

# Getting around by bus

Travelling by public transport, whether for work or leisure, helps to reduce traffic and is better for both the environment and your pocket.

## Free birthday month bus travel is back

Travel on the bus for free during the whole month of your birthday when the popular Birthday Bus scheme returns.

If you're under 21 at the time of applying, you'll also receive two free months this time.

The scheme is a joint initiative between North Somerset Council and the West of England Combined Authority.

In its successful first year, more than 72,000 people applied for a birthday pass, more than 1.1 million journeys were made, and nearly 6,800 trips were recorded on the busiest day.

For more information on the Birthday Bus visit [www.birthdaybus.co.uk](http://www.birthdaybus.co.uk)



Find the latest timetable information for all services in North Somerset at [www.travelwest.info](http://www.travelwest.info)

## Reflections made on travel programme

Time has been taken this year to review and reflect on the bus infrastructure projects planned for North Somerset.

North Somerset Council decided to pause and review the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) in April to consider changes put forward and ensure public engagement is prioritised before any decisions are made.

Since then, the only new BSIP project being carried out has been at the A370 Wood Hill junction in Congresbury.

The council also requested to the Department for Transport that the BSIP programme be extended until March 2026.

This was agreed so now there is more time to continue engagement and roll out the programme over a longer timeframe.

Changes agreed include:

- reducing the scope of proposals for several schemes: Martcombe Road near junction 19 of the M5, Southern Way in Clevedon, and Rownham Hill near Bristol
- removing the Portbury Hundred proposal completely
- monitoring completed schemes to understand any lessons learned
- developing a bus lanes policy to clarify restrictions, working towards a default position of allowing motorcycles to use these unless a particular local issue prevents it
- continuing to develop and improve how stakeholders and the wider community are communicated with
- engagement with local communities will take place on the refreshed designs of the remaining schemes as they develop
- Stay up-to-date at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/bsip](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/bsip)



BSIP is a joint initiative between North Somerset Council, the West of England Combined Authority, the Department for Transport and bus operators. The funding must be used for this specific project and can't be used for other council services.



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### Bay Service Direction

<b>A</b>	<b>megabus.com</b> <b>national express</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>20</b> Burnham-on-Sea
<b>C</b>	<b>X1</b> Bristol
<b>D</b>	<b>1</b> Weston-super-Mare
	<b>X5</b> Portishead
<b>E</b>	<b>7</b> Locking Parklands
<b>F</b>	<b>9</b> West Wick
	<b>126</b> Weston-super-Mare
	<b>A3</b> Bristol Airport

**WESTlink**

<b>G</b>	<b>X1</b>	Searle Crescent ASDA
<b>H</b>	<b>7</b>	Worle
<b>I</b>	<b>6</b>	Worle
	<b>A3</b>	Weston-super-Mare
<b>J</b>	<b>1</b>	Sand Bay
<b>K</b>	<b>5</b>	South Road
	<b>125</b>	Wrighton
	<b>126</b>	Wells



Terminus point

Weston Fare Zone Boundary

Boundary stop between Weston Fare Zone and West of England Fare Zone

Bus runs in the direction of arrow

- 1** Weston-super-Mare to Sand Bay via Kewstoke
- 5** Weston-super-Mare to South Road
- 6** Weston-super-Mare to Worle
- 7** Worle to Locking via Weston-super-Mare and Weston General Hospital
- 9** Weston-super-Mare to West Wick via Worlebury
- 20** Weston-super-Mare to Burnham-on-Sea via Weston General Hospital
- 125** Weston-super-Mare to Wrighton
- 126** Weston-super-Mare to Wells via Weston General Hospital
- A3** Weston-super-Mare to Bristol Airport via Worle and Congresbury (Special Fares Apply)
- X1** Weston-super-Mare to Bristol via Worle and Congresbury
- X5** Weston-super-Mare to Portishead via Worle and Congresbury

# Futureproofing public transport and easing congestion



**Investment in the area's public transport network will ensure that North Somerset remains accessible and well-connected for all road users in the coming years.**

According to the Office for National Statistics, North Somerset's population is projected to grow at a rate above the national average.

This growth means it's vital to develop local infrastructure that can support demand.

Creating better connections and opportunities for travelling by bus through the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) will help to reduce traffic, as buses carry a large number of passengers within existing road space.

For example, between 3,000 and 3,600 people are carried on the X1 service each day, on 110 buses.

These buses carry about a quarter of all journeys along the Long Ashton Bypass, though buses represent just one per cent of the traffic.

Meanwhile, about 22,000 people travel on the A38 each day, with between 15 and 22 per cent transported on around 200 buses.

The BSIP programme includes:

- financially supporting some bus services and increasing frequency
- supporting more affordable fares, free travel days and offers
- free bus travel for care leavers
- upgraded bus stops and shelters
- new transport hubs offering facilities such as secure cycle parking, local information displays and electric charging points
- new cycling and pedestrian crossings
- dedicated traffic signal phasing and bus lanes to help people move more efficiently in key North Somerset locations, especially on the A369, A38 and A370.

For the latest updates on our bus infrastructure schemes, visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/bsip](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/bsip)



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