

THE COMPLETED JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN  
STAGECOACH BUS HOLDINGS LIMITED AND  
BRADDELL PLC IN RELATION TO THE  
MEGABUS.COM, MOTORVATOR AND SCOTTISH  
CITYLINK BRANDS

**Notice of the consents granted by the Competition  
Commission under the Interim Undertakings  
adopted by the Competition Commission on  
16 March 2006**

1. On 2 December 2005 the OFT accepted initial undertakings from Stagecoach Bus Holdings Limited, Braddell PLC and Scottish Citylink Coaches Limited. On 16 March 2006 the Competition Commission adopted those initial undertakings as the Competition Commission's Interim Undertakings (the Interim Undertakings). Since 16 March 2006 the Competition Commission has granted the following consents<sup>1</sup> under paragraphs 1, 2 or 3 of the Interim Undertakings:
  - (a) on 24 March 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent for the commencement of a new Megabus service between Edinburgh and Newcastle so allowing a through service from Edinburgh to London on Megabus;
  - (b) on 4 April 2006 the Competition Commission granted consent for a weekday Scottish Citylink service between Edinburgh and Perth departing Edinburgh at 06.55;
  - (c) on 13 April 2006 the Competition Commission granted the following consents:
    - (i) the following changes to weekday services from Glasgow to Aberdeen were allowed:
      - a. the 18.30 Megabus M9 service from Glasgow to Aberdeen will now depart at 18.45;
      - b. the 20.30 Citylink M9 service from Glasgow to Dundee will now depart at 20.45; and
      - c. the 22.25 Citylink M9 service from Dundee to Aberdeen will now depart at 22.40;
    - (ii) the following changes to weekday services from Aberdeen to Glasgow were allowed:
      - a. the 06.15 Megabus M9 service from Dundee to Glasgow will now depart at 06.05;
      - b. the 07.30 Citylink M8 service from Dundee to Glasgow will now depart at 07.20;

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<sup>1</sup>All the consents recorded in this Notice are granted conditionally subject to (i) the accuracy of the information provided to the Competition Commission (including information about interconnection arrangements) (ii) and on the basis that they will not involve changes in branding or subcontracting arrangements.

- c. the 19.45 Citylink M8 service from Dundee to Glasgow will now depart at 19.35; and
    - d. all departures from Aberdeen will now start 5 minutes earlier at 35 minutes past the hour between 06.35 and 17.35;
  - (iii) the following changes to Saturday services from Glasgow to Aberdeen were allowed:
    - a. the 18.30 Megabus M9 service from Glasgow to Aberdeen will now depart at 18.45;
    - b. the 20.30 Citylink M9 service from Glasgow to Aberdeen will now depart at 20.45; and
    - c. the 22.25 Citylink M9 service from Dundee to Aberdeen will now depart at 22.40;
  - (iv) the following changes to Saturday services from Aberdeen to Glasgow were allowed:
    - a. all departures from Aberdeen will now start 5 minutes earlier at 35 minutes past the hour between 06.35 and 17.35;
    - b. the 06.15 Megabus M9 service from Dundee to Glasgow will now depart at 06.05;
    - c. the 07.30 Citylink M8 service from Dundee to Glasgow will now depart at 07.20; and
    - d. the 19.45 Citylink M8 service from Dundee to Glasgow will now depart at 19.35;
  - (v) the following changes to Sunday services from Glasgow to Aberdeen were allowed:
    - a. the 18.30 Megabus M9 service between Glasgow and Aberdeen will now depart at 18.45;
    - b. the 20.30 Citylink M9 service from Glasgow to Dundee will now depart at 20.45; and
    - c. the 22.25 Citylink M9 service from Dundee to Aberdeen will now depart at 22.40;
  - (vi) the following changes to Sunday services from Aberdeen to Glasgow were allowed:
    - a. all departures from Aberdeen will now depart 5 minutes earlier at 35 minutes past the hour between 06.35 and 17.35;
    - b. the 06.15 Megabus M9 service from Dundee to Glasgow will now depart at 06.05; and
    - c. the 19.45 Citylink M8 Dundee to Glasgow service will now depart at 19.35;

