**18/424: New public transport network**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * The proposed improvements to public transport services will have a generally positive impact for Canberra.
* Key benefits are likely to include:
* in time, increasing public transport patronage and assistance in the management of roads congestion;
* mitigating the environmental impact from the transport sector as a whole as a result of a higher proportion of trips being made by public transport, rather than in private vehicles; and
* encouraging more productive land use Canberra by providing fast, frequent services along key corridors and in centres to support urban renewal.
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*Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue - neutral and Green - Positive.*

**Social**

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| Access to services | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will improve access to a wide range of community and commercial services throughout the city, and particularly improve:
	+ access by public transport to town centres; and
	+ access by public transport to late night and weekend services.
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| Access to social networks and community activities | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will improve access to a wide range of community and social networks, by giving Canberrans more options about how and when to travel by public transport.
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| Impacts of different age groups | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will generally improve access to employment, education and services for younger Canberrans and working age Canberrans.
* Given the substantial nature of changes to the bus network, individual circumstances may differ. The ACT Government offers a range of targeted transport services to members of our community with specific needs.
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| Disability | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will generally improve access to employment, education and services for Canberrans with disability, especially those without access to a private vehicle.
* Given the substantial nature of changes to the bus network, individual circumstances may differ. The ACT Government offers a range of targeted transport services to members of our community with specific needs.
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| Disadvantaged and vulnerable community | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will generally improve access to employment, education, social activities and services disadvantaged and vulnerable Canberrans, especially those without access to a private vehicle.
* Given the substantial nature of changes to the bus network, individual circumstances may differ. The ACT Government offers a range of targeted transport services to members of our community with specific needs.
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**Economic**

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| ACT Government Budget | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will have a small impact on the ACT Government Budget position.
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| Employment | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will generally improve access to employment for Canberrans, and reduce pressure on parking in key employment centres. This is particularly the case for industries that operate outside standard office hours (eg: retail and hospitality).
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| Investment and Economic Growth | * The proposed improvements to public transport services will generally encourage economic growth and investment in the ACT by making Canberra a more attractive place to live, work and invest.
* Key elements of the proposed network will also support specific kinds of investment and industries, particularly by improving public transport access to Canberra Airport and to major tertiary institutions that attract significant numbers of international students to the ACT.
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| Cost of living | * Proposed improvements to public transport services will help to reduce cost of living pressures by giving more Canberrans an option to use public transport, and avoid the cost of running a private vehicle (or multiple private vehicles in a single household).
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**Environmental**

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| Greenhouse Gas Emissions | * Proposed improvements to public transport services will support reductions in carbon emissions by encouraging more Canberrans to use public transport instead of driving.
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