

## Press Note

### Revamped City Bus Routes of CTU

To promote simple, easy to understand, efficacious and reliable public transportation services in Chandigarh and for the entire tricity region, Chandigarh Administration has carried out a route rationalization exercise for city bus services.

The proposed bus routes have been worked out based on scientific principle of “**Horizontal and Vertical Linear Structures**” model connecting all the major hubs of the tricity.

The modeling exercise has been supplemented with an extensive ground survey carried out by CTU’s traffic team, commuter feedback survey, discussions with various stakeholders like Mohali Industries Association to give extensive coverage.

#### The salient features of the new proposed plan are as follows-

- The routes have been simplified by reducing them to about half (**31 routes- 23 tricity routes and 8 suburban routes**) from the existing ones being close to 70 routes. **On most of the city roads, there will be buses of only one route.** This will eliminate the overlapping of routes and give clarity to commuters.
- **The extensive coverage has been facilitated through an utmost a single transfer** in the tricity duly compensated by an improved **average frequency of 10 minutes.**
- CTU will be building 235 new bus stops in addition to the existing 237 bus stops that can be used for the new plan. **Likely, there will be 4 bus stops at every junction for easy transfer for commuters.** The bus stops will be present after crossing the junction. The bus stops have even been planned at the entry of sectors as well in the markets.
- The new route plan has provided increased bus service to Mohali with every vertical route touching Mohali at its one end.
- The commuters even have the option of buying a daily pass for economical and hassle free transfer for travelling. For regular travelers, facility of monthly and quarterly passes is also available. CTU had introduced bus passes for tricity on “**Anytime and Anywhere basis**” to promote integrated public transport services in September 2014.
- The passengers will be assured of the bus services on any horizontal and vertical routes with identified boarding and alighting points.
- The rationalization of fare structure is also underway to ensure that it is in line with the new proposed route system. **AC fares are likely to be reduced and the bus pass system will be implemented on date basis and not on month basis w.e.f 1/4/2015.**
- The new proposed service from Landran to High Court, Landran to Civil Secretariat, Sohana to Secretariat will provide direct service to government employees of Landran and Sohana.

- PGI has been well connected to major hubs of city like Cantonment, Panchkula, Landran, ISBT-43.
- The major colonies of the city like Dhanas, Hallomajra, RamDarbar, Maulijagan, Maloya have been well connected with vertical as well as the horizontal linear structures.

CTU team is confident that the new proposed system is likely to increase ridership by about 25-30%, reduce bus headway to 10 min from the present 25 min and an improved network coverage for the entire tricity.

**A list of final routes and pictorial representation on one map is being shared for public information and suggestions/feedback from general public through email id [ctu-chd@nic.in](mailto:ctu-chd@nic.in) ,[ssfdhe@yahoo.com](mailto:ssfdhe@yahoo.com);**

Chandigarh administration has felt that owing to changing passenger flow movements and urban city dynamics, integration of public transport services is the need of the hour. U.T Chandigarh looks forward to cooperation from States of Punjab and Haryana to work in unison to mitigate urban transportation woes and set an example for other states of India to follow.