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IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS ROUTES

Following the changes that came into effect on 1st August 2012, the Gibraltar Bus Company announces the following additional changes, effective as from the 1st September 2012. These are as follows:

Route 1 – No route change

Route 2 – No route change

Route 3 – An additional bus is being included on this route, thus decreasing the waiting time between buses on this route. As a result, buses will run at 20-minute intervals rather than the current 25-minute intervals.

Route 4 – There will be no charge to this route. The number of buses servicing this route however, will be reduced to one. The current demand on the existing Route 4 will be met by the creation of two distinct routes as follows:

Route 8 – Starting from Sir Herbert Miles Road, travelling via; Glacis Road, Waterport Road, St Bernard's Hospital, Reclamation Road, Europort Avenue and ending at Market Place, return via same route.

Route 9 – Starting from South Pavillion Steps, travelling via; Rosia Road, Line Wall Road, Market Place and ending at St Bernard's Hospital, return via same route.

These two new routes should alleviate the delays caused by the length of Route 4 and therefore decrease the waiting time between buses. Additional buses will be drafted in, where needed, particularly at peak times, to ensure waiting times are kept to a minimum.

Route 5 – No route change

Route 7 – No route change

New route literature and maps are available as from today at all stops.

Commenting on the changes, the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Neil Costa MP said: "I am particularly satisfied with the positive feedback received in respect of the changes already carried out as from 1st August, proving Government's commitment to listen and to respond to the public's needs. Whereas the new improvements announced in August address the brunt of the representations received, I am hopeful that the changes implemented today will cure the remaining complaint in respect of Route 4. The net effect of all of the changes should, therefore, deliver a more effective and efficient public transport system. The Government is committed to further improving the current public transport network and service even further once it implements the announced phased introduction of Eco-friendly Buses."

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