

Transport in Gloucestershire – Looking Ahead

- Bus Service Update -

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Living our values every day




Accountable



Integrity



Empower



Respect



Excellence



Ongoing challenges

- The driver shortage and driver sickness leading to some missing trips.
- Service availability – recent changes by Stagecoach to their network have reduced the availability of some services, particularly in the Stroud area.
- The County Council is not able to reverse or replace these lost services, the cost of a single vehicle and driver for a year is now averaging over £250k, inflation is having a very big impact on cost, with some estimates of inflation in the transport sector close to 20%.



Opportunities and next steps

- Reliability has improved in recent weeks. Trip detection failure is down from 25% (summer 2022 - peak) to around 10%, sometimes lower.
- Passenger numbers are improving compared to 2019, on average 75-80% of the pre-pandemic level.
- In February the Department for Transport extended the Bus Recovery Grant by 3 months (April – June), reducing an immediate risk of further lost bus services. This scheme supports bus operators with funding to cover lost revenue due to the lasting impact of the pandemic on passenger numbers.
- Gloucester has a relatively healthy bus network with no major changes planned for the foreseeable future.

