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## **GOVERNMENT BUS ROUTE HISTORIES**

Brief histories from 1932 to the present of Government bus services in the metropolitan area of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

### **Metrobus routes**

*(Parts of various contract regions)*

Includes:

**Routes 10, 20, 30, 40,**

**M10, M20, M30, M40, M41, M50, M52, M54**

**in the Metrobus route number system**

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These listings cover regular route services, but exclude special services, promotional services and those which operated for limited periods for specific purposes.

In the Timetable Summaries, details are normally shown for Mondays to Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Times for Sundays typically also apply to Public Holidays.

**Standard Metrobus hours of service** were approx. 6.00am to 8.00pm daily. Each route initially ran during these hours, but the hours for some routes were subsequently extended.

All routes in this section have ceased.

Beside routes listed in this section, Metrobus routes run by private operators are listed elsewhere:

**M60 & M61:** see *Private Route Histories – Contract Region 4*

**M90 – M92:** see *Private Route Histories – Contract Region 13*

### **Operators' names**

*(All agencies of the New South Wales Government)*

<b>1932-1952</b>	Department of Road Transport & Tramways
<b>1952-1972</b>	Department of Government Transport
<b>1972-1981</b>	Public Transport Commission (Bus Division)
<b>1981-1990</b>	Urban Transit Authority
<b>1990-</b>	State Transit Authority

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**Route 10**  
**Route M10**

**MAROUBRA JUNCTION – CITY – LEICHHARDT (various termini)■**

**Timeline**

**12 October 2008:**

- 10 Kingsford – City – Leichhardt Marketplace commenced.
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Kingsford – City shared with 390-399. City – Leichhardt shared with 438,440 & 461.
- First Metrobus route.

**8 December 2008:** Leichhardt terminus altered to Town Hall

**26 October 2009:** Extended from Kingsford to Maroubra Junction.

**14 November 2010:**

- Leichhardt terminus altered to Norton St.
- By this date renumbered M10.

**1 July 2018:** Transferred to Transit Systems, as a result of competitive tendering for privatisation of Contract Region 6 (*see Private Route Histories – Contract Region 6*).

**Streets**

*From 12 October 2008*

**Kingsford – City – Leichhardt Marketplace**

**From Kingsford** (Anzac Pde at Five Ways) via Anzac Pde (**Kensington, Moore Park**), Flinders St, Oxford St (**Darlinghurst**), Liverpool St, Elizabeth St, Park St (**City**), George St, Railway Sq, Broadway, Parramatta Rd, Norton St, Marion St to Leichhardt Marketplace.

**From Leichhardt Marketplace** (Marion St) via reverse route to Park St, then Castlereagh St, Bathurst St, Elizabeth St, then reverse route to Kingsford.

**Kingsford – City – Leichhardt Town Hall**

Alteration

*From 28 December 2008:* Ex Kingsford curtailed to terminate at Leichhardt Town Hall. Reverse on return.

**Maroubra Junction – City – Leichhardt Town Hall**

Alteration

*From 28 December 2008:* Extended from Kingsford via Anzac Pde to Maroubra Junction. Reverse on return.

**Maroubra Junction – City – Leichhardt (Norton St)**

Alterations

- *From 14 November 2010:* Ex Maroubra Junction from Parramatta Rd via Norton St to William St. Reverse on return.
- *From 4 October 2015 (commencement date of new CBD bus network):* Ex Leichhardt from Railway Sq via Pitt St, Eddy Av, Elizabeth St, Liverpool St, Oxford St. Ex Maroubra Junction from Liverpool St via Elizabeth St, Hay St, Pitt St, Railway Sq.

**Timetable Summary**

*October 2010*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Maroubra Junction-City-Leichhardt (Norton St)	55	M-F	Maroubra Jun	6.33am	Norton St	8.23pm	15*	
		Sat		7.32am		7.59pm	20	
		Sun		7.36am		7.42pm	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.

**Route 20**  
**Route M20**

**BOTANY – CITY – GORE HILL**

**Timeline**

**26 October 2009:**

- 20 Mascot – City – Gore Hill commenced.
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Part of Botany – City shared with 309 & 310. City – Gore Hill shared with 252 & 254.

**27 February 2011:** Extended from Mascot to Botany (Bay St).

**Late 2010:** Renumbered M20.

**12 February 2017:** Hours of service increased by running additional early morning (weekdays) & night (Monday-Sunday) services City (Wynyard) – Zetland.

