

# DEMAND BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT

TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

TO PREVENT POVERTY AND ISOLATION

TO BOOST THE LOCAL ECONOMY

TO TACKLE TOXIC AIR POLLUTION

TO CREATE A PEOPLE-FRIENDLY CITY



GET  
GLASGOW  
MOVING





Transport Bill campaign (Scottish Parliament, October 2018)



Department  
for Transport

## England:

Bus Services Act 2017

Royal assent – 27 April 2017

Commencement – 27 June 2017

Allows for:

- **franchising** (re-regulation)
- **partnerships**  
(‘Enhanced Partnerships’)



TRANSPORT  
SCOTLAND  
CÒMHDHAIL ALBA

## Scotland:

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

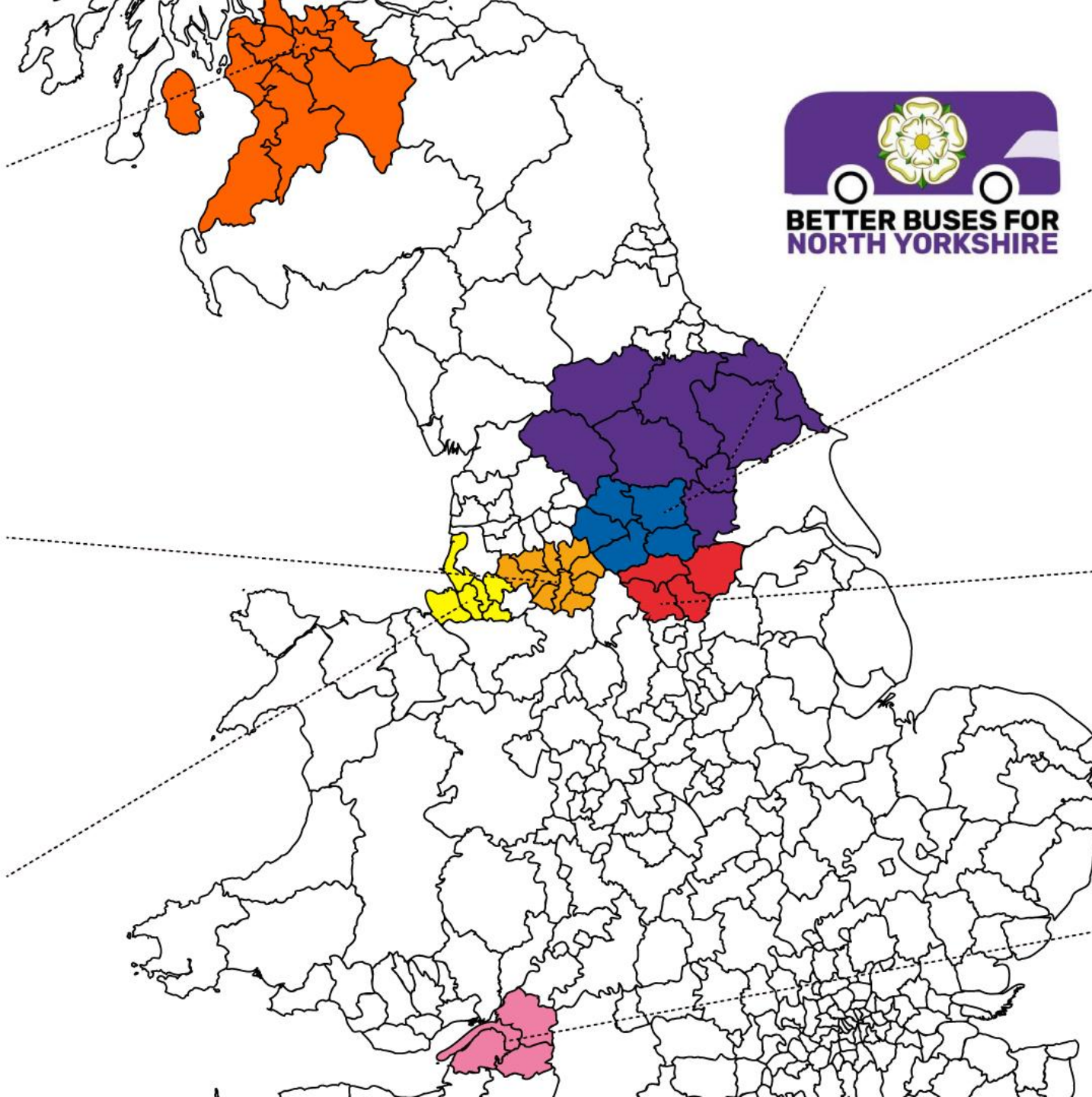
Royal assent – 15 November 2019

Commencement – 4 December 2023

(four years late!)

