



Public Transport Improvement in 2025/26

18 March 2025



Summary of progress over the last 12 months



Top achievements

- ✓ New countywide multi operator day and week tickets, known as **MyBus Oxfordshire**, launched in July 2024.

The young person tickets in particular offer excellent value for money.

Over 43,000 tickets sold between July and December 2024.

“This is a marvellous ticket and offers excellent value for money. I’m particularly impressed that it can be used to destinations beyond the county boundary such as Cheltenham and Reading.”

A promotional advertisement for MyBus Oxfordshire. It features a smiling man in a white t-shirt carrying a young child on his back using a red and grey backpack. The background is blue with abstract white and yellow curved lines. Text elements include: 'OVER 150 BUS SERVICES, JUST ONE TICKET' in large white letters; 'Ask our drivers about MyBus today!' in a white speech bubble; 'Travel around Oxfordshire for less with MyBus' in white text; the website 'mybusoxfordshire.org.uk' in a purple bar; and logos for 'Funded by UK Government' and 'OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL' at the bottom.

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Top achievements cont.

- ✓ An updated [Bus Service Improvement Plan](#) for Oxfordshire was published in June 2024;
- ✓ Approximately **£10m** was invested into ***new or enhanced bus services***;
- ✓ 157 of the 159 new **electric buses** for operation within Oxford have now been delivered, along with the installation of the associated charging infrastructure at both Stagecoach and Oxford Bus Company bus depots;
- ✓ **Minimum bus emissions standards** have been added to the Oxfordshire Enhanced Partnership Scheme and will come into effect from June 2025.



**£1 SUNDAY
BUS FARES**

**THE CHEAPEST
WAY TO TRAVEL
IN OXFORDSHIRE**



Top achievements cont.

- ✓ **£1 bus journeys on Sundays in December** were once again offered in 2024;
- ✓ A new **Oxfordshire Bus Partnership website** was launched containing information on the partnership and its work (<https://www.mybusoxfordshire.org.uk/>);
- ✓ **Bus signal priority** has been implemented at 14 junctions across the County, with more in the pipeline. To complement this on-board tracking equipment is being rolled out across the bus fleet;
- ✓ Approximately 75 **RTPI displays** have been installed or upgraded at various sites across the county
- ✓ The Oxfordshire Bus Enhanced Partnership was a **finalist in the 2024 UK Bus Awards** in the 'Partnership for Excellence' category.

