

Oxford City Public Transport Improvements



Visitors to Oxford are reaping the benefits of a series of improvements carried out around the city centre to support public transport and businesses. The Oxford City Public Transport Improvements Scheme has increased capacity and reduced delays for buses, increased services to the Westgate Centre, improved air quality, and reduced congestion in the city centre by creating additional bus layover space. The scheme also provides additional bus stops, improvements to existing bus stops, trial relocation of a taxi rank and changes to traffic signals. Cyclists and pedestrians will also benefit from increased safety measures and the positive impact the measures will have on air quality.

The projects included:

- changes to, and where appropriate the removal of traffic signals
- changes to pedestrian crossings
- creating a tourist coach stop
- improvements for cyclists
- the digitisation of bus gate enforcement
- additional bus stops and improvements to existing bus stops
- the trial relocation of a taxi rank
- improvements to real time bus passenger information



This is an original Local Growth Funded project, and its completion is highly relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery within Oxford. The completion of such a significant project – that has a positive impact on our business community and indeed infrastructure in Oxford – is excellent news, particularly in a post COVID-19 economy.

Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) secured £1,300,000 of funding for the project via the government's Local Growth Fund – the overall cost of the project was £1,300,000. The project began in 2017 and completed in 2020.

The project has achieved the following outputs:

- Reduction in delays to bus services
- Improved capacity for buses to turn and layover
- Improved public information on bus arrivals / departures
- Improved safety for cyclists
- Improved air quality

And forms part of the Central Oxfordshire Transport Strategy that is being consulted on.

Overall, there has been a marked improvement for customers and a reduction in delays to buses.