

Transport and Parking



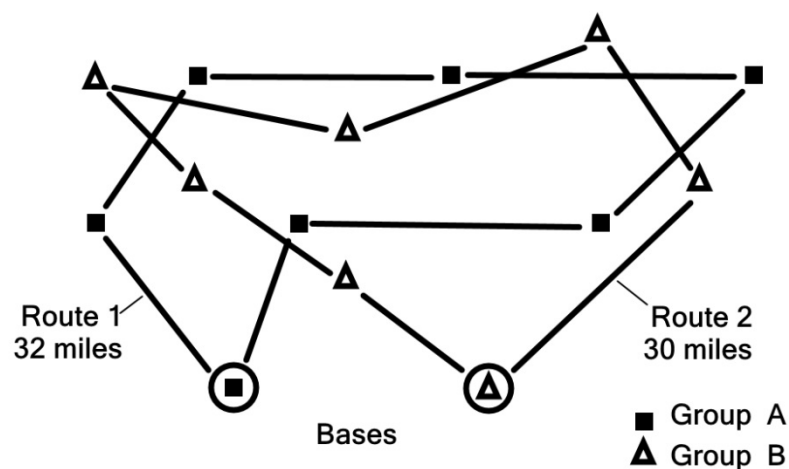
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Getting from A to B Strategic Review

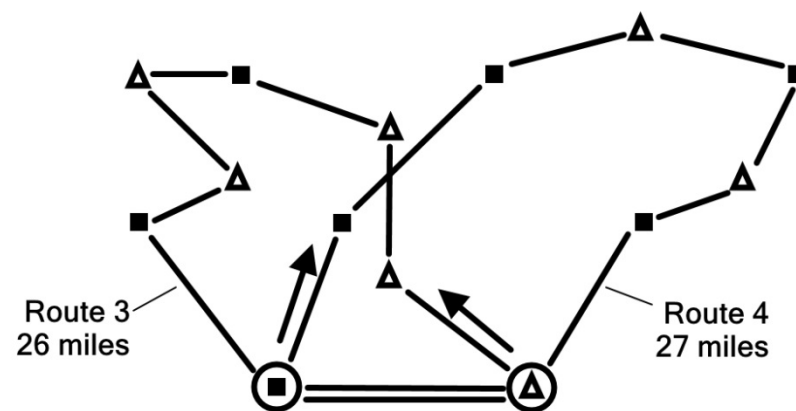
- Programme looks at options for moving people differently – high level of innovation
- Focusses on individuals to ensure best possible solutions
- Empowerment for communities

Total Transport in practice

Separate Scheduling



Joint Scheduling



**Co-ordination saved 9 miles
(15%).**

Review - Community transport

- Key to protecting transport for vulnerable groups and;
- Need to make them sustainable
- Need to update the ways of working and link with wider network
- Pilot scheme proposal with Cllr Brian Simmons and Keynsham Dial A Ride
- Links with Transport Strategies for Chew Valley and Somer Valley



Bus routes - Key points

- Bus routes in B&NES are all run by commercial operators who we have no control over – and they are responsible to their shareholders
- 85% of these routes are completely commercial.
- Available support goes to fund the routes (or parts of routes) viewed as uncommercial, or socially or strategically necessary - comprising of less than 40 contracts
- Areas for support can only be assessed after the operators confirm their plans to us - which can be very short notice
- Operators are also open to receiving support directly from other bodies such as Parish and or District Councils
- We are also being careful to retain support where possible for daytime services providing a good number of people with access to health services, education and employment opportunities.

Service changes made

- Around 60 service changes made on 4 September by commercial operators in reaction to needs of shareholders and business – much larger than any previous change date
- Operators state the changes were all designed to make services on balance more attractive and as such more sustainable in the long term
- In some cases we have stepped in with temporary support in order to give time for a sustainable solution to be found – For example:
 - **38:** As a response to First withdrawing the evening and Sunday services on the 38 we have negotiated with Bath Bus Company to extend their 7.30pm and 8.30pm journeys from Bath to Keynsham Church around South Keynsham. This has given First time to come forward with a new 38A evening service which we hope will prove sustainable solutions
 - **379:** First's new 178 (Bristol - Radstock) is currently not as fast as the 379 it replaces – in the peak it's some 15 minutes slower. We have therefore agreed to temporarily fund two fast morning peak journeys arriving into Bristol at 8.15am and 10.15am and one fast return journey leaving Bristol at 4.50pm until a more sustainable solution can be found

Consultation

- Operators have no requirement to consult before making their changes – but we have reiterated to them that they should be doing more as it benefits everyone – especially their customers
- Operators state that the changes to the commercial network that are being made are all as a result of a lack of demand for the routes as currently configured, making them uneconomic to run
- Where De Minimis changes to support have been made due to a lack of demand this is only after having undertaken snapshot survey work to establish the number of people travelling and the reasons for their journeys
- **However we are aware that different communities may have different priorities and so we are planning a wider consultation on where to target any available support in future years**

Thank you

Any Questions?