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### **Improved Cross City bus services in Greater Manchester**

TravelWatch North West, (TWNW), the independent passenger champion in North West England, welcomes today's announcement by the Department for Transport promising more reliable and new bus services crossing Manchester and accessing the city centre. ***It is important though that these buses do serve the central business district comprehensively to give maximum encouragement to workers and shoppers to use them.***

The Oxford Road corridor in particular suffers from poor reliability and measures such as bus priority lanes will considerably help the attractiveness of these services, giving a real incentive to people to travel by bus and leave their cars at home. .

Chris Dale, TWNW Chair, said "we have long advocated frequent and reliable cross city bus services which improve access to the city centre and this is a welcome step in the right direction. It is vital that maximum publicity is given to the improvements. We also recommend that the opportunity is taken to ensure that, when travelling, passengers benefit from up to date and clear information at bus stops and on buses about service punctuality and journey details."

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