

## Traffic Strategy – Start building

Two pillars of measures being proposed to address traffic situation

Main focus is to have real and attractive options to using one's own vehicle.

### Strengthening Alternative Transport

**Public Transport**, based on what users and also residents would want to see to shift their use:

- Buses Frequency must increase
- Revisit the routes – Shorter Routes – Less transitioning
- Demand / Supply - increasing supply (number of buses) which costs money as part of the concession agreement
- How to take buses out of the traffic – Cleaning the route of transport

### **Pertinent Data:**

- 9% of residents currently use the service, 240,000 unique users. Numbers have currently exceeded pre-Covid use.
- Better coordination of Traffic Management to ensure that buses are not held up due to permitting by Local Councils, etc.
- New Bus Stations and more efficient interchanges
- High frequency routes in busy areas under 4 mins and other levels of increased frequency (4-10mins), increasing frequency by 25%
- Bus Lanes, Bus Gates, Technology to make routes quicker
- Visibility in app for users
- Reduce total journey length by 25% - 35%

## Other alternatives

- Network of alternative mobility options (walk, bikes)
- First national cycling policy for the island within this year

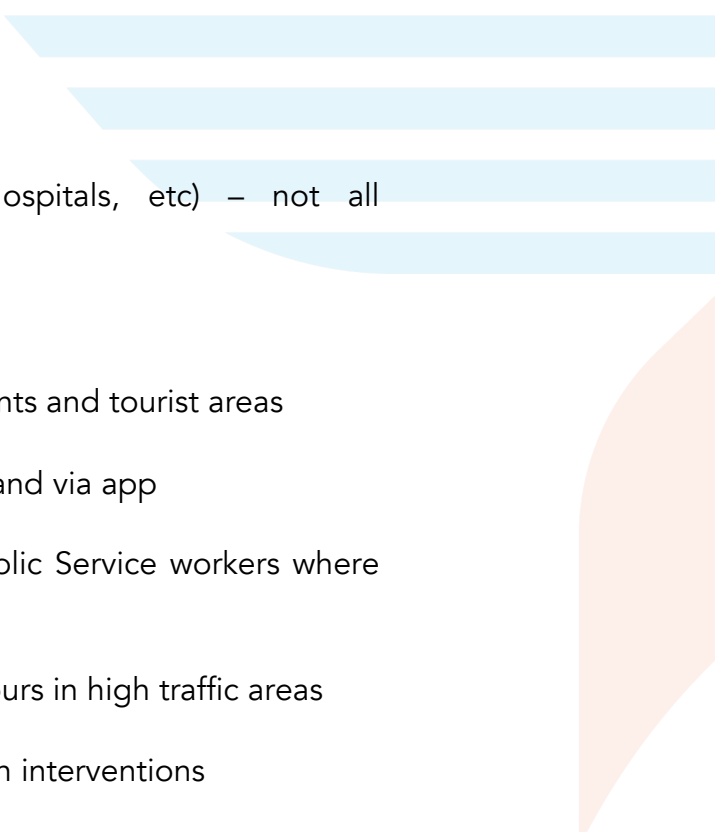
## Services given in Rush Hour

Wholistic approach to shift timeframes to use most hours of the day/night:

- Government Services - can they be given off-peak hours?
- Services offered by the private sector currently being considered
  - Courier Services
  - Deliveries – Cargo / retail / commercial
  - Waste Collection
  - Maintenance
- Preferred method of implementation - Micro trials and pilot projects

## Proposals received to date:

- Back-office operations - The Government should lead by example when it comes to implementing hybrid work patterns and the private sector to be incentivised to encourage employees into a hybrid method of working.
- Make it cost less to do services outside peak hours
- Make it pay for businesses shifting operation off-peak - Decentralise Government services from Valletta/Floriana to use other areas of Malta
- Hubs with underground parking that would link to the buses

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- Main public sector (law courts / hospitals, etc) – not all appointments starting at 9am
  - Waste collection to start after 18.00PM
  - Noise pollution considerations for residents and tourist areas
  - Better visibility of trips on the bus stops and via app
  - Communal Transport system for the Public Service workers where possible
  - Traffic official attendance during peak hours in high traffic areas
  - Gozo to be used as a test base for certain interventions

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