**1 July 2018:** Transferred to Transit Systems, as a result of competitive tendering for privatisation of Contract Region 6 (see *Private Route Histories – Contract Region 6*).

**Streets**

**Mascot – City – Gore Hill**

*From 26 October 2009*

**From Mascot** (Botany Rd at King St) via Botany Rd, Epsom Rd, Joynton Av (**Zetland**), O’Dea Av, Bourke St, Phillip St, Elizabeth St, Redfern St, Chalmers St, Elizabeth St, Park St (**City**), Clarence St, Bradfield Hwy [Sydney Harbour Bridge], Pacific Hwy, Blue St (**North Sydney**), Miller St, Pacific Hwy (**Crows Nest, St Leonards**), Campbell St to Reserve Rd (Gore Hill).

**From Gore Hill** (Campbell St at Reserve Rd) via Reserve Rd, Carlotta St, Pacific Hwy, Berry St, Miller St, Pacific Hwy, Arthur St, Mount St, Warringah Fwy, Bradfield Hwy [Sydney Harbour Bridge], York St, Park St, Castlereagh St, Bathurst St, Elizabeth St, Phillip St, then reverse route to Mascot.

**Botany – City – Gore Hill**

**Alteration**

*From 27 February 2011:* Extended from Mascot via Botany Rd to Bay St (Botany). Reverse on return.

**Timetable Summary**

*October 2010*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Mascot-City-Gore Hill	58	M-F	Gore Hill	6.28am	Gore Hill	8.13pm	15*	
		Sat	Mascot	7.33am		7.41pm	20	
		Sun		7.35am		7.35pm	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.

*12 February 2017*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Botany-City-Gore Hill	64BG 24YZ	M-F	Zetland	5.08amY	Gore Hill	8.13pmB	A	
			Botany	6.27amG	Wynyard	12.23amZ		
		Sat		7.30amG	Gore Hill	7.35pmB	C	
					Wynyard	1.34amZ		
		Sun		7.30amG	Gore Hill	7.35pmB	C	
					Wynyard	11.00pmZ		

\* More frequent in peak hours.

A – Early morning & night, City (Wynyard)-Zetland. Day, Botany-Gore Hill 15\*.

B – To Botany.

BG – Botany-Gore Hill.

C – Day, Botany-Gore Hill 20. Night, City (Wynyard)-Zetland.

G – To Gore Hill.

Y – To City (Wynyard).

YZ – City (Wynyard)-Zetland.

Z – To Zetland.

**Route 30**  
**Route M30**

**TARONGA ZOO – SPIT JUNCTION – CITY – SYDENHAM**

**Timeline**

**28 March 2010:**

- 30 Spit Junction – City – Sydenham commenced.
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Spit Junction (later Taronga Zoo) – City shared with 247. City – Newtown area shared with routes in the 422-428 range.

**Late 2010:** Renumbered M30.

**26 November 2017:** Extended from Spit Junction to Taronga Zoo, replacing 247 in daylight hours.

**1 July 2018:** Transferred to Transit Systems, as a result of competitive tendering for privatisation of Contract Region 6 (see *Private Route Histories – Contract Region 6*).

**Streets**

**Spit Junction – City – Sydenham**

*From 28 March 2010*

**From Spit Junction** (Spit Rd at Military Rd) via Military Rd (**Cremorne Junction, Neutral Bay Junction**), Falcon St, Warringah Fwy, Bradfield Hwy [Sydney Harbour Bridge], York St, Druitt St (**City**), George St, Railway Sq, Broadway, City Rd, King St (**Newtown**), Enmore Rd (**Enmore**), Marrickville Rd, Buckley St, Sydenham Rd, Railway Pde to Sydenham Station.

**From Sydenham** (Railway Pde at Station) via Marrickville Rd, then reverse route to Druitt St, then Clarence St, Bradfield Hwy [Sydney Harbour Bridge], then reverse route to Spit Junction.

**Alteration**

*From 4 October 2015 (commencement of light rail construction in George St/new CBD bus network):* Ex Spit Junction from York St via Park St, Castlereagh St, Hay St, Pitt St, Railway Sq. Ex Sydenham from Railway Sq via Pitt St, Eddy Av, Elizabeth St, Park St, Druitt St, Clarence St.

