



NEW BUS NETWORK LISTENING REPORT

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING – 10 JULY 2018

PHASE TWO CONSULTATION

The new bus network for Canberra 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 a Regional Roadshow, Community Councils and stakeholder briefings.

Engagement with the Inner South Community Council took place at 7:00pm on Tuesday 10 July.

WHO ENGAGED

Approximately 70 people attended the Inner South Community Council briefing, provided Transport Canberra on 10 July 2018.

Presentations were given by Duncan Edgehill of Transport Canberra and Sally Barnes from the NCA. Pam Nelson, Peter Steele and Ian McGlenn of Transport Canberra were also present.

MLAs present: Rachel Stephen Smith, Shane Rattenbury and Candice Burch

WHAT'S NEXT?

Phase Two Consultation on the new bus network is open until Sunday 12 August 2018.

Key Timings

Phase 2 Consultation Opens (Monday 18 June 2018)

Phase 2 Consultation Closes (Sunday 12 August 2018)

Phase 2 Consultation Feedback (Sept – Oct)

New Bus Network Commences (early 2019)

Key insights – New Bus Network

- ❶ Attendees at the meeting showed a considerable interest in the Stage 2 light rail and had specific questions and concerns in that regard.
- ❷ A question was raised about the way the proposed bus network will link to the light rail.
- ❸ Attendees voiced objection to the increased walking distances proposed to local and rapid bus routes. The average age of the person used to decide that the walking distances are reasonable was questioned, implying that the ability of older people was not considered.
- ❹ Comments were made by several attending residents that China had useful light rail experience that should be considered.
- ❺ There was interest expressed in electric buses and about links between the proposed stage 2 of light rail and the new bus network.
- ❻ There was discussion about the transport system being active travel, buses and light rail.
- ❼ There were questions about how much TC knows about how Canberrans travel, whether there is really a need for light rail if there are good rapid buses and why the bus network is being changed if people are happy with it.
- ❽ Concerns about proposed new routes having less coverage in Forrest, Garran and Hughes and the walking required from bus stops to Canberra railway station were raised.