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National Transport Authority announces Revised Limerick City Bus Network to deliver Enhanced Services

The National Transport Authority is pleased to announce a revised network of bus services in Limerick City with effect from Sunday 16th September 2012.

The revised and simplified network will provide Limerick bus customers with an improved level of service including more frequent services, seven new buses, increased reliability and clearer timetables. The new buses will also be Wi-Fi internet enabled on a free of charge basis.

The Limerick City bus services are provided by Bus Éireann and form part of a network of services operating and funded under a public service contract with the National Transport Authority.

The revisions were developed by the National Transport Authority in conjunction with Bus Éireann following the Authority initiating a review of public transport services in Limerick.

The revised Limerick City network will feature:

- A simplified network
- More frequent services
- More customer-friendly Information Displays
- Routes standardised and new route numbers
- Improved connections to and from the Rail/Bus Station
- Better access to employment areas, industrial estates and residential areas
- Improved access to the Mid-Western Regional Hospital

The National Transport Authority has also funded seven new replacement vehicles for Bus Éireann's Limerick City services allowing passengers to enjoy features such as free Wi-Fi, low floor access and comfort seating.

In the coming months Limerick City bus customers will also benefit from the National Transport Authority's real-time passenger information (RTPI) signs being introduced at 19 of the City's busiest bus stops. The electronic signs will provide bus users with up-to-the-minute information on when the next bus is due at that stop. This is in addition to the National Transport Authority's recently launched online National Journey Planner which is available at TransportforIreland.ie or via smartphone Apps. The Journey Planner allows people to plan their journeys from door-to-door, anywhere in Ireland, using public transport.

"The changes that are being introduced on Sunday will make Limerick's city bus services much more attractive to the customer, being easier to use and understand and will be complemented by developments such as the National Journey Planner and the forthcoming Real Time Passenger Information system. These developments will significantly benefit people living and working in Limerick as well as visitors to the city." said Gerry Murphy, CEO of the National Transport Authority.

For more information including details of all the revised routes, please visit www.buseireann.ie or www.transportforireland.ie

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