**Taronga Zoo – City – Sydenham**

**Alteration**

*From 26 November 2017:* Extended from Spit Junction via Military Rd (**Mosman Junction**), Bradleys Head Rd to Taronga Zoo (top gates). Reverse on return.

**Timetable Summary**

*October 2010*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Spit Junction-City-Sydenham	54	M-F	Sydenham	6.33am	Spit Junction	8.20pm	15*	
		Sat		7.38am		7.39pm	20	
		Sun		7.38am		7.37pm	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.

*29 January 2018*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Taronga Zoo-City-Sydenham	64	M-F	Sydenham	6.31am	Taronga Zoo	8.17pm	15*	
		Sat		7.30am		7.32pm	20	
		Sun		7.30am		7.35pm	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.

## Route 40 Route M40

### **BONDI JUNCTION – CITY – CHATSWOOD**

#### **Timeline**

##### **18 July 2010:**

- 40 commenced.
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Bondi Junction – City shared with 333, 378 (440 from 4 October 2015) & 380. City – Chatswood shared with 272 & 273.

**Late 2010:** Renumbered M40.

**28 April 2019:** Renumbered 340 (*see Government Route Histories – Routes in the range 300-399*).

#### **Streets**

##### *From 18 July 2010*

**From Bondi Junction** (interchange) via Newland St, Oxford St (**Paddington, Darlunghurst**), Liverpool St, Elizabeth St, Park St (**City**), Druitt St, Clarence St, Bradfield Hwy [Sydney Harbour Bridge], Warringah Fwy, Willoughby Rd (**Naremburn, Willoughby**), Mowbray Rd, Penshurst St, Victoria Av, Anderson St, Help St, Orchard Rd to Chatswood interchange.

**From Chatswood** (interchange) via Endeavour St, Anderson St, then reverse route to Bradfield Hwy [Sydney Harbour Bridge], then York St, Park St, Castlereagh St, Bathurst St, Elizabeth St, then reverse route to Bondi Junction.

#### **Alteration**

*From 4 October 2015 (commencement of light rail construction in George St/new CBD bus network):* Ex Bondi Junction from Oxford St via College St, Park St. Reverse on return.

#### **Timetable Summary**

##### *October 2010*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Bondi Junction-City-Chatswood		M-F	Chatswood	6.38am	Bondi Junction	8.07pm	15*	
		Sat		7.34am		7.43pm	20	
		Sun		7.39pm		7.47pm	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.

## Route M41

### **HURSTVILLE – BURWOOD – MACQUARIE PARK (Waterloo Rd) ■**

*(Although this route serves parts of Macquarie Park, the Waterloo Rd terminus is in Marsfield.)*

#### **Timeline**

##### **19 December 2010:**

- Commenced.
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Burwood – Macquarie Park shared with 459.

**20 November 2016:** Hours of service Burwood – Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd) increased to run until midnight.

**1 July 2018:** Transferred to Transit Systems, as a result of competitive tendering for privatisation of Contract Region 6 (*see Private Route Histories – Contract Region 6*).

#### **Streets**

##### *From 19 December 2010*

**From Hurstville** (forest Rd at station) via Park Rd, Queens Rd, Croydon Rd, Stoney Creek Rd, Preddys Rd, New Illawarra Rd, Bexley Rd (**Bexley North, Clemton Park**), Beamish St (**Campsie**), Seventh Av, Burwood Rd (**Burwood**), Crane St, Majors Bay Rd (**Concord**), Wellbank St, Concord Rd (**Concord West**), Hospital Rd to **Concord Hospital**, then Hospital Rd, Concord Rd (**Rhodes**), Ryde Bridge, Church St, Victoria Rd, Church St, Blaxland Rd (**Ryde**), Devlin St, Lane Cove Rd (**North Ryde**), Waterloo Rd, Herring Rd (**Macquarie Centre**), Talavera Rd, Culloden Rd, Waterloo Rd to Trafalgar Pl (Macquarie Park).

**From Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd)** (at Trafalgar Pl) via reverse route to Devlin St, then Church St, then reverse route to Bexley Rd, then Barnsbury Gr, then New Illawarra Rd, then reverse route to Queens Rd, then Forest Rd to Hurstville Station.

### Alteration

**From 11 April 2011** (opening of Hurstville interchange): To approach Hurstville from Queens Rd via Dora St to interchange. Return from Hurstville interchange via Forest Rd, Park Rd.

