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HEALTH ADVICE ALLOWS PUBLIC TRANSPORT PEAK CAPACITY TO DOUBLE

More customers will be welcomed back to the public transport network with an increase in the number of people now allowed on our trains, buses, ferries and trams from July 1, consistent with NSW Health advice.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said health experts had advised that capacity on all modes of transport can now be increased in a COVID safe way.

“We are at a stage where we can safely allow more people back on the public transport network,” Ms Berejiklian said.

A Waratah train will now be able to carry 68 customers per carriage, up from 32, a typical two-door bus will be able to carry 23 customers, up from 12 and a Freshwater ferry will be able to carry 450 customers, up from 245.

“Passengers still need to leave a space or an empty seat between themselves and other customers and continue to find green dots for the safest places to sit and stand. No green dot, no spot,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Employers should continue promoting flexible working arrangements where possible and people are reminded to travel outside the commuter peak hours when they can, or to walk or cycle short distances.”

Minister for Transport Andrew Constance said increased cleaning, services and staff will continue to support customers as they return to the public transport network.

“Customers will still be seeing hundreds of additional transport staff including Transport and Marshalling Officers across the network as well as the hundreds of cleaners who have already carried out more than 240,000 hours of cleaning since the start of March this year.

“The thousands of extra weekly services we added to the network in early June will also continue to help customers make better travel choices and practise physical distancing on all modes,” Mr Constance said.

Work is continuing to establish pop-up cycleways across Sydney and in the regions.

Pedestrian access has also be enhanced with speed limits already reduced at eight busy locations across Sydney to provide alternatives for those considering other travel options.

Transport for NSW Chief Operations Officer Howard Collins said plans are still in place for pop-up parking hub opportunities across Sydney, similar to the existing arrangements in Moore Park.

“If the demand requires it, we are also looking at other key locations, including Parramatta and Macquarie Park, for people who are able to drive to work.

“This has been a challenging time for everyone and we really want to thank all customers for listening to advice and considering their travel options,” Mr Collins said.

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