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Ten new showcase bus corridors coming soon!

The ten new showcase bus corridors, which cover Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, are nearing completion.

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Work started back in 2008 to develop ten bus corridors, known as the Greater Bristol Bus Network. These corridors have enhanced bus priority measures including bus lanes, new traffic signals which change green when the bus approaches, improved bus shelters and real time information which tells you when the bus is due.

The scheme is funded by the Department for Transport, local developers, First, and the four local authorities.

The work is being done by the four local authorities, Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils and First.

The map below gives an overview of the ten corridors:

Key benefits for the showcase corridors:

Improved service and reliability

Bus lanes, intelligent traffic lights that change when the bus approaches and better junction layouts all combine to improve the speed of buses in congested areas giving greater reliability in journey times.

New low floor low emission buses

First have invested in 120 buses which are low carbon emitting, have low floors to allow wheelchairs and buggies to get on with ease and new seating to provide a more comfortable ride for all.

Improved bus stops

Over 900 bus stops have been enhanced as part of the scheme with improved lighting, new

shelters with better seating and bus timetable displays.

Real time information

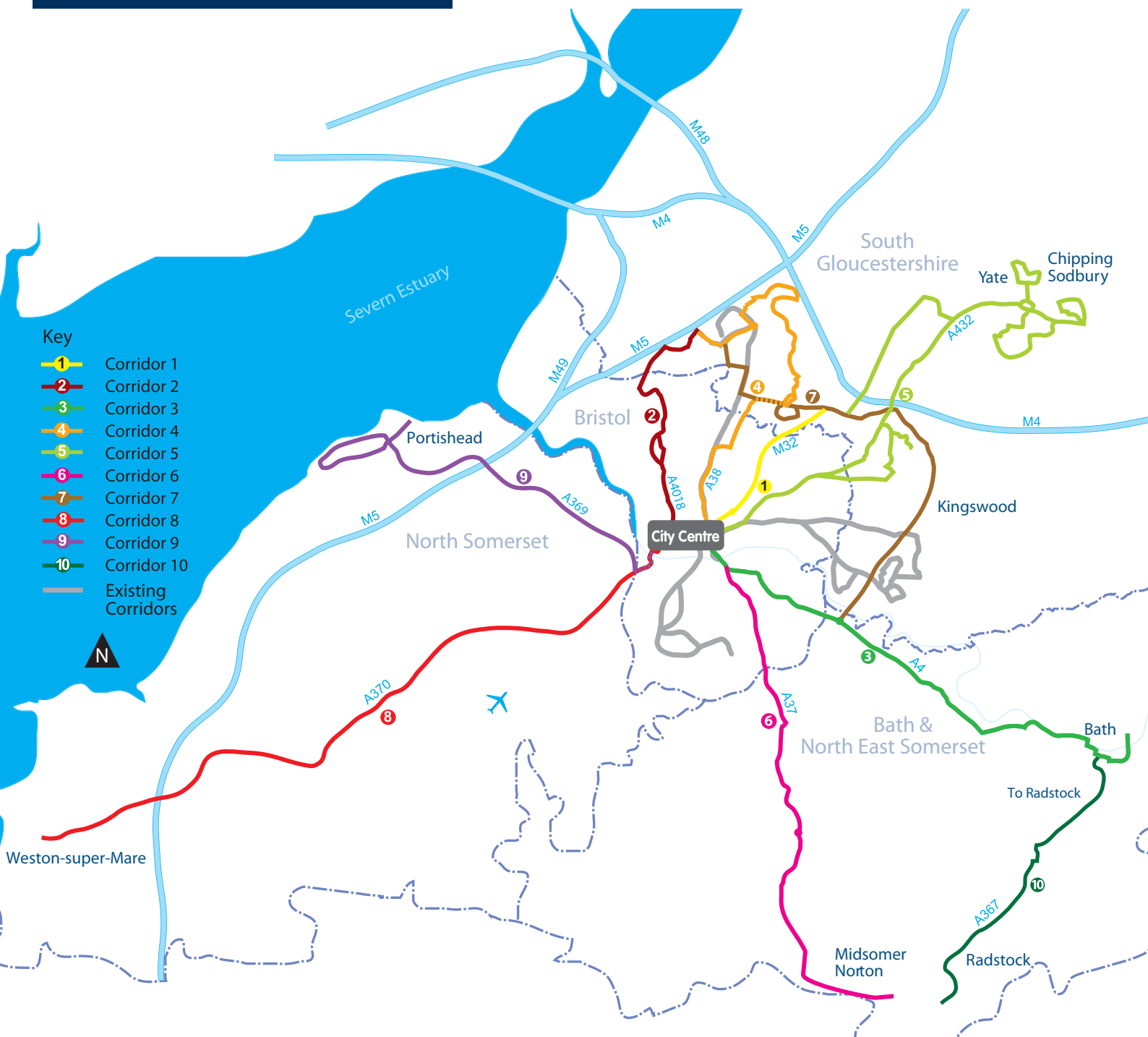
Real time information uses satellite technology to tell you exactly what time the next bus is due. This is linked to SMS text and a website so you can see the times before you arrive at the bus stop.

