

Transport for Canberra

MORE BUSES MORE OFTEN



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Foreword



Canberra's population is growing quickly, with over 5,000 new residents every year. To avoid ending up gridlocked like Sydney and Melbourne the Labor Government has been providing more public transport options for you, no matter where you live.

In Government, Labor expanded our bus network introducing the Blue and Red Rapid buses and, more recently, the free City Loop service.

But we need to go further. Labor has clear timetable for the rollout of a future Rapid Bus Network, which will include more rapid services, over 100 new jobs, including 80 drivers, 80 new buses, the design of a new Northside depot, and an investment of over \$100 million to give Canberrans a real alternative to driving, avoid gridlock and ensure our integrated public transport system grows with our city.

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The right transport plan now means keeping the city we love, but making it better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Barr". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Barr
ACT Chief Minister

More rapid bus services

Labor will buy 80 new buses, employ 80 additional bus drivers, build a new depot in Canberra's north and deliver seven new Rapid Bus services in our next term in office.

Our track record

Labor introduced the rapid bus network, and we have gradually been extending it to new areas. We know the rapid buses are hugely popular because they are frequent, they run every 15 minutes or better and they go where we know people want to go.

The Blue Rapid carried more than 4 million passengers last year, and the Red Rapid carried more than 1 million passengers. The Liberals opposed the Blue and Red rapids.

The free City Loop, which the Liberals say they will cut, is hugely popular and now carries around 1,400 passengers every week.

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Labor will grow the Rapid Bus Network from two services to nine over the next four years, in addition to stage one of the city-wide light rail network.

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More rapid bus services will follow as we reallocate the 1.2 million bus kilometres that will be freed up by the first stage of the light rail network.

Integrated transport system

Improvements to the Rapid Bus Network are in addition to our plans to deliver light rail, trial electric buses, reform our ticketing system, build more Park and Rides and Bike and Rides, regulate innovative new services like ride sharing and car sharing, smart parking and autonomous vehicles.

