



# WESTlink Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)



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## Agenda

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- 4. How much will it cost?
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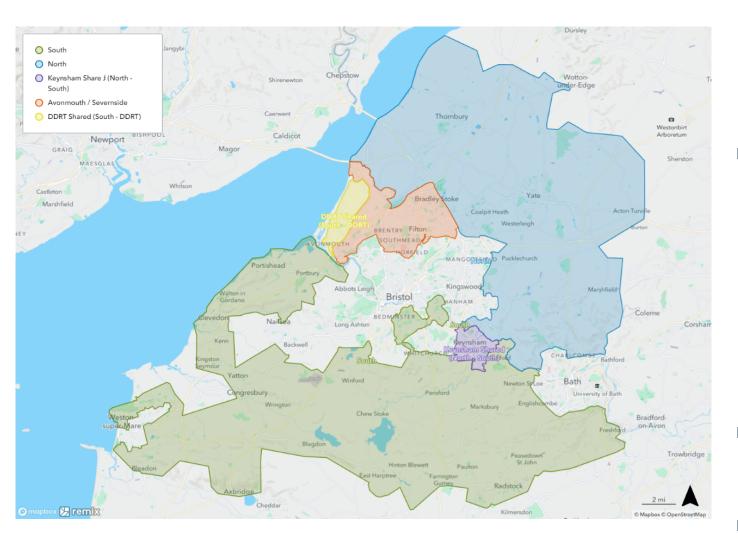






- WESTlink is a demand responsive transport service (DRT)
- Public bus service no fixed route; no fixed timetable
- Travels anywhere within the operating zone
- Not door-to-door but uses bus stops and other designated points
- Can link to existing rail routes and bus services
- Can replace car travel and provide a service where buses are not available
- WESTlink only runs when booked

## Where will it operate?







- 2 zones in the West of England
  - Northern Zone (Blue)
  - Southern Zone (Green)
- Future Transport Zone (FTZ) Pilot (orange)
- Shared Zones (Yellow, Purple)

## How will it operate?



#### How?

- App based journey booking free to download or via website (phone option to call-centre)
- On demand or up to up to 24 hours in advance
- Maximum wait expected for an 'on demand' trip is 60 mins
- Smart technology will match your journey with other customers
- Up to 30 accessible 16-seater mini-buses running across all 3 zones

#### When?

- WESTlink will launch operations on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- North & South zones Monday-Saturday 0700-1900, no Sunday service
- FTZ pilot zone Monday- Saturday 0530-2130, Sunday 0900-1800

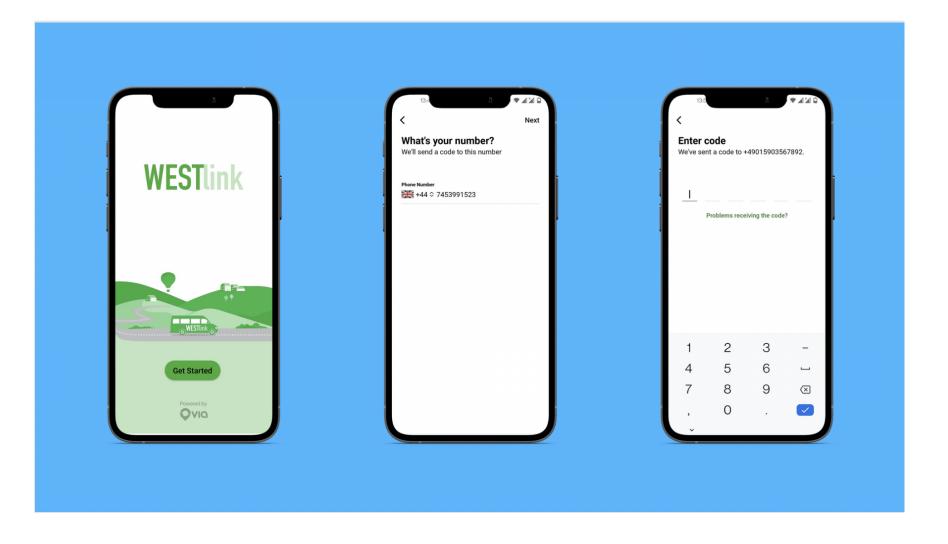
### How much will it cost?



- Single fare for any journey length within an operating zone will be £2 adults, £1 child
- All concessionary and older person's bus passes will be accepted
- Customers, whether booking by app, web or phone, can pay via a credit or debit card attached to their account or elect to pay the driver with cash
- In future we plan to add to the ticket offering with:
  - A day fare
  - Through-ticketing with other operators (standard bus/rail services)

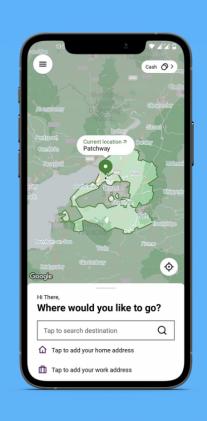
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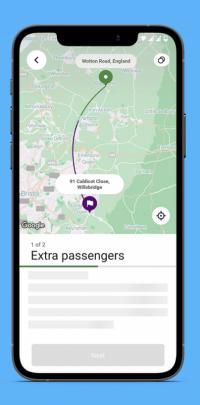


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