Improved accessibility

Raised kerbs at bus stops and new low floor buses provide greater accessibility for all.

Over 70 bus services will benefit from these improvements

All bus operators who use these corridors will benefit from the bus priority measures giving greater reliability to over 70 bus services.



Bus improvement measures to date

To date over 20 bus improvement schemes have been completed. The list below shows some of the highlights:

Corridor 1

M32/Newfoundland Way

The bus lane on the M32/Newfoundland Way is now complete and the corridor is fully operational.

Corridor 2

A4018 from Cribbs Causeway to Bristol City Centre via Henbury and Westbury

One new bus lane has been completed along Lysander Road near Cribbs Causeway and work has started on one additional southbound bus lane, due to complete in Spring 2011

Consultation for bus priority measures on Whiteladies Road/Westbury Road in Bristol is running until 12 November 2010.

Corridor 3 A4 from Bath to Bristol via Keynsham

The Hicks Gate junction on the A4 has been improved to give buses additional priority and also to improve safety and tackle congestion.

At Brislington Hill the local surroundings have been improved with new paving, parking bays and landscaping.

Corridor 4

From Cribbs Causeway to Bristol via Bradley Stoke, Parkway Station and Horfield

Near Sainsbury's in Filton on Great Stoke Way work to widen the road for a new bus lane is due to be completed soon. At Aztec West work on the A38 approaching from Bristol to widen the road for an additional bus lane and improved cycling facilities is nearly complete.

Corridor 5 A432 Yate and Chipping Sodbury into Bristol

Construction is due to start this Autumn on the A432 Stapleton Road/Fishponds Road which includes upgrades to traffic lights, cycle lanes and improved bus shelters.

Corridor 6 A37 from Midsomer Norton to Bristol

On the A37 Wells Road junction with St John's Lane, traffic signals have

been upgraded to include bus priority equipment and improvements to the pedestrian crossing facilities.

Corridor 7

A4174 Ring Road from Emersons Green to Cribbs Causeway via UWE, Abbey Wood and Filton

Work has started on installing two Priority Vehicle lanes (for buses, car sharers, taxis and heavy goods vehicles) on A4174, Coldharbour Lane to M32. In January 2011 work will start on a new northbound bus lane at Coldharbour Lane.

The Abbey Wood roundabout has been expanded to increase capacity for general traffic. In addition special traffic signals have been installed to detect the buses and provide priority for them.

Corridor 8

A370 Weston-super-Mare to Bristol City Centre

A peak hour bus lane has been installed on the westbound approach to junction 21 of the M5 on the A370 to help avoid queues and delays. A new east bound cycleway is also completed.

Also on the A370 the road has been re-marked for a bus lane giving priority to buses, cyclists and taxis. The existing 30mph speed limit is also extended throughout Congresbury, an off-carriageway cycle track for north-bound cyclists and a 'puffin' crossing improves pedestrian access in the area.

Corridor 9

A369 Portishead to Bristol City Centre

The signal junction at Beggar Bush Lane has been upgraded so the lights turn green when a bus approaches.

Corridor 10

A367 Bath to Radstock and Midsomer Norton

On the A367 Wells Way the road has been widened for new bus lanes on both north and south sides of the road and there is a proposal to upgrade the traffic signals in the future to give greater priority to buses.



Real Time Information coming soon!

Real Time information removes the uncertainty when waiting at the bus stop, or preparing to leave for the bus stop, by providing accurate information about the arrival of services.

Buses are tracked using satellites to pinpoint their location and it is then calculated how long each bus will take to arrive at your stop.

More than 300 shelters are to be installed with real time displays at the bus stops over the next few months across the ten showcase corridors. The information will also be available via the internet and SMS text, so you can check out the time of the next bus before you leave.

Keeping up to date and in touch

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New buses

First have invested £20m in 120 brand new buses which are in operation across the network including:

Service 1 (corridors 2 & 3) Cribbs Causeway to Broomhill via Henbury and Bristol City Centre

Service 41 (corridor 2) Bitton to Avonmouth via Cadbury Heath, Kingswood and Bristol

Service 48 (corridor 5) Emersons Green to Bristol via Downend and Fishponds

Service 49 (corridor 5) Emersons Green to Bristol via Staple Hill and Fishponds

Service 54 & 54 A (corridor 2 & 6) Cribbs Causeway to Stockwood via Southmead, Bristol, Temple Meads and Knowle

Service 73 & 73B (corridor 4&7) Cribbs Causeway to Bristol via Bradley Stoke

Service 376 (corridor 6) Bristol to Street via Clutton, Farrington Gurney, Wells, Glastonbury



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