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I make this submission to the NTA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Consultation on their Revised Bus Networks proposal as a city resident, regular bus user and elected public representative.

I wholly support the provision of an improved, more efficient, reliable, accessible and affordable public bus service for Dublin City.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of consultation would have benefitted from the following:

- Combining public consultation on Bus Connects Network re-design and Bus Connects Core Bus Corridors so that potential bus users could consider the proposals as one
- Information meetings held locally for city residents as opposed to beyond the M50
- More legible brochures on the website, the Pdfs were difficult to read
- Illustration of the bus routes within the inner-city areas on the hardcopy brochures e.g. Ballymun route did not illustrate the bus route from Griffith Avenue into town
- Park & Ride proposals to encourage decreased private car usage
- More affordable fares to encourage increased bus usage

I would ask the NTA to amend the plans to include the following;

- Inclusion of Park & Ride facilities outside the M50
- Free bus fares for school children to decrease congestion and increase bus usage for school children
- Reduced fares for commuters
- Retention of frequent local bus services for Glasnevin, Cabra and the Navan Road residential areas i.e. 15mins at peak hours for current routes 122, 120, 37, 11 & 13. These services are essential for school children, senior citizens and workers to travel independently without being dependent on private vehicles. While the proposed MetroLink, Luas and DART upgrades are great public transport infrastructure for traveling long distances and cross city they do not serve local access for schools, medical visits, post offices, local shopping, and access for local area-based services.
- Provision of direct cross city bus services which do not necessitate changing bus which is very challenging for vulnerable bus users

With thanks,

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