



Media Release

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BUS NETWORK CHANGES SOON TO START

The NSW Government is delivering 300 new buses for commuters.

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Minister for Transport David Campbell said today the reviewed bus network for Region 7 would come into effect from Sunday, 11 October 2009, coinciding with the 2009 CityRail timetable.

Region 7 covers bus services in Lane Cove, Epping, Eastwood, Ryde, Carlingford, Macquarie Park and Parramatta.

Mr Campbell said the community would benefit with more direct services, simpler route numbering, improved integration of rail and bus connections, extra weekend evening services and additional wheelchair accessible services.

“State Transit went to the public with 28 proposed changes to bus routes in this region and it was pleasing to see that over 2,000 submissions were received,” Mr Campbell said.

“The majority of that feedback focused on nine of the proposed changes.

“We have listened to the public and of those nine proposals, three have been withdrawn and the other six have been amended, in line with feedback from residents.”

Mr Campbell said benefits of the new network include:

- Simplified route numbering for services along the Epping Road/ Lane Cove Tunnel/ Gore Hill Freeway corridor
- Simplified route numbering for Lane Cove services
- Consistent route numbering for services that run along the Gore Hill Freeway and for services that use the Pacific Highway
- Improved connections between bus and rail such as at West Ryde Station
- Additional weekend evening services to Lane Cove, Macquarie Park and Marsfield
- Introduction of a faster Sydney CBD peak service from Marsfield on the Route 293 through the introduction of PrePay-only ticketing and routing via the Lane Cove Tunnel
- Straightening of services adjacent to Victoria Road and through Eastwood and North Ryde to give the routes more consistency and provide travel time savings to passengers
- More direct services on some routes
- Additional wheelchair-accessible services on most routes.

Mr Campbell said the upgrade of the bus network would see minor changes to the routes of some school special services. He said schools will be advised of any changes to school special routes.

“The new bus network map for Region 7, detailing routes, is available online at www.sydneybuses.info and will be distributed to over 235,000 households from 14 September 2009.”

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