- (vii) the following changes to weekday services between Edinburgh and Inverness were allowed:
- a. all Megabus M90 departures from Edinburgh to Perth will now depart 10 minutes later at 40 minutes past the hour between 09.40 and 15.40;
  - b. the 17.40 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 17.30;
  - c. the 18.40 Megabus M91 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 18.50;
  - d. the 20.40 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 20.50;
  - e. the 23.00 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Perth will now depart at 23.05 and a connection will be made available at Broxden for passengers wishing to travel to Perth's city centre;
  - f. the Megabus M90 services departing Edinburgh at 09.40, 11.40, 13.40 and 15.40 will terminate in Perth's city centre rather than at Broxden; and
  - g. additional Citylink M91 services from Edinburgh to Perth will depart at 08.45, 14.15 and 16.55;
- (viii) the following changes to weekday services between Inverness and Edinburgh were allowed:
- a. all Megabus and Citylink departures from Inverness to Edinburgh will depart 5 minutes earlier at 10 minutes past the hour with the exception of the Megabus M90 Inverness–Edinburgh service at 18.50 which will depart at 18.55;
  - b. what were previously the Megabus and Citylink M90 Broxden to Edinburgh services at 10.40, 12.40, 14.40, 16.40 and 19.40 will now depart 20 minutes earlier and run from Perth city centre to Edinburgh;
  - c. the 08.10 Megabus M91 Perth to Edinburgh service will now depart at 08.00; and
  - d. additional Megabus and Citylink services will depart Perth for Edinburgh at 07.15, 11.20 and 15.30;
- (ix) the following changes to Saturday services from Edinburgh to Inverness were allowed:
- a. all Megabus and Citylink M90 services from Edinburgh to Perth will depart 10 minutes later between 09.40 and 15.40;
  - b. the 17.40 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 17.30;
  - c. the 18.40 Megabus M91 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 18.50;

- d. the 20.40 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 20.50;
  - e. the 23.00 Megabus M90 Edinburgh to Perth service will now depart at 23.05 and a connection will be made available to Perth city centre from Broxden;
  - f. the Megabus and Citylink M90 services departing Edinburgh at 09.40, 11.40, 13.40 and 15.40 will terminate in Perth city centre rather than Broxden; and
  - g. additional Citylink services will run between Edinburgh and Perth departing Edinburgh at 08.45, 14.15 and 16.55;
- (x) the following changes to the Saturday service between Inverness and Edinburgh were allowed:
- a. all services departing Inverness for Edinburgh on Saturdays will depart 5 minutes earlier at 10 minutes past the hour other than the 18.50 Megabus M90 service which will depart at 18.55;
  - b. the 10.40, 12.40, 14.40, 16.40 and 19.40 Megabus and Citylink M90 services from Broxden to Edinburgh will commence 20 minutes earlier from Perth city centre;
  - c. the 08.10 Citylink M91 service from Perth to Edinburgh will depart at 08.00; and
  - d. additional Megabus and Citylink services will depart Perth for Edinburgh at 07.15, 11.20 and 15.30;
- (xi) the following changes to the Sunday service between Edinburgh and Inverness were allowed:
- a. the 17.40 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 17.30;
  - b. the 18.40 Megabus M91 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 18.50;
  - c. the 20.40 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Inverness will now depart at 20.50;
  - d. the 23.00 Megabus M90 service from Edinburgh to Perth will now depart at 23.05 and a connection will be made available at Broxden for passengers wishing to travel to Perth city centre; and
  - e. the 11.40, 13.40 and 15.40 Megabus M90 services from Edinburgh will terminate at Perth city centre rather than at Broxden;
- (xii) the following changes to the Sunday service between Inverness and Edinburgh were allowed;
- a. all departures from Inverness to Edinburgh will now depart 5 minutes earlier at 10 minutes past the hour, except the Megabus M90 departure at 18.50 which will now depart at 18.55; and

- b. the Megabus and Citylink M90 services at 10.40, 12.40, 14.40, 16.40 and 19.40 will now depart from Perth city centre 20 minutes earlier;
- (xiii) the following changes to the Citylink and Motorvator services between Edinburgh and Glasgow were allowed:
- a. seven further services will be permitted in each direction on weekdays and every service in each direction (other than services to Glasgow between 07.00 and 09.00 and services from Glasgow between 16.00 and 18.00) will stop at Baillieston;
  - b. the frequency of Sunday services from Glasgow to Edinburgh will be increased so that services run every 15 minutes between 11.00 and 17.00; and
  - c. the frequency of Sunday services from Edinburgh to Glasgow will be increased so that services run every 15 minutes between 12.00 and 18.00;
- (xiv) the following changes to Citylink service 905 between Glasgow and Glasgow Airport were allowed:
- a. weekday services from Glasgow to Glasgow Airport will run every 10 minutes between 05.40 and 18.30;
  - b. there will be an increase in the number of services from Glasgow to Glasgow Airport so that they run at a 15 minutes frequency between 18.30 and 20.30;
  - c. weekday services from Glasgow Airport to Glasgow will run every 10 minutes between 05.50 and 19.00;
  - d. there will be an increase in the number of services from Glasgow Airport to Glasgow so that there is a 15 minute frequency between 18.30 and 20.30;
  - e. Saturday services from Glasgow to Glasgow Airport will run every 10 minutes from 05.40 to 18.10;
  - f. there will be an increase in the number of Saturday services from Glasgow to Glasgow Airport so that there is a 15 minutes frequency between 18.30 and 20.30;
  - g. Saturday services from Glasgow Airport and Glasgow will run every 10 minutes from 05.50 to 18.30;
  - h. there will be an increased number of services between Glasgow Airport and Glasgow so that there is a 15 minute frequency from 18.30 to 20.30;
  - i. Sunday services from Glasgow to Glasgow Airport will run every 15 minutes from 07.00 until 20.00; and
  - j. Sunday services from Glasgow Airport to Glasgow will run every 15 minutes from 07.00 to 20.30;