Allows for:

- **franchising** (re-regulation)
- **partnerships** (‘Bus Service Improvement Partnerships’)
- **local authority run services**  
(publicly-owned buses)



# Buses in Greater Manchester aren't working.



**We need public control.  
Sign the petition, to  
make your buses better.**





Bee Network (phase 1) launched on 24 September 2023



METRO

4900

**We're taking  
back control**

METRO MAYOR  
LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

Steve Rotheram announcement on bus  
'franchising', October 2023



**We're changing  
the way West Yorkshire's  
buses are run**

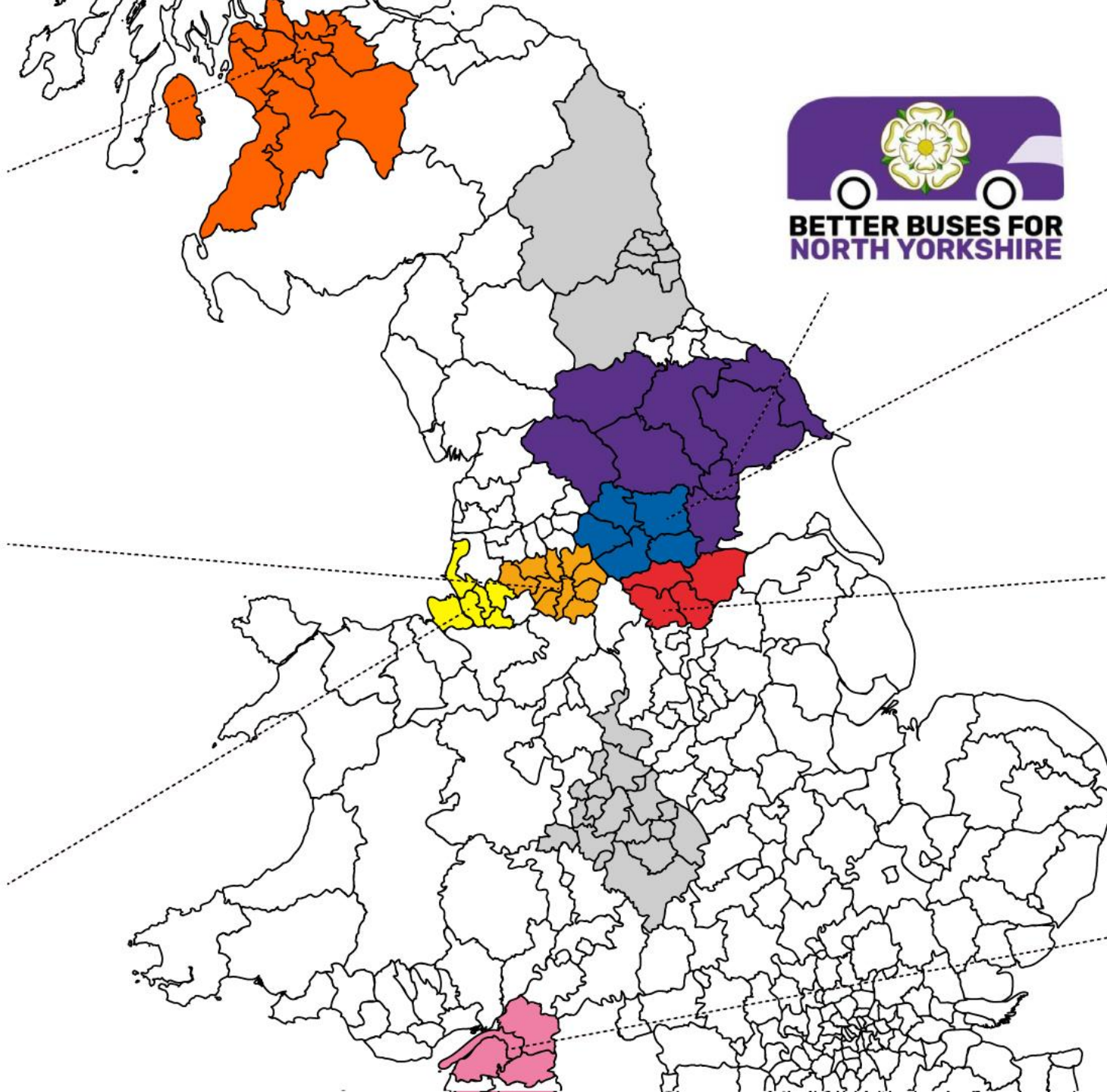
 West Yorkshire  
Combined  
Authority

 Tracy  
Brabin  
Mayor of  
West Yorkshire

Tracy Brabin announcement on bus  
'franchising', March 2024







# WE DESERVE BETTER BUSES

Bus services across Strathclyde are in crisis.

