



## Transport & Mobility Forum

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### Cork Bus Infrastructure

Dear Anne Graham

The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is a representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable travel. TMF fully support sustainable modes of travel measures and policies. Sustainable travel helps reduce congestion on roads, improve air quality, support a low carbon economy and improve public health.

We commend some notable improvements to the bus service in Cork with:

- real time information provision,
- 30 new buses,
- Sheares Street and Mahon bus gates,
- improve routes and timetables,
- new fare structure, and
- Phases 1 & 2 of the Cork City Centre Movement Strategy and elements of the Strategic Corridors studies.

There is a need for joined up thinking and delivery of all elements required to facilitate a better bus service for customers in Cork. TMF have concerns that there continue to be substantial deficiencies in bus services, frequency and reliability (inadequate reliability which impacts local businesses and services). It is important to front-load the public transport system with funding to accommodate modernisation, growth and to initiate a modal shift to meet greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. Reliable bus services are an essential element for sustainable travel in a modern economy.

TMF's short term recommendations are to:

- continue support of the City Centre Movement Strategy and Strategic Corridors Infrastructure
- revise bus scheduling, provide additional services and route information (especially to fill gaps in the event of severe delays),
- enhance bus journey times - reduce long dwelling times at stops (especially in city centre),
- increase flexibility of ticketing to accommodate transfer on a single ticket,
- incentivise season tickets and leap card and reduce purchase time on board,
- introduce double door buses to allow quicker access/egress for passengers,
- provide bus network maps on a city map background, and
- investigate ways to accommodate bikes on our buses.

Medium-to-long term recommendations are for continued bus priority measures and to strategically plan for infrastructural improvements to meet the planned measures for Cork in



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the National Planning Framework and Regional Spatial Economic Strategy with target increase of 115,000 population and 20-25% population increase for Cobh, Carrigaline, Mallow and Midleton by 2040.

Should you have any questions, please forward to the email address [transportandmobilityforum@gmail.com](mailto:transportandmobilityforum@gmail.com)

I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephan Koch".

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cc Michael Ahern (National Transport Authority),  
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