



# NEW BUS NETWORK WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

## WODEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING – 4 JULY 2018

### PHASE TWO CONSULTATION

The new bus network has been designed to meet the needs of our growing city, and ensure Canberra remains one of the most liveable cities in the world.

Phase Two of consultation is being conducted to understand how Transport Canberra can support Canberrans to use the new network, and improve their overall experience when connecting to public transport.

### THE CONVERSATION

Conversations are taking place with the community via a Regional Roadshow, Community Council and stakeholder briefings.

Engagement with the Woden Community Council took place at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4 July.

### WHO ENGAGED

Approximately 60 people were in attendance at the Woden Community Council public meeting on 4 July 2018.

The briefing was presented by Duncan Edghill and Pam Nelson of Transport Canberra.

MLA Caroline LeCouteur was also in attendance.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Phase Two consultation will continue until Sunday 12 August 2018.

#### Key Timings

Phase 2 Consultation Opens (Monday 18 June 2018)

Phase 2 Consultation Closes (Sunday 12 August 2018)

Phase 2 Consultation Feedback (Sept – Oct)

New Bus Network Commences (early 2019)

#### Key insights

- 1 Attendees at the meeting expressed objections to changing buses more often when using the proposed network, especially in cold/bad weather and were also concerned for people with limited mobility.
- 2 Support was provided for the notion of creating skilled public transport users of the future.
- 3 Meeting participants voiced their worry about the safety and wellbeing of students when travelling on the general bus network and interchanging at public bus stations.
- 4 Residents attending the meeting voiced their dissatisfaction over the removal of Xpressos. Questions were raised about whether some Xpresso services could continue to run alongside Rapid Routes for those who may not be able to access a Rapid.
- 5 Several meeting attendees expressed their concern about the new proposed network lengthening their commute to and from work.
- 6 The termination of the Stage 2 light rail was raised for discussion, and in particular how the Blue Rapid will operate after its inception.
- 7 Individual community members had questions or concerns regarding the specific routes of local bus services they use.