Private bus companies receive millions in public subsidies every year, yet they continue to **cut our vital services** and **hike up fares**.

We've seen a **vicious circle of decline** ever since our buses were deregulated in 1986.

Now finally we have the chance to turn this around.

Strathclyde has a **once-in-a-generation opportunity** to take our buses back into public control.

We need our region's transport authority – **SPT** – to seize the new powers in the Transport Act 2019.

Then SPT can **plan bus routes** to serve our communities' needs and **connect seamlessly** with trains, ferries and Glasgow's Subway.

They can **cut fares** and deliver one simple, affordable ticket across all transport modes.



## TAKE ACTION

If you live in one of the 12 local authorities in Strathclyde, please **sign our petition** and share the link with your friends and family:

[f](https://www.facebook.com/betterbusesuk) [i](https://www.instagram.com/betterbusesuk) [t](https://www.tiktok.com/@betterbusesuk) [y](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) [in](https://www.linkedin.com/company/betterbusesuk) [betterbuses.uk/strathclyde](https://www.betterbuses.uk/strathclyde)



If you're part of an organisation, **contact us** via our petition page to join our coalition:



To: SPT, Strathclyde's 12 Council leaders & Transport Scotland

# Take Strathclyde's Buses back into Public Control



Campaign created by

Better Buses for Strathclyde



Please sign this petition to support the Better Buses for Strathclyde campaign and make sure you tick 'Yes, keep me informed via email' to receive our updates.

**11,023** of 15,000 signatures



Jennie J. signed  
20 hours ago

Andrew B. signed  
a day ago

Helen B. signed  
2 days ago

## Sign the petition

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Email \*

Postcode \*

Country



Strathclyde Partnership  
for Transport

# Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy: A Consultation on the Recommended Options for Improving our Future Bus Network



Tell SPT to scrap BSIPs & fast-track public control - Get Glasgow Moving

## Summary

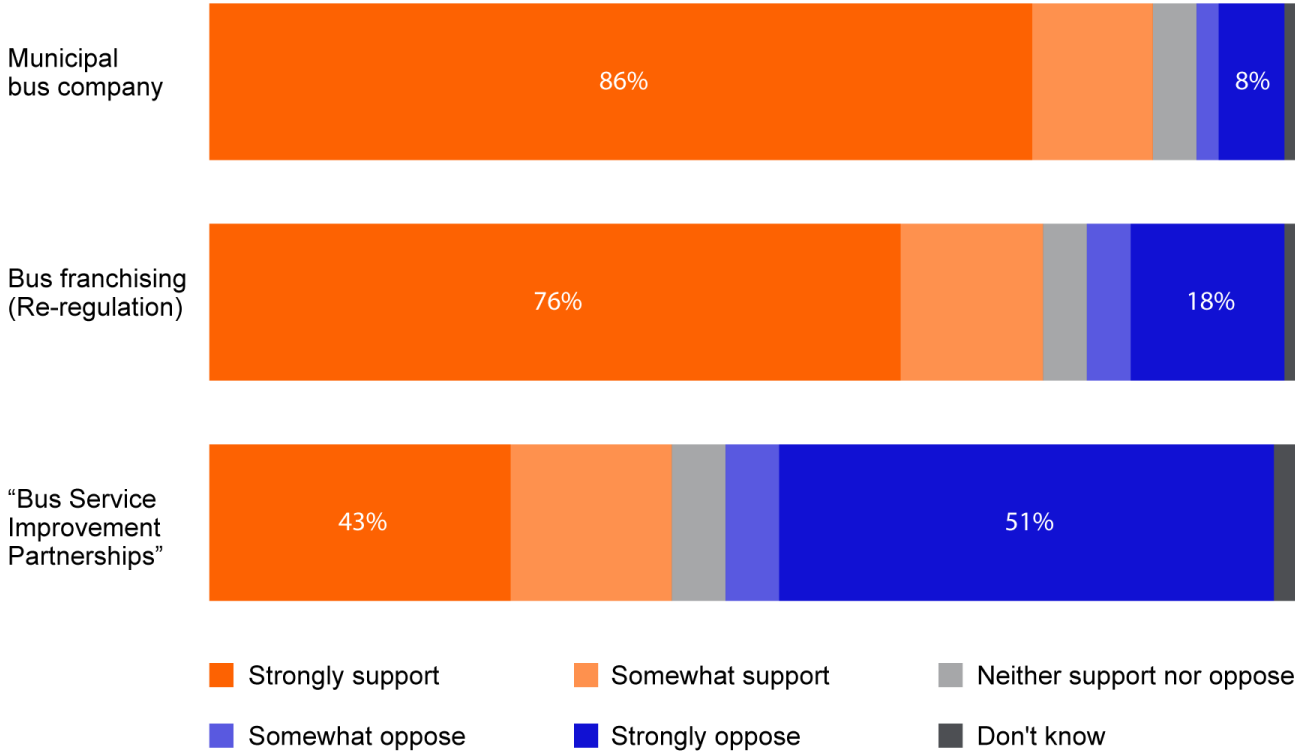
The Community Transport Association (CTA) welcomes the proposals of [Strathclyde Partnership for Transport \(SPT\)](#) to reform and improve local buses in the West of Scotland as part of a new [Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy](#). We agree that it is **time for a new and more ambitious approach, because the status quo has failed.**

