

## better buses

Investment has already been secured for over 135 electric buses to give a high quality 'tram-like' feel to the network. With zero emissions, next stop audio-visual announcements, LED lighting, air conditioning, USB charging and a smoother, quieter ride, you can travel not only with ease and comfort, but also in an environmentally friendly way.

A network of 25 'Mainlines' that will connect travel from the City areas into the City Centre. Coordinated timetables, publicity, route numbering and colour coded mapping will help to provide regular, frequent timetables, under a unified 'Leicester Buses' branding, in order to help make bus travel simpler and more attractive.

A network of 5 'Greenlines' providing cross city travel for users. This includes the extension and integration of the Park and Ride services, the Hospital Hopper, the Circleline and a new City Link service which connects the Bus Stations in Leicester. Funding is sourced to increase the frequency of these services, all of which will be operated by zero emission electric buses.



## beating congestion

We're focussing on our 'Mainlines' and 'Greenlines' services in order to improve reliability on these key corridors (Abbey Lane, St Margaret's Way, Melton Road, Groby Road, London Road), by introducing a variety of measures:

- Camera enforced bus lanes
- No stopping red routes
- Prioritising signalling for late running buses
- Re-designing signalised junctions to smooth traffic flows
- Restricting regular parking blockages
- Reducing the impact of roadworks

### 4 on demand flexi lines

A small demand responsive network of four accessible electric buses will be introduced, aimed at areas of the city beyond 400m walking distance of the Mainlines or Greenlines networks.

1 new bus station

4 on demand flexi lines

30 frequent bus lines

12 bus priority schemes

working in partnership



Funding for the new St Margaret's Bus Station has already been secured and development of the new station, which is the first carbon neutral station in the UK, is underway. With better seating facilities, real-time digital displays and LED lighting, passengers can wait in ease and comfort at the new site.

## the aims

By 2030, we aim to

- Increase bus trips by 40%
- Have a complete electric bus network of over 400 buses.

## the next steps

Many things are already happening this year:

- Contactless multi-operator 'best fare' capping
- Electric buses on Hospital Hopper and Circleline
- New St Margarets Bus Station
- Real time information at all key bus stops
- Bus priority on Anstey Lane and Abbey Park Road
- New mini Park & Ride site at General Hospital

## in 2023 will see

- New electric free City Centre hopper bus
- Electric buses on much of the First Bus network
- Electric buses on two key Arriva routes
- New park and ride site at Beaumont Leys
- New bus priority schemes on Abbey Lane and Beaumont Leys to Anstey

We will also be working hard to secure upto £200m funding to take this plan to the next exciting stage.

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# the big bus plan

electric  
frequent  
reliable  
easy  
great value



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400  
**electric  
buses**

## leicester buses partnership

Over the next 8 years we want to transform your city's bus network, making it **electric, frequent, reliable, easy** and **great value**.

We have already secured nearly £100m to deliver, but need a further £200m of funding – through the Government grants, bus operator investment and our proposed workplace parking levy – to complete our ambitious plan.

The Big Bus Plan is broken down into 4 key areas: better buses, beating congestion, better value and better facilities.



network  
**'best fare'**  
promise

## better value

Payment for travel across and between bus companies in Leicester is being simplified. Simply 'tap on' and 'tap off' with your contactless payment method and your fare will automatically be calculated. It's as easy as that!

This works on a single operator and multi-operator scale, so no matter who you travel with and how often, you'll always receive the best value fare for your travel. No need to buy your ticket in advance, or worry you've purchased the incorrect ticket, you'll always pay the best value adult fare for your journey(s).

## 4 discount fare schemes

To increase access to bus services, we will continue to fund the following targeted discounts over the next 3 years.

- Free off peak and half fare peak discount for eligible elderly residents
- Free travel at all times for eligible disabled residents
- Half fare discount for those who are unemployed
- We are also committed to exploring ways to fund improved fare offering for young person's travel

4  
**discount  
fare  
schemes**

1,000  
**real time  
displays**

## better facilities

More real time displays will be installed at bus stops across the City, which will help keep passengers better informed on when the next bus is due at their stop.

New totem style bus stop information will be installed, over half of which will have real time information displays and text to speech facility for those with visual impairments.

We currently have 3 park and ride sites at Meynell's Gorse, Birstall and Enderby. We are looking to introduce 3 further park and ride sites at Beaumont Leys, General Hospital and Oadby Racecourse subject to consultation. This will help provide more parking hubs helping to further reduce congestion into the City Centre.

New illuminated shelters with seating at all high use bus stops will be installed to provide ease and comfort whilst waiting at your stop. 30 of these will be green roofed and bee friendly.

6 **park &  
ride** sites

500  
**new bus  
shelters**

