

Transport for
Greater Manchester

Improving bus connections between Leigh, Salford and Manchester

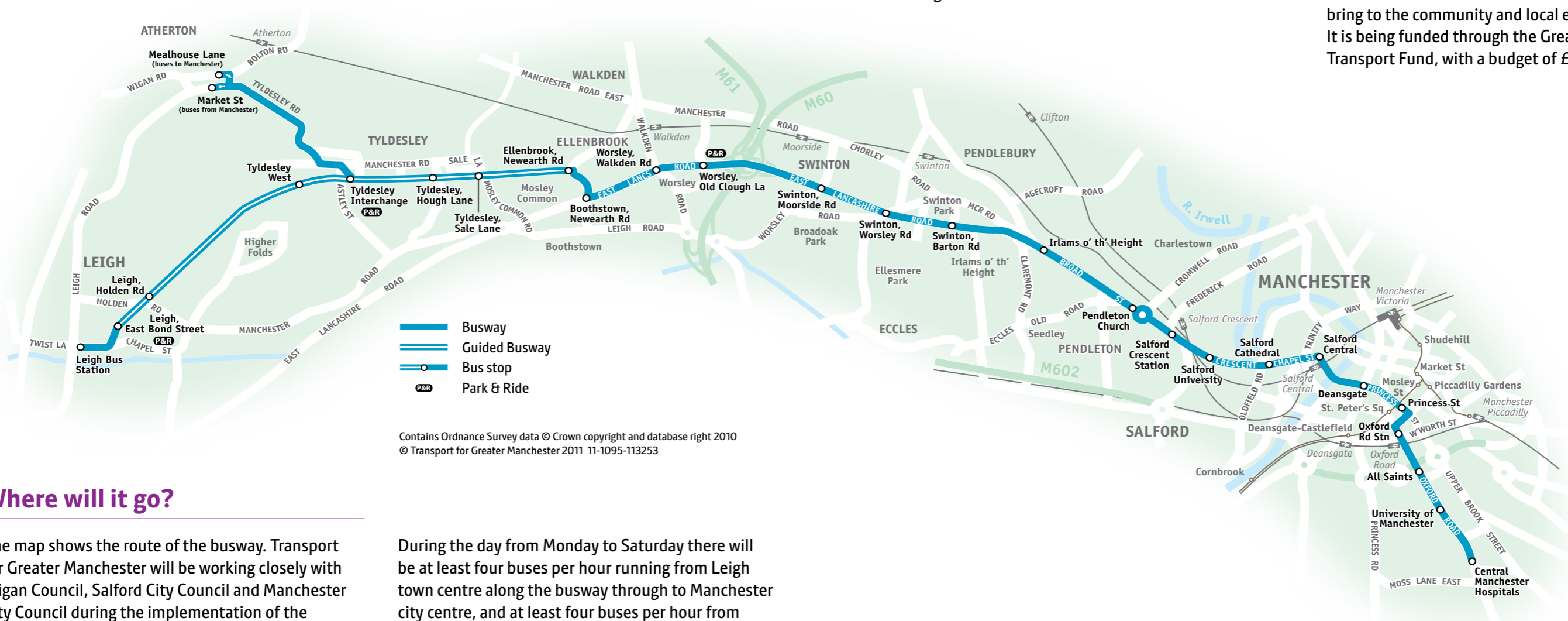
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We're improving the bus route to provide fast, regular transport between Leigh, Tyldesley, Ellenbrook, Salford and Manchester city centre. The busway will improve the frequency and reliability of bus journeys in between all stops along the route, and will ultimately reduce journey times from Leigh to central Manchester to less than 45 minutes.

A 7km stretch of the busway route will be guided from Leigh to Ellenbrook on which only specifically adapted buses will be able to travel, allowing them to avoid busy traffic. On the majority of the remaining 14km route the buses will use dedicated lanes and will have enhanced priority at junctions where they cross existing roads.

Alongside the guided section will be a path for walkers, cyclists and horseriders to use, and park and ride facilities will be available at Leigh, Tyldesley and Worsley. Stops along the guided section will be fully accessible, and will include shelters and CCTV.



Where will it go?

The map shows the route of the busway. Transport for Greater Manchester will be working closely with Wigan Council, Salford City Council and Manchester City Council during the implementation of the scheme, and will consult with the local community on the exact position of the route and stops.

What will it do?

Passengers travelling the full length of the route will enjoy journeys that are quick, frequent, reliable and comfortable.

During the day from Monday to Saturday there will be at least four buses per hour running from Leigh town centre along the busway through to Manchester city centre, and at least four buses per hour from Atherton which will join the guided part of the busway at Tyldesley Interchange. This will mean that from Tyldesley to central Manchester there will be at least eight buses per hour that use this route. All of these services will end at the purpose-built waiting facility at the Central Manchester Hospitals site on Oxford Road. Passengers will be able to enjoy the same frequency and benefits travelling from Manchester towards Leigh, Tyldesley or Atherton along the route. The services will be less frequent in the evenings and on Sundays.

What else?

The busway will improve access to employment, education, and healthcare and is expected to encourage investment along the route. It will support the economy of Greater Manchester by reducing public transport journey times and improving accessibility to the public transport network, and will support the development of Leigh as a commercial and business centre.

Who's building it?

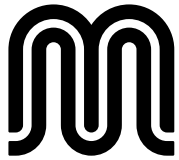
Transport for Greater Manchester is responsible for implementing the busway, and we will appoint a contractor to deliver this on our behalf. This follows the granting of legal powers after a public inquiry. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee have designated the busway a high priority scheme for Greater Manchester because of the benefits it will bring to the community and local economy. It is being funded through the Greater Manchester Transport Fund, with a budget of £68 million.

When will it start?

Initial site works on the guided section of the route began in summer 2010, with more work scheduled for early 2012. Building the guided section will take place during 2013 and 2014, with the busway scheduled to become operational in late 2014.

What happens next?

More work will be starting on the busway's guided section at the beginning of 2012 and we will provide regular updates on our progress. We will ensure that people are contacted in advance if any work is taking place near to their property, for example. We'll be keeping in touch in a number of different ways: through letters and leaflets like this one, through the media, through our website www.tfgm.com/busway and in person.



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How can I find out more?

Transport for Greater Manchester is working with Wigan Council, Salford City Council and Manchester City Council to ensure that all residents, businesses and stakeholders are kept up to date with the development of the busway.

We will be putting more detailed information on our website.

You can also get in touch by :

- Phoning 0300 123 1177
- Emailing busway@tfgm.com
- Writing to:
TfGM Busway
Corporate Communications
FREEPOST RRHE-RKUU-KSJY
Manchester
M1 3BG
- Visiting www.tfgm.com/busway

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