### **Timetable Summary**

**19 December 2010**

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Hurstville-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd)	Fr Hurst 36B 82M	M-F	Burwood	5.24amM	Hurstville	6.53pmM	A	
			Hurstville	6.10amM	Waterloo Rd	8.27pmB		
		Sat	Burwood	6.39amM		6.35pmH	C	
			Hurstville	7.29amM	Hurstville	8.09pmM		
		Sun	Burwood	6.39amM	Waterloo Rd	6.35pmH	C	
			Hurstville	7.29amM	Hurstville	8.09pmM		

\* More frequent in peak hours.

A – Early morning & evening, Hurstville-Burwood & Burwood-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd). Day, Hurstville-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd) 15\*.

B – To Burwood.

C – Early morning & evening, Hurstville-Burwood & Burwood-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd). Day, Hurstville-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd) 20.

H – To Hurstville.

M – To Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd).

**23 March 2017**

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Hurstville-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd)	Fr Hurst 36B 82M	M-F	Burwood	5.17amM	Hurstville	8.50pmM	A	
			Waterloo Rd	6.08amH	Waterloo Rd	12.24amB		
		Sat	Burwood	6.39amM	Hurstville	7.54pmM	C	
			Hurstville	7.31amH	Waterloo Rd	12.24amB		
		Sun	Burwood	6.39amM	Hurstville	7.54pmM	C	
			Hurstville	7.29amM	Waterloo Rd	12.24amB		

\* More frequent in peak hours.

A – Early morning, Hurstville-Burwood & Burwood-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd). Day, Hurstville-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd) 15\*. Night, Burwood-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd).

B – To Burwood.

C – Early morning, Hurstville-Burwood & Burwood-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd). Day, Hurstville-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd) 20. Night, Burwood-Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd).

H – To Hurstville.

M – To Macquarie Park (Waterloo Rd).

### **Route M50**

#### **COOGEE – CITY – DRUMMOYNE (Westbourne St)■**

### **Timeline**

**31 October 2010:**

- M50 commenced.
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Coogee – City shared with 372 & 373. City – Drummoyne shared with routes in the 500-506 range, later also 515 & 518.

**1 July 2018:** Transferred to Transit Systems, as a result of competitive tendering for privatisation of Contract Region 6 (see *Private Route Histories – Contract Region 6*).

## Streets

*From 31 October 2010*

**From Coogee** (Arden St at beach) via Arden St, Havelock Av, Carr St, Dudley St, St Pauls St, Perouse Rd, Cuthill St, Avoca St, High St (**Randwick**), Anzac Pde (**Kensington**), Cleveland St, Chalmers St, Elizabeth St, Park St (**City**), Druitt St, Western Distributor, Victoria Rd (**Rozelle**), Lyons Rd, Bayswater St to Westbourne St (Drummoyne).

**From Drummoyne (Westbourne St)** (in Bayswater St) via Westbourne St, Marlborough St, Lyons Rd, then reverse route to Park St, then Castlereagh St, Bathurst St, Elizabeth St, Cleveland St, Anzac Pde, High St, Belmore Rd, Perouse Rd, then reverse route to Coogee.

## Alteration

*From March 2017 (due to light rail construction work in Randwick):* Ex Coogee from Avoca St via Belmore Rd, Alison Rd, Anzac Pde. Return from Anzac Pde via Alison Rd, Belmore Rd, Perouse Rd.

## Timetable Summary

*23 March 2017*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Coogee-City-Drummoyne (Westbourne St)	52	M-F	Coogee	6.25am	Coogee	8.19pm	15*	
		Sat		7.35am	Drummoyne	7.35pm	20	
		Sun		7.35am		7.35pm	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.

## Route M52

### **CITY (Circular Quay) – WEST RYDE – PARRAMATTA via Victoria Rd**

## Timeline

**8 August 2010:**

- Renumbered from L20 (all trips) & 520 (trips during Metrobus hours).
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Supplemented by 520.

**6 May 2018:** Hours of service increased at night to run to midnight (Monday-Sunday).

**24 January 2021:** Replaced by new “frequent” express 500X City (Park St) – West Ryde & extended 501, now City (Pitt St, Central Railway) – West Ryde – Parramatta (*see Government Route Histories – Routes in the ranges 500-555 & 620-630*).

