

How long do we have to wait for a bus?

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The long awaited new bus timetable for Galway, with improved routes and more frequent busses is even further away than we thought. When it was originally devised it was due to start operation in 2025 – which has come and gone. Last year’s communications from the NTA indicated a 2027 start date. Local Green Party representative, Niall Murphy, pursued the NTA for more details by getting Roderic O’Gorman TD to submit a Parliamentary Question. The response from the NTA was “The new bus network in Galway city is currently scheduled to commence implementation in 2027/2028, subject to operational readiness and confirmation of funding”.

Niall Murphy commented “So now they are talking about 2028, and it is clear that even then it will be subject to funding. There is a shift away from public transport projects, at a time when the uptake and need for public transport has never been higher. In Dublin they have deferred the DART south-west extension and in Galway we badly need more frequent busses. This will have a terrible knock-on impact on the number of cars on the road. People are simply not being offered a reliable, frequent, bus service.

“The plans for the new timetable and routes are impressive, but they are of no value if we do not actually put the busses on the road.

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