



## One Bus Forum: Vision 2030

### Context

Bus is often overlooked as part of the solution to tackling the Climate Emergency. Yet bus has an important role to play, especially in Scotland: to reduce emissions, improve lives and places - a key part of a vision for net-zero Scotland that includes everyone. The bus industry is critical to Scotland, as a major employer across the country and to our economy - providing 13,500 jobs and worth £684 million to the Scottish Economy (DfT, 2018).

Scotland makes buses, providing the world with leading technology and clean, green buses. It is also home to the headquarters of global bus operators and is well placed to demonstrate to the world how bus can be part of the solution. To the climate emergency, public health, equalities, efficiencies, jobs and economy. For our people and places.

Globally, 27 cities have committed to buying only zero emission buses by 2025. Some nations are investing massively in buses in order to meet ambitions to reduce emissions and achieve modal shift. Bloomberg forecasts that half the world's buses will be electric by 2025. Yet, transport emissions in Scotland have not reduced in 30 years but instead are growing, with air and road traffic being the biggest contributors to the problem. The private car is the largest source of all our emissions in the transport sector, and this is increasing.

Leadership with **decarbonisation** and **modal shift** from private cars to sustainable transport, like buses, is urgently needed. For emission reduction, but also to reduce congestion, improve health and wellbeing, air quality and improve efficiency in across our country, in our towns and cities.

When offered a good quality, affordable, accessible, reliable alternative - people will move from the private car to public transport, such as bus. In using public transport, people are more active in their everyday lives - for example walking to the bus stop. Mental health is improved, through exercise, reduced stress and social interactions.

Bus will be key to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in Scotland by 2045. More urgently, this vision will focus on its contribution to a 75% emission reduction by 2030.

### One Bus Forum

This forum is being convened and engaged in delivering this vision, to respond to the #ClimateEmergency. It will inform planning to ensure that fleet and infrastructure decisions made now contribute to a zero emission, rather than a high carbon, future.

Its outcomes should also inform the Scottish Government's revised Climate Change Plan, UK Climate Change Committee future advice (which has largely overlooked a contribution from

bus to date), Strategic Transport Review Projects 2, National Planning Framework 4, Just Transition and Infrastructure Commission recommendations.

It will seize the opportunity to position Scotland's messaging on bus to a global audience, informing the debate in advance of COP 26, providing leadership when hosting international negotiations in 2020. Scotland showing what is possible - technology, services, ambition and all the co-benefits.

## Participants

The One Bus Forum will comprise of Scotland's bus companies and engage with key existing and new stakeholders, including current and potential customers. The companies confirmed as participating in the vision include (at Jan 28 2020):

Alexander Dennis Ltd, Docherty's Auchterarder, Elizabeth Yule Transport, Eve Coaches, First Bus, Lochs Motor Transport, Lothian, McGills, Moffat & Williamson, Prentice Coaches, Scottish Citylink Coaches Ltd, Shiel Buses, Stagecoach Scotland, West Coast Motors, Whitelaws, Xplore Dundee. Forum secretariat and facilitation provided by Transform Scotland (the alliance for sustainable transport).

## Opportunities

The Forum will set out how buses can help deliver key aims. For example; Clean, efficient connected Scotland. Healthy, vibrant, connected communities, rural and urban, regions and cities. More people active every day due to choosing bus. An inclusive whole transport system for everyone, so that nobody is disadvantaged in a urban or rural location or forced into car ownership. Strong, resilient economy - showcasing leadership in industry. A healthy environment - reduced pollution and congestion, improving spaces especially in cities. Future skills development - investing in developing our engineering skillset.

## Outcomes

The **One Bus Forum** aims to deliver a **Vision for Bus 2030** - with a **pathway**, key **milestones** and **recommendations**. A simple, clear vision that informs national debate.

It will seek to engage with **Scottish Government** strategic plans and processes underway that will inform investment and infrastructure for decades to come, the Climate Change Plan, other policies, plans, programmes and those providing advice to government.

It will seek dialogue with **Local Government** on #ClimateEmergency plans that should include a focus on bus, to enable modal shift and in relation to policies, plans and strategies including strategic transport, housing and work place planning and plans for LEZs. Also, to ensure reduced congestion delivered by bus priority, bus gates, park and rides on the periphery of cities and towns, reduced parking in cities and towns.

As Glasgow hosts COP 26 in November, it will also contribute to a **bold global vision** for bus - across stakeholders and nations including with the UK Committee for Climate Change.

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