## Streets

*From 8 August 2010*

**From City (Circular Quay)** (Alfred St at Loftus St) via Alfred St, George St, Druitt St, Western Distributor, Anzac Bridge, Victoria Rd (**Rozelle, Drummoyne, Gladesville**), Blaxland Rd (**Ryde**), Devlin St, Victoria Rd (**Ermington, Rydalmere**), Wilde Av, Smith St, Station St, bus tunnel to Parramatta interchange.

**From Parramatta** (interchange) via reverse route to Victoria Rd (east of West Ryde), then Bowden St, Parkes St, Blaxland Rd, then reverse route to George St, then Bridge St, Loftus St to Circular Quay (City)

## Alteration

*From 4 October 2015 (commencement of light rail construction in George St/new CBD bus network):* To approach City from Western Distributor via Druitt St, Elizabeth St, Phillip St to Circular Quay. Return from Alfred St near Young St via Young St, Bridge St, Phillip St, Elizabeth St, St James Rd, Prince Albert Rd, College St, Park St.

## Timetable Summary

October 2010

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
City (Circular Quay)- Ryde-Parramatta	Fr C Quay 41R 77P	M-F	Parramatta	5.30amC	Parramatta	8.15pmC	A	
					Circular Quay	9.20pmR		
		Sat		6.33amC		7.45pmP	B	
		Sun	Circular Quay	7.25amP	Circular Quay	7.25pmP	B	
						8.45pmR		

\* More frequent in peak hours.

A – Day, City (Circular Quay)-Parramatta 15\*. Night, from City (Circular Quay) to Ryde.

B – Day, City (Circular Quay)-Parramatta 20. Night, from City (Circular Quay) to Ryde.

C – To City (Circular Quay).

P – To Parramatta.

R – To Ryde.

6 May 2018

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
City (Circular Quay)- Ryde-Parramatta	77	M-F	Parramatta	4.32amC	Circular Quay	11.47pm	A	
		Sat		6.03amC		11.42pm	20	
		Sun		6.52amC		11.42pm	20	

A – Morning peak hour, City (Circular Quay)-Parramatta, plus short-workings from Ryde to City (Circular Quay).

Day & afternoon peak hour, City (Circular Quay)-Parramatta 15\*.

## Route M54

### PARRAMATTA – EPPING – MACQUARIE PARK Station

#### Timeline

10 October 2010:

- Renumbered from 548.
- Ran at standard Metrobus hours of service.
- Compared with 548, extended from Epping to Macquarie Park.

6 May 2018: Hours of service increased to 24 hours-a-day (Monday-Sunday).

28 April 2019: Renumbered 550 (*see Government Route Histories – Routes in the ranges 500-555 & 620-630*).

#### Streets

From 10 October 2010

**From Parramatta** (interchange) via bus tunnel, Station St, Smith St, Macquarie St, Church St, Pennant Hills Rd (North Parramatta, Carlingford), Carlingford Rd, Pennant Pde, Willoughby St, Ryde St, Boronia Av, Midson Rd, Carlingford Rd, Beecroft Rd (Epping), Epping Rd, Balaclava Rd, University Av (Macquarie University), Waterloo Rd, Herring Rd, Macquarie Centre bus terminal, Waterloo Rd to Macquarie Park Station.

**From Macquarie Park** (Waterloo Rd at Station) via reverse route to Carlingford Rd, then Rawson St, Bridge St, Kent St, Boronia Av, then reverse route to Church St, then George St, Smith St, Station St, bus tunnel, Argyle St to Parramatta interchange.

#### Alteration

By 24 January 2015: Ex Parramatta interchange from Smith St via Wilde St, Victoria Rd, Church St. Reverse on return.



**Timetable Summary***October 2010*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Parramatta-Epping-Macquarie Park Station	51	M-F	Parramatta	5.27am	Parramatta	9.16pm	15*	
		Sat		6.01am		7.46pm	20	
		Sun		7.26am	Macq Park Stn	7.33pm	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.

*6 May 2018*

Destinations	Off-peak trip time	Day	First trip		Last trip		Av day freq/No of trips	Notes
			From	Time	From	Time		
Parramatta-Epping-Macquarie Park Station	51	M-F	Parramatta	5.27am	Parramatta	12.03am	15*	
		Sat		6.01am		12.03am	20	
		Sun		7.26am		12.03am	20	

\* More frequent in peak hours.