switch at Rathfarnham to connect with routes 15b, 16
and 74

## **S8 interchanges:**

* Switch at Dún Laoghaire to connect with routes 7, 7a, 46a, L25 or connect with DART services
* Switch at The Square, Tallaght to connect with routes W2, W4, W62, S6 and other services
* Switch at N11/Newtownpark Avenue to connect with routes 145, 155 and 46a

## **W2 interchanges:**

* Switch at The Square, Tallaght to connect with routes,
27, S6, S8, W4, W62 and other services
* Switch at Liffey Valley to connect with routes, G2, S4,
L51 and other services
* Switch at Belgard for Luas Red Line
* Switch at Clondalkin Village to connect with routes L54, 13, 68 and 69

## **74 interchanges:**

* Switch at Winetavern Street to connect with routes
G1 and G2
* Switch at Dundrum for Luas Green Line, and to connect with routes L25, 44, 14, 161 and S6
* Switch at Marlay Park to connect with routes 16, and S8
* Switch at Rathfarnham to connect with routes 15b, S6, 16
* Switch at Terenure to connect with routes 15, 15a, 49 and 16

## **L25 interchanges:**

* Switch at Dundrum to connect with Luas Green Line
* Switch at Stillorgan Village to connect with route 46a

## **L55 interchanges:**

* Switch at Kennelsfort Road Upper for route 26
* Switch at Ballyfermot Road for route S4, G1, G2 and 60

# **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. Some examples of Spines are routes C1, C2, C3, C4, G1, G2, H1, H2 and H3.

**Orbital:** Orbitals provide connections between suburbs, without having to travel into the city centre. Some examples of Orbitals are routes N4, N6, W4, W61 and W62.

**Local:** Locals provide connections to Local centres and link to onward transport connections. Some examples of these routes are L51, L52, L53, L54, L58, L59.

**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. Some examples
of Radials are routes 52 and 60.

**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. Some examples of these routes are X25, X26, X27, X28, X30, X31, X32.

# **Benefits of the BusConnects programme**

BusConnects is the National Transport Authority’s programme to greatly improve bus services in Irish cities.

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 in Dublin 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 ocal 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.
* TFI 90 Minute Fare using a TFI Leap Card
* 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

# **For more information 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 (operated by Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead Ireland), Luas and DART services in the Greater Dublin Area. For further information on how to use the scheme call (01) 703 3204 or email travel.assist@dublinbus.ie