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# **Overview of Scotland's Bus Services**



# Bus Operators



# Regional Transport Partnerships



## Bus Partnership Fund

- November 2020 £500 million Bus Partnership Fund launched by the Scottish Government to invest in bus priority infrastructure.
- Partnerships created: Northeast Bus Alliance, Highland Bus Partnership, Tayside Bus Alliance, Forth Valley Bus Alliance, Edinburgh Bus Alliance, West Lothian Bus Alliance and Glasgow Bus Partnership.
- Key objective is to improve bus journey times and make services more reliable

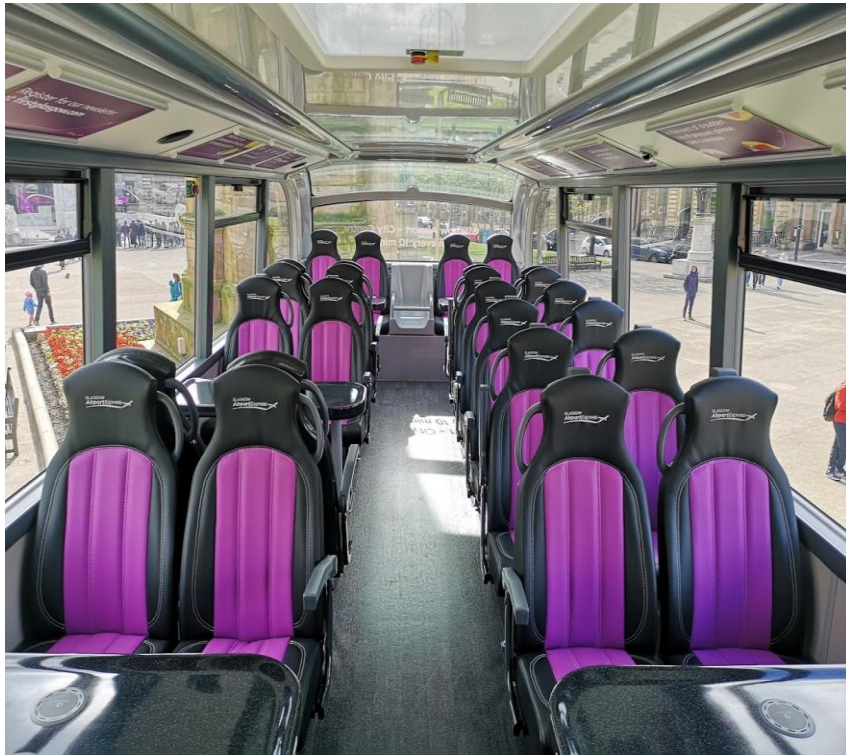


# Getting the basics right





# What bus passengers should expect as the minimum



# Modern/ accessible/ greener vehicles and simple bus information – uniform standard





# Improved accessibility of interurban coaches and real time information standards

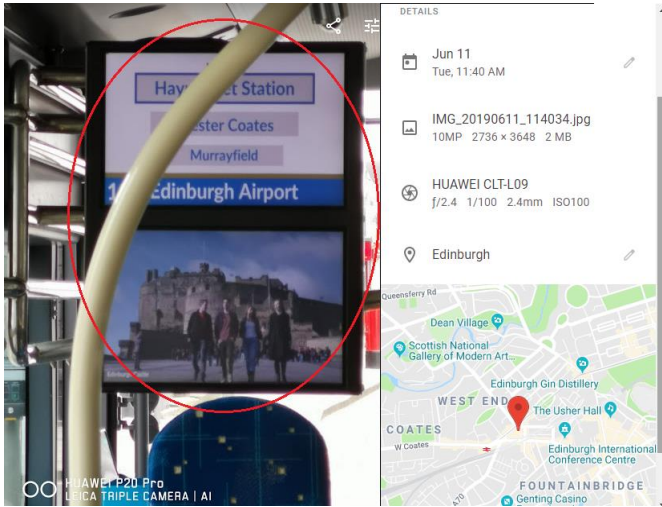




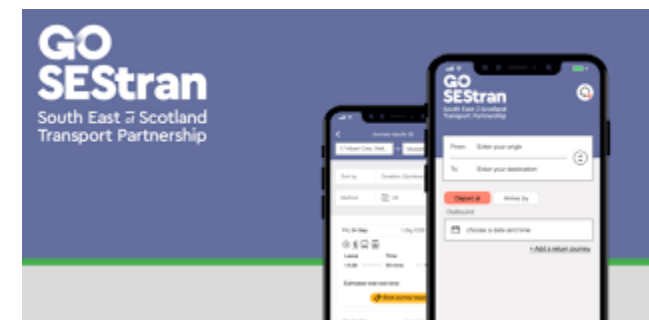
# Investment & Opportunities



# Real time next stop announcements/ Smart ticketing



# Demand Responsive Travel & MAAS





## Summary:

- Scotland is leading the way with innovation and development of bus as a mode of travel; EV investment, smart ticketing, innovation
- Under 22 scheme has continued to grow since its launch and overall, it helps young people to live more independently by removing the cost barrier
- Through improved partnership working, RTP's/ local authorities and bus companies are now working more effectively to deliver solutions to improve the passenger experience. BSIPs
- Government is focused on reducing private vehicle mileage and bus has a significant role to play in this
- SMART/Integrated ticketing will also help stakeholders work towards improving connectivity of modes; car/bus & train.
- UK legislation needs to change to make local bus services a statutory obligation for local authorities with ring fenced funding to secure the future of supported bus services.

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