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Media Release Passengers make a B-line for extra bus services in Sydney's north

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Bus timetables are changing on the Northern Beaches and North Shore from Sunday March 31, to give passengers more frequent access to the city.

An additional 146 B-Line services will be added throughout the week to meet an increase in customer demand, reduce overcrowding on buses and improve reliability of the service.

Extra buses will also run during weekday peaks on other popular routes including the 150X, 165X, 170X and 174X, as well as the 270, 271 and 274 on weekday mornings.

These changes and added services come off the back of community feedback and are based on current patronage data.

There are also several new school services, including:

- a new route between Gordon Station and St Ives High School
- a new route replacing the 589 trip from Turramurra High School
- an altered route to service Lindfield Learning Village
- additional weekday peak trips on the 230 to support school traffic

Passengers are advised to check Transportnsw.info and the planning apps to check the new timetable for their services in the area.

A map of the new region 8 route is available <u>here</u>. The region 14 link is available <u>here</u>.

Quotes attributable to Transport Minister Jo Haylen MP:

"Our Bus Taskforce has been travelling the state and listening to what passengers want, and we're taking action."

"Buses, heading into the city, have been overcrowded at peak times, so we've added an extra 146 B-Line services a week, which means even more passengers will be able to use the popular service."

"This part of the world is heavily reliant on bus services and these new changes will help ease frustration during those busy times and also give school students more options to make it to class on time."

"I'm also really pleased that Transport has a renewed focus on delivering additional bus services that will help students get to school.

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Quotes attributable to Member for Wakehurst Michael Regan MP:

"We need more services to the city, so people spend less time waiting on the side of the road. You said that, and I agree.

"I am so pleased to see the community's calls, and my consistent advocacy on their behalf, responded to with this announcement of increased bus services on key routes.

"There is more to do to get bus services up to scratch but this is an important step in the right direction. The Minister has assured me personally it continues to be a priority for her and the NSW Government. I will make sure it stays that way."

Quotes attributable to Transport for NSW Coordinator-General Howard Collins:

"These changes and updated journey times will better reflect what public transport users in both those communities need.

"The morning and afternoon rush has been challenging, with overcrowding and not enough services. This new timetable is all about making transport more reliable and accessible during those peak periods.

"We've also looked at the routes that aren't widely used and are making temporary reductions to those, which will significantly reduce unplanned cancellations because of driver shortages."

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