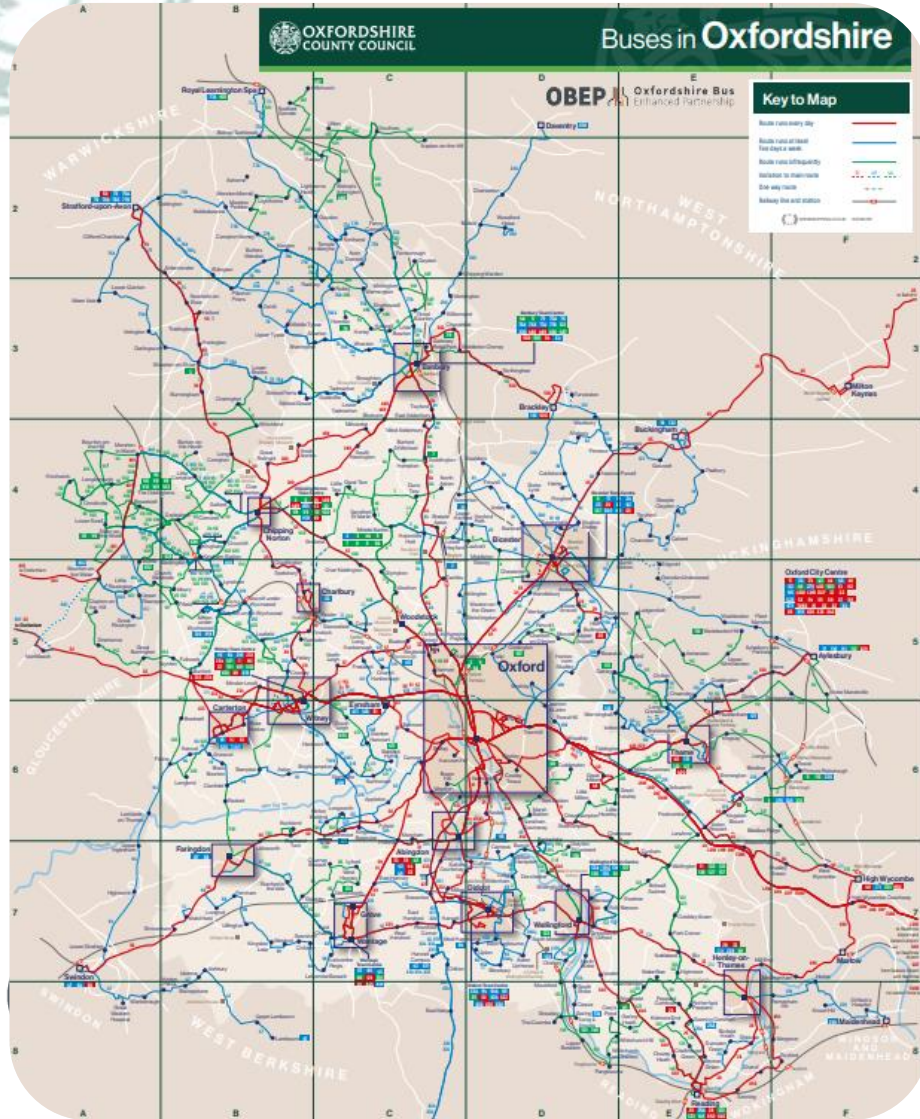


Read about specific BSIP funded schemes in
our latest BSIP progress Report:

[BSIP Jan 2025](#)

BSIP Headline Targets	BASE 2019/ 2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Targets
Patronage Total annual passenger journeys <i>Source – DfT table BUS01e</i>	40.7m (100%)	11.7m (28.7%)	25.5m (62.6%)	33.6m (82.5%)	37.2m (91.4%)	2025 stretch target = 43.2m 2030 stretch target = 52.8m
Journey time Average journey speeds for the month of November on selected routes into and out of Oxford <i>Source - custom third party reporting tool</i>	14.2 mph	13.8 mph	14.5 mph	13.2 mph	14.3 mph	10% improvement in journey speeds by December 2025 / 15% improvement by December 2030 <i>(compared with 2019 baseline)</i>
Punctuality and reliability Non-frequent bus services running on time (no more than one minute early or five minutes late) <i>Source - DfT table BUS09a</i>	78%	88%	85%	80%	79%	85% for 2025, 95% for 2030
Satisfaction Percentage satisfied with local bus services <i>1.Source: Passenger Focus surveys (bus users)</i> <i>2.Source: National Highways & Transportation Network (NHT) surveys</i>	A) 93% B) 61%	A) Not measured B) 60%	A) Not measured B) 60%	A) 78% B) 57%	A) 88% <i>interim figure</i> B) 58%	A) 93% for 2025, 96% by 2030 B) 61% for 2025, 70% by 2030

Work in progress



- Continuing work on existing BSIP schemes
- Access to Banbury rail station (Tramway Road improvements)
- New bus maps
- Oxfordshire bus passenger charter updates
- OBEP website improvements
- Future bus model options review
- Demand responsive transport study
- ZEBRA scheme environmental impacts

Work in progress

- Service changes in February and March 2025:
 - New 600 orbital service in Oxford
 - Improvements to 3A and H2
 - Operator changes for 21, 24 and improved 108
 - Amendments to 68, Watlington area rural services
 - Improvement to 500
- Next tender round about to commence for August 2025



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2025/26 BSIP funding and conditions

Strong financial position for 2025/26



- Expected revenue underspend from 2024/25 carry over
- £10.1m of 'Bus Grant' for 2025/26:
 - £5.4m of BSIP CDEL funding
 - £3.7m of BSIP RDEL funding
 - £795k of LA-BSOG
 - £125k capacity and capability



Use of the 2025/26 Bus Grant

- The Bus Grant has a revenue (RDEL) and a capital (CDEL) element.
- CDEL funding is provided to fund investment that will deliver capital assets such as (but not limited to):
 - bus priority infrastructure;
 - new improved and safer bus stops and shelters, stations and interchanges;
 - equipment that improves bus ticketing, information and network identity, and vehicles;
 - support the purchase of Zero Emission Buses and/or infrastructure.
- RDEL funding is provided to improve bus services' reliability, frequency, punctuality and affordability but does not result in the purchase or delivery of capital assets. These may fund any schemes that could (but not limited to):
 - enhance bus service levels;
 - provide bus service support;
 - establish new route and restore routes;
 - deliver simpler and more affordable fares;
 - improve safety;
 - improve/introduce bus information;
 - improve accessibility and inclusion;
 - develop and deliver Bus Passenger Charters;
 - develop future proposals.



2025/26 BSIP proposals for Oxfordshire



Key objectives for 2025/26 are to:

- maintain the existing network;
- make incremental improvements to core services;
- make significant enhancements to bus stop infrastructure;
- provide for improvements to the bus fleet; and
- undertake design work for further bus priority enhancements.



