



The Bee Network

Delivering transformational change

GMCA

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BEE NETWORK



Transport for
Greater Manchester

Growth in Greater Manchester

- **Greater Manchester is growing faster than the UK economy,** with the city-region the big growth success story outside of the golden triangle of London, Oxford and Cambridge.
- The next decade will be about ensuring all our residents can feel the benefit. **Creating a thriving city region where everyone can live a good life.**
- Core missions to achieve this are focused on supporting people to **live well, education and skills, creating safer communities, housing and better transport.**
- The **Greater Manchester Strategy** will set out the vision with a **10-year Delivery Plan** focused on Growth and Prevention.



We're building the Bee Network


Transport is a major enabler of Greater Manchester's growth – connecting people to more opportunities.

The Bee Network is how we are doing this, making our public transport and active travel network more integrated, affordable and accessible than ever before. We're bringing our network, ticketing and customer information under a **single, trusted brand**.

This is a **huge undertaking**, which will require all GM partners to work closely together to deliver for all of our people and places, but we are on track to deliver:

- **By 5 January 2025** - bus, tram and active travel integrated
- **By March 2025** - multi modal fares and ticketing for bus and tram
- **By 2028** - local rail integrated into the Bee Network



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**So far
we have...**



Delivered on time and on budget



Increased bus use and improved reliability



Invested in new electric buses and new services



Achieved record Metrolink patronage



Hit major milestones on our active travel network



Reduced ticket prices & launched Bee Network app



Called for rail service and infrastructure improvements



Built modern facilities, unlocking development



78%
customer
satisfaction



1m
cycle hire
rides



674K
app
downloads



+5%
patronage growth on bus

80%+
reliability on bus



Wigan Bus Station

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What's next?

Taking full control of our bus network



On time and on budget again



We have the operators



We have the buses and depots



We are engaging



We have the drivers



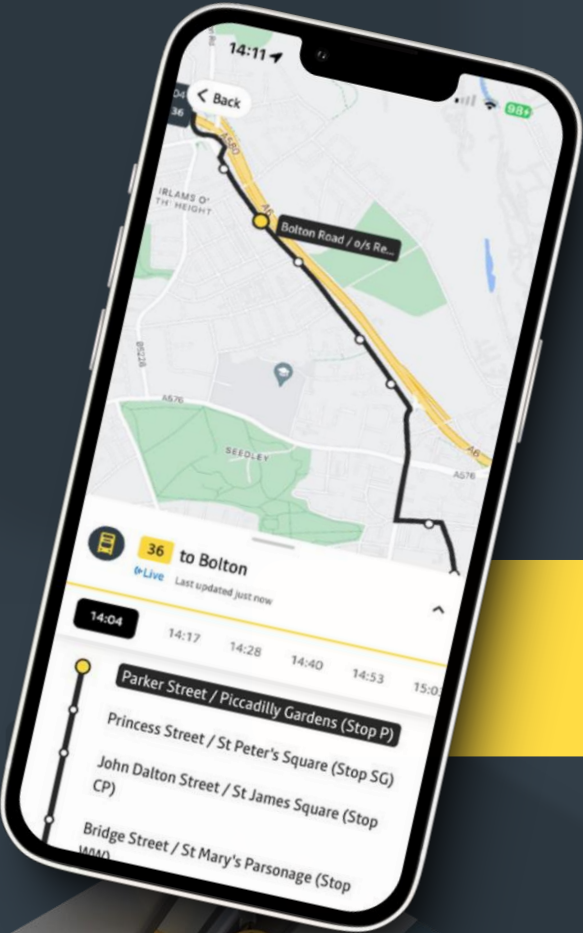
We will be safe



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Post go live support



What to expect...



From 5 January 2025

It's cheaper to travel with the Bee Network

Ticket prices from 5 January 2025.

Ticket	Hopper	1-day Bee Bus	7-day Bee Bus	28-day Bee Bus	Bee Bus annual
Adult price	£2	£5	£20	£80	£800
Child price	£1	£2.50	£10	£40	

As many buses
as you need
within
an hour.

Just £2.

Miles better value with hopper.
Available now.



Spread the cost of your Bee Bus annual ticket through your local credit union*.

Available now.



*Subject to credit union membership and terms and conditions



From 23 March 2025

**Tap in/out
and *save*.**



**Lowest fare. Always.
Coming soon.**



Unlimited
**tap in/out bus
travel. £20.**



**You'll never pay more
than the weekly cost.
Arriving 23 March.**



All-day
bus and tram



**You'll never pay
more. Tap in/out
coming soon**



**Quick and
simple.**



**We'll do the maths
for you. Tap in/out
coming soon.**



Phase 2 of the Bee Network: Rail integration

The next step in the
Bee Network journey.

- ✓ Eight priority rail lines integrated by 2028
- ✓ Full Greater Manchester network by 2030
- ✓ Tap in/out experience across rail, tram and train
- ✓ Old Trafford/Freight



Transforming the rail passenger experience



More frequent services



New rolling stock



More accessible stations



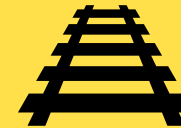
Full integration with the Bee Network



Tap in/out ticketing



Multi-modal fares simplification



New stations at Golborne and Cheadle



Housing and regeneration opportunities at stations



Continually improving bus:

- Safety
- Reliability
- Punctuality
- More new buses
- More night buses
- Customer Information

Investing in active travel:

- Growing cycle hire
- More e-bikes for hire
- More active travel routes
- Considering bikes on trams

Growing and Integrating:

- Management of GM Highways
- Vision Zero
- New & renewed infrastructure
- Local Transport Plan
- Network reviews

How it's being funded

Long term financial impact of COVID and inflation on revenues and costs

Our budget for this year has been balanced by:

- Reserves
- Using capital funding to support service delivery

Budget for next year (2025/26) to face similar challenges

Recently announced £66m Government funding for bus fares and bus services, but will still require Reserves to balance the budget

Pathway to financial stability



Get on Board

- ✓ Delivering a London-style network for the people of Greater Manchester
- ✓ Creating a low-cost, high patronage public transport system
- ✓ Creating new education, skills and employment opportunities in transport for our young people
- ✓ Fostering a sense of pride in the Bee Network
- ✓ Encouraging people to make a change!



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**Thank
You.**