The current deregulated, fragmented and **privatised model of delivering bus services does not work for the people and communities of the West of Scotland**, which is a diverse area with a significant economy and large population. In many ways, the need for [the region's extensive Community Transport sector](#), including 5 community-owned bus services, which plugs network gaps and addresses unmet transport needs, is evidence of this failure.



# 86% SUPPORT PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF OUR BUSES

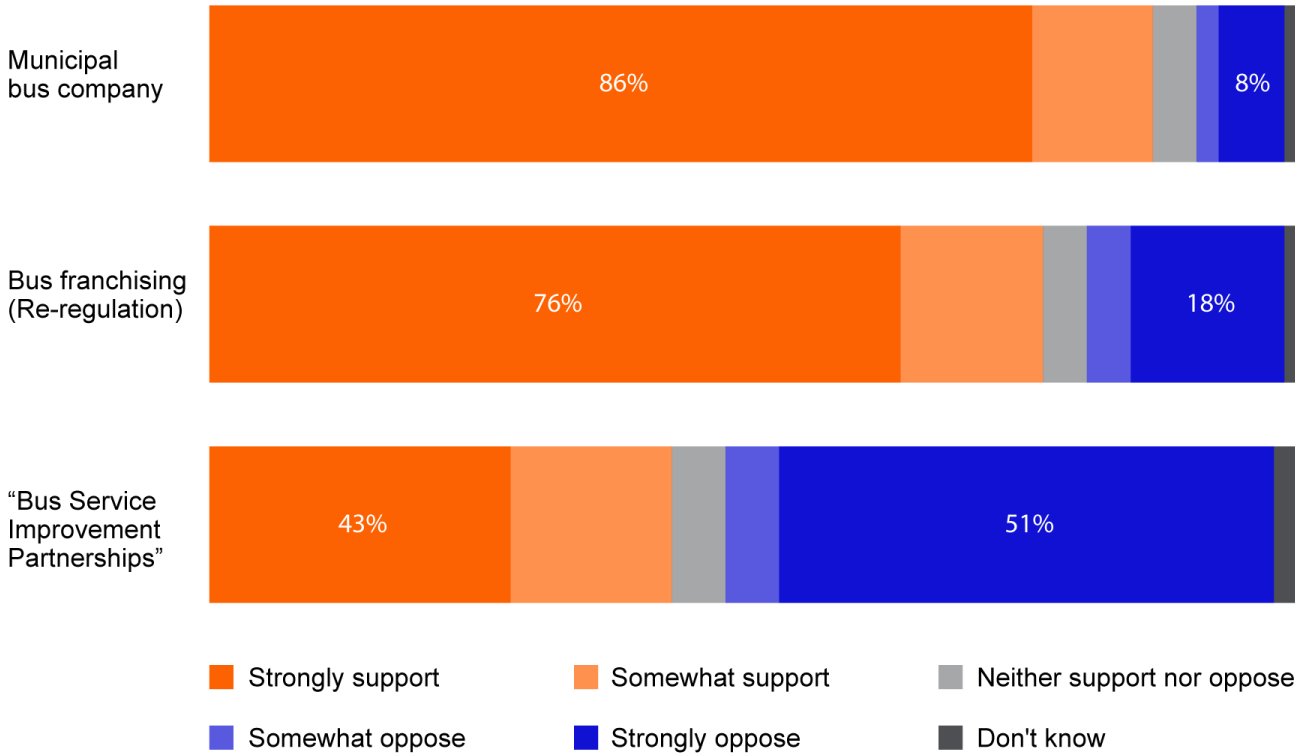
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# 76% SUPPORT RE-REGULATION OF OUR BUSES

