

FACT SHEET

April 2008

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Impact on public transport

There will be much greater demand on NSW public transport services as well as road changes to accommodate the movement of people attending WYD08 events. This will lead to some delays and changes to regular transport arrangements.

This has been taken into account by government planners, as well as the need to minimise disruption to people who live and work in the city.

It should be noted that most WYD08 events do not start until *after* morning peak hour and finish *after* the evening peak hour.

World Youth Day visitors will be asked not to start their travel into the CBD before 10am or travel back to their accommodation before 7pm.

WYD08 is taking place during the second week of the school holidays, which will free up buses. Also, there are fewer cars on the roads at this time.

Trains

Train services will be maintained for morning and afternoon commuter peaks.

For the weekday World Youth Day events, CityRail will run 2,986 services a day compared to 2,538 on an average working day, an increase of 448 services.

On Saturday 19 July CityRail will provide an extra 791 services. On Sunday 20 July, when there will be an estimated 500,000 people at the Final Mass, an extra 931 services will operate.

CityRail will operate all available trains to provide services in four peak periods on workdays (Monday 14 - Friday 18 July) with 96 per cent of trains in service.

At least 75 per cent of all World Youth Day participants will travel by train to and from events; with an extra 500,000 passenger journeys per day.

Across the entire World Youth Day week, there will be 3,962 extra train services.

CityRail will operate three separate timetables to cater for huge increases in demand: one timetable for weekday events (14-18 July); one for the Pilgrimage Walk on Saturday 19 July, and one for the Final Mass on Sunday 20 July.



Buses

Sydney Buses will run more than 16,500 extra services during World Youth Day week.

Additional services will provide capacity for more than 825,000 additional passenger journeys on Sydney Buses across the week.

This figure does not include additional services that private bus operators will be providing to move participants to suburban railway stations so they can travel to events in the City.

The Sydney and Bondi Explorer bus services will not operate from Tuesday 15 to Sunday 20 July inclusive.

All bus companies have been provided with their respective scope of services required for World Youth Day week. They have been advised that the transport task is of significant size, and maximum resources should be made available for the event, including buses and staff.

Timetabled private bus services will continue operating as normal, with additional buses added to regular routes to cater for the increased demand.

Ferries

Sydney Ferries will operate additional services from Sunday, 13 July 2008 to Sunday, 20 July 2008.

On Thursday 17 July, exclusion zones will prevent some Sydney Ferries services from operating between 10.00am and 4.30pm for the Papal boat-a-cade.

Light Rail

Light Rail services will run as per schedule except on Sunday 20 July. Due to the movement of large crowds from the Final Mass; from midday to 8pm services will not stop at Central but depart from and terminate at Paddy's Market, Haymarket Stop. For more information www.metrolightrail.com.au

Taxis

Some taxi stands in the city may be relocated during World Youth Day. Details will be available from the RTA's website soon.

More information

For bus, ferry and train timetables go to www.131500.com.au or ring 131500. For traffic changes including day-by-day maps and alternate routes, visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au or call 132 701.