Rural Transport Services now included in National Transport Authority’s National Journey Planner

Available now on www.TransportForIreland.ie, and as an App

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The National Transport Authority’s successful Journey Planner (App and website) has been expanded to include all Rural Transport Services.

Launched in July 2012, and with 60,000 downloads to the end of November, the Journey Planner has responded to over 5 million information requests to date and has planned over 1.5 million trips for users.

The Rural Transport Programme provides nationwide community-based public transport in rural Ireland in response to local needs. It is delivered nationally through 35 community-based groups, all of which are either not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee or co-operatives.

The Programme has been running since 2006, and was transferred to the National Transport Authority in April 2012.

Figure 1  Rural Transport Programme Companies, 2011
All of the services offered by the rural transport programme companies are now added to the National Journey Planner, greatly improving information for getting to and from and travelling around remoter areas of the country. The Authority welcomes all feedback and suggestions from members of the public to help improve this valuable service.

This project forms part of the Authority’s work to integrate the rural transport services provided by the RTPs with other public transport services operating in rural areas – an initiative of Alan Kelly, T.D., Minister for Public and Commuter Transport.

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