## **NEW BUS NETWORK**WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

# WESTON CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING 27 JUNE 2018



#### PHASE TWO CONSULTATION

The new bus network for Canberra will mean more buses, more often, seven days a week. It has been designed to meet the needs of our growing city, and ensure Canberra remains one of the most liveable cities in the world.

Phase Two consultation is being conducted to understand how Transport Canberra can support Canberrans to use the new network, and improve their overall experience when connecting to public transport.

#### THE CONVERSATION

Conversations are taking place with the community via Regional Roadshows, Community Council briefings and targeted sessions with key stakeholders.

#### WHO ENGAGED

A public meeting of the Weston Creek Community Council was briefed by Transport Canberra on 27 June 2018.

- Approximately 40 community members attended the briefing.
- Presented by Peter Steele and Ian McGlinn of Transport Canberra.
- MLAs Chris Steel and Ms Caroline Le Couteur were also in attendance.

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

### **Key Timings**

Phase 2 Consultation Opens (Mon 18 June 2018)

Phase 2 Consultation Closes (Sun 12 August 2018)

Phase 2 Consultation Feedback (Sept – Oct)

New Bus Network Commences (early 2019)

### **Key Insights**

- Residents attending the meeting noted they were disadvantaged from the proposed removal of Xpresso services, but also recognised the benefit of new Rapid services.
- Meeting attendees raised specific issues about services for Weston along Heysen Street and Duffy on Mulley Street, as well as the "Wyangala Loop" and some other locations.
- Some Weston Creek residents attending the meeting expressed their preference for local services to connect directly to Woden. The residents seemed in favour of the proposed services connecting Weston Creek with Kambah and Tuggeranong.
- **1** Issues were raised by residents at the meeting about how students would travel to particular schools.
- **6** A number of issues to be considered further by Transport Canberra were identified:
  - The design and operation of an interchange at Cooleman Court (including bus stop location, routing and shelters).
  - Access to bus stops on arterial roads, including Streeton Drive and Hindmarsh Drive.
  - More than one Park and Ride for Weston Creek residents is needed to make the proposed system work as more parking spaces are essential.
  - A safe Kiss and Ride bay is needed at Cooleman Court.
  - The location of bus stops on several local routes.

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### **Question on Notice**

#### Q. What is the estimated time to travel from Cooleman Court to Barton bus station?

**A:** In the proposed network, there are several options for travel between Cooleman Court and Barton Bus Station. The table below shows the estimated travel times for each option during the morning peak on a weekday.

#### **Estimated Travel Time in the Proposed New Bus Network**

This is an indicative travel time based on the proposed route frequencies. Transport Canberra and City Services will come back to the Weston Creek Community Council with an update of actual travel times once final timetables are released in late 2018, prior to the start of the new bus network in early 2019.

#### **Cooleman Court to Barton Bus Station**

	Estimated bus running times	Estimated time for transfer	Total estimated travel time
Option 1			
Rapid 7 from Cooleman Court, changing at Albert Hall to Rapid 2 or Rapid 6 to Barton Bus Station	15 minutes on Rapid 7 3 minutes on Rapid 2 or Rapid 6	5 minutes (includes change to King Edward Terrace)	23 minutes
Option 2			
Rapid 6 from Cooleman Court, changing at Woden Bus Station to Rapid 5 to Barton Bus Station	10 minutes on Rapid 6 17 minutes on Rapid 5	5 minutes (change within Woden Bus Station)	32 minutes
Option 3			
Rapid 6 direct from Cooleman Court to Barton Bus Station	41 minutes on Rapid 6	No transfer	41 minutes
Current service (July 2018)			
Route 26 from Cooleman Court, changing at Woden Bus Station to route 792 to Barton Bus Station	12 minutes on Route 26 17 minutes on Route 792	9 minutes (change within Woden Bus Station)	38 minutes