Bus Priority Infrastructure Program

Challenge

The Sydney metropolitan road network is highly congested, which can result in delays and poor reliability for some bus services.

The Bus Priority Infrastructure Program (BPIP) is one of a range of measures that the NSW Government is investing in to better manage congestion on Sydney’s roads.

Buses are a fundamental part of the public transport system. Sydney’s buses provide more than 220 million trips a year across the city.

Buses can be put into service more quickly, more cheaply and to more places than any other type of public transport. They provide a more efficient mode of transport as they can carry more passengers than cars. Improving bus services can encourage public transport use and contribute to reducing the number of individual motorists on our roads.

Response

The BPIP program is working towards modernising and addressing bus pinch points across the Sydney network. BPIP is a 10 year rolling program of targeted initiatives that will invest in bus priority infrastructure in key transport corridors through this program, jointly delivered by Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services.

BPIP is a NSW Government initiative, which aims to address congestion on the Sydney metropolitan road network, primarily by enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of existing roads and traffic systems.
Future Transport

The NSW Government released its roadmap to deliver the state’s future transport network, the Future Transport Strategy 2056, in 2018. BPIP supports this vision by delivering infrastructure that makes bus services faster and more reliable.

Future Transport 2056’s focus is to enable people and goods to move safely, efficiently and reliably around Greater Sydney. BPIP introduces measures to support reduced travel time for bus services and to make them more reliable by prioritising public transport on key corridors.

The Future Transport strategy indicates city shaping transport services would run every five minutes to support the vision of Greater Sydney as a ‘30 minute city’, while city serving transport services would run every 10 minutes.

Objectives

The BPIP program has the following core customer objectives:

1. improve bus travel speeds and bus travel times along key bus corridors
2. improve bus service reliability to contribute to the achievement of 95% on time running of bus services
3. improve road safety by improving bus operation infrastructure
4. support the future growth in bus services along key corridors connecting city and suburban centres

Delivery strategy

BPIP projects help to provide:

1. red bus lanes
2. bus priority at intersections
3. more efficient bus stop placement
4. a more seamless customer experience through improvements to wayfinding signage or accessible ground surface indicators

BPIP Program will continue to deliver these service improvements until 2024.