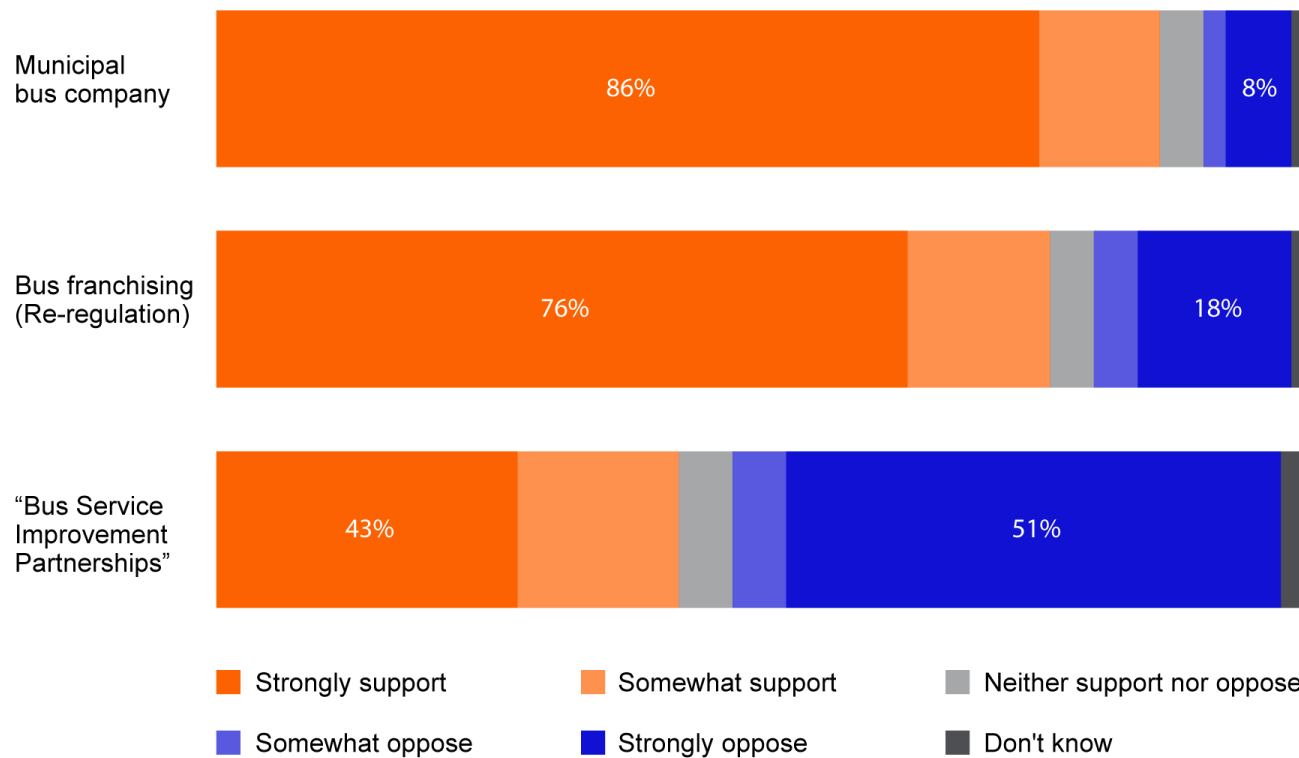
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# 51% OPPOSE "PARTNERSHIPS"

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# What's Next

- We have at least another two year's fighting!
- We need everyone to stay on board & be ready to mobilise
- We need to keep up the pressure across three fronts:





## PE2116: Accelerate the implementation of bus franchising powers

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to improve the process for implementing the bus franchising powers contained in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 by:

- introducing, without delay, the regulations and statutory guidance required to give bus franchising powers full effect
- amending the 2019 Act to remove the requirement for proposed franchising frameworks to be approved by a panel appointed by the traffic commissioner, instead empowering Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) to have the final say on approving proposals
- providing additional funding to help support RTPs in preparing franchising frameworks and assisting them with initial set-up costs once frameworks are approved.

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Ellie Harrison on behalf of Better Buses for Strathclyde

**Considered from**

15 August 2024

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**874** signatures

**This petition is now under consideration**

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**BETTER BUSES FOR  
STRATHCLYDE**



[betterbuses.uk/strathclyde](https://betterbuses.uk/strathclyde)