

Reading Borough Council Bus Service Improvement Delivery Plan 2025-26

Category of scheme/measure [select from drop down list]	Name of scheme/measure	Additional description of scheme/measure (including intended beneficial outcomes)	Target delivery date
Bus priority infrastructure	Inbound bus lane on the Oracle Roundabout	New inbound bus lane on the Oracle Roundabout Benefits include faster and more reliable journeys on bus routes 5, 6/6a, 11	31/10/2025
Bus priority infrastructure	Inbound bus lane on A4 London Road from Sidmouth Street to London Street	New inbound bus lane on the A4 London Road corridor that links east Reading to the Town Centre. Benefits include faster and more reliable journeys on bus routes 3, Buzz 9, 19a/19b/19c & 21/21a	31/03/2026
Bus priority infrastructure	Oxford Road East & West bus lanes	Remedial works to bus lanes which were implemented in 2024	30/06/2025
Bus priority infrastructure	Inbound bus lane on A4 London Road outside Palmer Park	Remedial works to bus lanes which were implemented in 2024	30/06/2025
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Real time passenger information displays	To complete the delivery programme of new Real Time Information displays across Reading	31/05/2025
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Bus stop enhancements	Continuation of delivery of accessibilty and shelter improvements being made to bus stops, including possible improvements to Town Centre and new bus stop on A33 (reading gate)	31/03/2026
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Improved passenger facilities at MereOak Park and Ride	Improve passenger facilities at MereOak Park and Ride. This will provide a benefit on bus routes 300, 600 & 650 which use this facility	31/03/2026
Bus priority infrastructure	A33 BRT Bus Lane (Phase 5&6)	Continuation of the delivery of South Reading BRT scheme - bus lanes and traffic signal upgrades on the A33 to connect to existing network that has been delivered in phases 1 to 5	30/06/2025
Development of future proposals	Bath Road Bus Lane	To conclude scheme design, ready for future funding bids	30/09/2025
Development of future proposals	Bus Priority Scheme Development - North Reading	Undertake initial feasibility and options appraisal of possible bus priority measures that could be delivered in North Reading	31/03/2026
LTA delivery/admin costs	Legal and administrative support	Funding to support the adminstration of the EP and legal or regulatory matters associated with the scheme operation	31/03/2026
Bus priority infrastructure	Inbound bus lane on A4 London Road outside Palmer Park	NEW: Working in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council to extend and improve the recently implemented bus lane in this area.	31/03/2026
Bus priority infrastructure	Signal upgrades - basingstoke bennet	NEW: Invest in signal upgrades particularly at key junction pinch points or in connecting to existing bus priority infrastructure, providing a complete bus priority corridor	31/03/2026
Bus service support/network development	Continued support and ehancement of 'Buzz' services	Enhance frequency of Council's existing 'Buzz' branded supported network, facilitating growth, towards a commercially sustainable service model. Identify key under-served network corridors and work with operators to develop services not provided by the commercial network Buzz 9 Existing - Mon - Sat services to continue NEW - Introduce hourly evening service to Whitley to complement imminent hourly leopard 3 evening service to Wokingham	Delivered - Ongoing Service support
Bus service support/network development	Continued support and ehancement of 'Buzz' services	Buzz 18 Existing - Mon - Sat services to continue NEW - add a third bus to the service to enhance to 20-30min services	Delivered - Ongoing Service support
Bus service support/network development	Increased frequency of Bronze 11 service	NEW: Extra bus to increase Monday to Friday frequency to 12-15mins to assist residents in new social housing	tbc
Bus service support/network development	Service enhancement to Ruby 10 / 650	NEW: Maintain a Sunday service with dedicated or doubling the 650 from main road	tbc
Bus service support/network development	Enhancement to X40 service to provide evening service	NEW: Providing hourly night services (Friday and Saturday) to complement enhanced 20min service from July 2025	tbc
Simpler/more affordable fares	Park and Ride fares	NEW: Provide Park and Ride fares that are attractive to people, linked to proposed fare reduction schemes and/or reduced parking fees	31/03/2026

Development of future proposals	Develop new bus priority measures, including bus lanes and/or signals	NEW: This funding is allocated for the development of future bus priority measures that could be delivered using future capital funding. This funding is available to other small revenue schemes identified by the EP during the FY.	31/03/2026
Bus service support/network development	"small schemes" or service enhancements proposed by EP members in year.	NEW: This funding is intended for the use on small schemes, such as fare initiatives or service enhancements. The funding will be agreed by EP members in year.	31/03/2026
Bus stops/stations/interchanges	Town Centre Enhancements	NEW: Undertake a Town Centre Area Study to identify improvements that can improve access and reliability of bus services, including by way of traffic restrictions and road space and kerb-side reallocation To develop and enhance the bus stop wayfinding facilities across the town and particularly from key hubs such as Reading Station. This can include interactive displays, that include wayfinding and RTI. To continue to improve waiting facilities around the town centre, improving accessibility and to avoid model conflicts (passengers, pedestrians, vehicles, cycles)	31/03/2026