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New buses hit the streets

The latest additions to the new improved fleet of buses serving Inverness were launched last week (Friday 5 October).

Five new accessible buses from the £2.1 million project to upgrade Inverness bus services were unveiled by regional transport partnership, HITRANS, and operators Rapson's Coaches with help from local MSP Fergus Ewing.

In total 10 new buses are being provided for new and improved routes in and around Inverness. All new buses have low floors, allowing easy access for wheelchair users, the elderly and parents with pushchairs and are also fitted with CCTV cameras. New bus shelters are also being provided along the routes, with screens giving up-to-date information on services and timetables.

Duncan MacIntyre, HITRANS Chairman, said: "Making public transport a more attractive option for travellers is one of our main priorities. Tackling congestion is also a key issue and providing people with a viable alternative to taking the car is vitally important.

"These new buses and routes will dramatically improve services in Inverness, making it easier, safer and more convenient for people to travel in and across the city and out to the airport."

Fergus Ewing MSP said: "I am delighted to have been asked to help launch these new bus services for Inverness. I am especially keen to ensure that people can get out and about in easily accessible and safe vehicles.

"My constituents will gain real benefits from the new and extended services being introduced by Rapsons and their partners in this enterprise and at the same time help to reduce congestion in Inverness. I would encourage people to make full use of these new buses."

Sandy Rapson, Chairman of Rapson's Coaches, added: "These new buses do look good on the road and are the first part of what we see as being a continual plan of development in our services. We hope the introduction of good quality vehicles, the running of a reliable, frequent service and a fare at an affordable price will encourage the public to use the bus."



Pictured above launching the new buses are left to right Sandy Rapson, Chairman, Rapson's Coaches, Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Community Safety and Duncan MacIntyre, HITRANS Chairman.

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