

New App shows Real-Time information for Dublin Bus AND Luas AND Irish Rail AND DART AND Bus Éireann – right across Ireland

Only App to integrate **ALL** Real-Time updates for **ALL** of Ireland

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A new national transport App, integrating all real-time arrival information services for Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, DART and Luas in one handy place has today (June 26, 2013) been launched by the National Transport Authority.

The **Real Time Ireland** App can be downloaded free for iPhones, iPads, Android devices and tablets.

Gerry Murphy, CEO of the National Transport Authority said: “The **Real Time Ireland** App makes it easier for people to check when a Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, DART, Train or Luas is due – in one convenient service. And this isn’t a Dublin-only service – it’s nationwide. The National Transport Authority is committed to giving people all across Ireland, easy-to-use, one-stop-shop public transport tools such as this App and our National Journey Planner App. Combining live information services across several transport operators is a complex process. We developed this App in partnership with Dublin City Council; together, we worked closely with transport companies and local authorities, and we would like to thank them all very much for their co-operation”.

Public Transport Minister, Alan Kelly TD, welcomed the development of the App: “Technology can greatly improve the transport experience and the **Real Time Ireland** App is a further demonstration of this. Transport users now have all the real time travel information available in Ireland literally at the touch of a button. As Minister, I have been extremely keen to embrace new technology to improve the transport experience and this App is yet another example of this being done. I commend the National Transport Authority for their work in this regard.”

Integrated real time information for Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and Luas is also available online at www.TransportforIreland.ie , along with a [National Journey Planner](#) to help people plan their personal journeys from door-to-door, anywhere in Ireland, using public transport.

Ireland is one of the few countries in Europe with integrated multi-operator transport information available on a national basis.

Features of the new **Real Time Ireland** App

- The **Real Time Ireland** App allows people to set alerts to inform them when their bus is 10 minutes, or 20 minutes or 30 minutes away from a certain bus stop, so they can plan when to leave their home or work
- The App can inform people when they are approaching a particular bus stop (GPS-dependent)

- The App shows combined transport updates from Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Luas, DART and Irish Rail.

As well as this innovative and integrated App and the www.TransportforIreland.ie website, the National Transport Authority is at the final stages of commissioning on-street Real-Time signage for bus services in Galway, Limerick and Waterford and is continuing to increase the number of signs in the Greater Dublin Area.

The National Transport Authority is developing these integrated information applications to help make it easier for people to use public transport to get around for work, family, leisure or other types of trips.

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Editor Notes

- A publicly-available Automatic Programming Interface (API) for 3rd-party App developers is planned, following an initial testing and feedback period.
- Some regional Bus Éireann services are not yet Real Time enabled; the Authority is working intensively with Bus Éireann on this and all remaining services will be enabled by the end of the year. In these cases the App will show the *scheduled* time .
- A recent independent survey, commissioned by National Transport Authority shows that a 96% accuracy rate for Dublin Bus' Real Time data (services arriving within 60 seconds of 'due' prediction).