Overview

Service support:

- Maintaining existing
- Improvement of other existing services
- New services

Fares schemes:

- Continuation of MyBus scheme
- Discounted Sunday fares in December
- Asylum seeker bus passes

Administration:

- 2 x funded posts as currently
- Contract management and finance
- Enhanced Partnership support

Other:

- Promotion of passenger charter
- Bus stop audit
- Bus stop design guide
- Education scheme for school children



Service Support Proposals

- All current BSIP-funded services
- Services currently funded by ENCTS underspend:
 - 21, S3, S4, 14, X9, 200, 29/H5
- Retention of existing services:
 - 17 (Bicester – Aylesbury)
 - ST1 (Harwell – Oxford) – subject to third party funding
 - Witney town services
 - Botley Road support



Service Support Proposals

- Improvement of existing services:
 - X32 enhancement – subject to third party funding
 - X40 evening and Sunday services
 - 25 (Heyford Park) new Sunday services
 - 44 new Saturday evening services
 - B3/possibly B4 new Sunday services
 - H5 improved afternoon/evening service



Service Support Proposals

- New proposals:
 - Joint project with Gloucestershire County Council on summer Sunday Cotswolds bus network including:
 - 801 extension to Chipping Norton
 - S2 (Oxford – Cheltenham) improvement



Other Proposals

- Fares schemes:
 - Continuation of MyBus scheme
 - Discounted Sunday fares in December
 - Asylum seeker bus passes
- Administration:
 - 2 x funded posts as currently
 - Contract management and finance (additional 0.2 FTE)
 - Enhanced Partnership support



Other Proposals

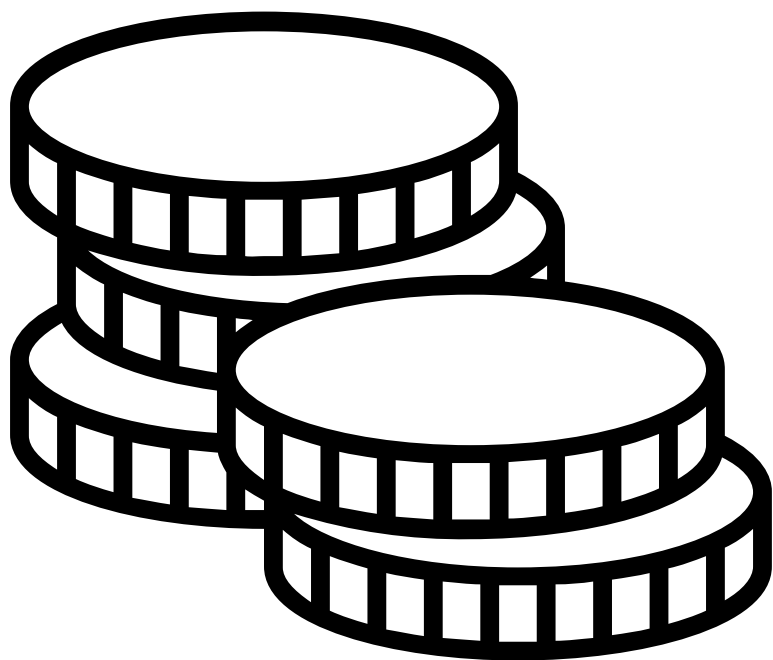
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Proposed BSIP Capital schemes 2025/26

Bus Priority	1. Traffic signal priority for buses 2025/26 programme
	2. John Radcliffe Hospital bus priority
	3. Churchill Dr/ Old St Junction Improvements
	4. Benson Lane Crowmarsh bus only right turn to A4074 - <i>scheme development</i>
	5. Horspath Driftway queue relocation - <i>scheme development</i>
	6. Steventon Lights Scheme – <i>implementation</i>
Improvements to bus stops / stations and interchanges	7. Bus stop installation and upgrades 2025/26 programme
	8. Great Bourton bus laybys
	9. Gloucester Green bus station small scale improvements
	10. RTI upgrades and improvements 2025/26 programme
Vehicle improvements	11. Vehicle Improvement Fund

Vehicle Improvement Fund



- Provision of a Vehicle Improvement Fund that operators can apply for a funding contribution towards vehicle improvements that will either improve the passenger experience or contribute towards decarbonisation of the bus network.
- For example new vehicles, retrofits, installing or upgrading on board technology such as tap on/tap off readers.

Next steps for 2025/26 proposals

- Take to OBEP Board
- Take to County Council's CMD (27 March 2025)
- Publish delivery plan online and send to DfT by 31 March 2025
- Commence delivery of schemes from 1 April 2025
- BSIP and EP documents to be updated during the year to reflect the latest positions





Thank you

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