

# Journey Solutions partnership

## NEW RELEASE

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## Support for integrated ticketing welcomed

The **Journey Solutions partnership**, (which manages **PLUSBUS** - Britain's only nation-wide integrated train to bus ticketing scheme), supports one of the key recommendations of the Competition Commissions report into the local bus industry.

Jonathan Radley, Commercial Director of Journey Solutions said: "Britain is already unique in Europe in having a nation-wide integrated train to bus ticketing scheme that has been set-up as a commercial venture by public transport operators. We therefore very much welcome one of the key recommendations of the Competition Commissions bus industry report (published today) which calls for more multi-operator ticketing schemes."

He went on to say: "Our experience over the last six years managing **PLUSBUS** is that easy to buy and easy to use integrated ticketing makes door-to-door journeys by bus and train more convenient and better value for passengers. The fact that sales of our ticket have increased by over 1,000% in the last four years demonstrates that there is an appetite for such tickets, provided that they are simple to understand and can be bought through existing channels and especially online."

Jon finished by saying: "Over 200 British bus companies participate in the **PLUSBUS** ticketing scheme (and accept it for travel on their services), making us the nations' largest existing integrated ticketing scheme. So we are in a unique position to provide a simple, yet cost-effective model for how integrated ticketing can be achieved."

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### Information for editors:

**Journey Solutions** is a partnership of Britain's leading bus and train operating companies and their respective trade associations (the Association of Train Operating Companies & the Confederation of Passenger Transport). Our focus is improving train to bus integration. We have set-up and manage **PLUSBUS**, which is Britain's only nation-wide integrated train to bus multi-modal travel ticket.

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**PLUSBUS** gives the train traveller discount-price, unlimited bus travel around the whole urban area of the origin and/or destination town of the passengers' rail journey. Over 200 bus companies participate in the PLUSBUS scheme.

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