- (xv) the Competition Commission allowed the Citylink service 958 between Inverness and Scrabster to withdraw the 11.45 service from Inverness–Thurso;
- (xvi) the Competition Commission allowed the rescheduling of the Citylink 904 service between East Kilbride and Edinburgh so that the morning service departed 15 minutes earlier at 06.15;
- (xvii) the Competition Commission allowed the variation of the 08.45 Citylink morning service on the M9 Edinburgh to Inverness route to provide an additional stop at Kinross;
- (xviii) the Competition Commission allowed temporary changes to the Citylink 906 Largs to Glasgow and Citylink 901 Glasgow to Gourock services enabling services to run 5 minutes earlier so as to allow for traffic congestion during road works near Glasgow Airport;
- (xix) the Competition Commission allowed the following changes to the Megabus Monday–Sunday services between Glasgow and London:

The following changes were allowed to southbound services

- a. the 22.45 service from Glasgow to London will arrive 15 minutes later;
- b. the 07.55 service from Preston to London will now depart 25 minutes earlier at 07.30;
- c. the 09.40 service from Preston to London will now depart 15 minutes later at 09.55;
- d. the 08.15 service from Glasgow to London will now depart at 08.30;
- e. the 11.15 service from Glasgow to London will now depart at 11.00; and
- f. the 16.50 service from Preston to London will now depart at 17.20;

The following changes were allowed to northbound services

- a. the 08.30 service from London to Glasgow will now depart 15 minutes earlier at 08.15;
- b. the 13.00 service from London to Glasgow will now depart 30 minutes earlier at 12.30;
- c. the 16.45 service from London to Preston will now depart 15 minutes later at 17.00;
- d. the 18.45 service from London to Preston will now depart 15 minutes earlier at 18.30;
- e. the 23.55 service from London to Glasgow will now depart 10 minutes earlier at 23.45;

- (d) On 25 April 2006 the Competition Commission allowed the introduction of a demand responsive service from Glasgow hotels to Glasgow Airport under the SCCL brand starting on 15 May 2006;
- (e) On 5 May 2006 the Competition Commission allowed changes to Citylink services in the North and West of Scotland to allow:
  - (i) an increased number of connections at Tyndrum;
  - (ii) timetable changes to existing services or the addition of further services to facilitate tourism;
  - (iii) an increase in the number of days on which services on routes are provided;

timetables showing the new services may be found on SCCL's website at [www.citylink.co.uk](http://www.citylink.co.uk).

- (f) On 5 May 2006 the Competition Commission allowed the following services to be run in connection with summer festivals and concerts:
  - (i) 3 June 2006: one return journey from each of Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline to Hampden Park Stadium (Bon Jovi);
  - (ii) 23 June 2006: one return journey from each of Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline to Hampden Park Stadium (Eagles);
  - (iii) 24 June 2006: a shuttle service from Inverness and a return service from Glasgow to Loch Ness (Fatboy Slim);
  - (iv) 5 July 2006 a return service from Edinburgh to Glasgow (Pavarotti);
  - (v) a series of special direct services from Aberdeen, Alloa, Aviemore, Ayr, Cowdenbesth, Cupar, Dunfermline, Falkirk, Glenrothes, Greenock, Inverness, Kelty, Kilmarnock, Kirkcaldy, Paisley, Pitlochry, St Andrews and Stirling, and the following services, for the T in the Park festival at Balado, Kinross;
    - a. 7 July 2006: a service departing Glasgow Buchanan Street for the campsite every 10 minutes or more frequently between 09.00 and 19.00;
    - b. 7 July 2006: a service departing Edinburgh Bus Station for the campsite every ten to 15 minutes between 09.00 and 19.00;
    - c. 7 July 2006: a service departing Perth Leonard Street Bus Station for the campsite every 30 minutes between 10.00 and 12.00 and every 20 minutes between 12.00 and 20.00;
    - d. 7 July 2006: a service departing Dundee Seagate Bus Station for the campsite at 10.30, 11.00, 14.00, 14.30, 17.30 and 18.30;
    - e. 8 July 2006: a service departing Glasgow Buchanan Street for the festival site between 08.00 and 16.00 and a service returning from the festival site at 18.00, 19.00, 20.00 and then every 30 minutes until 22.30, then every 5 minutes until 24.00;

- f. 8 July 2006: a service departing Edinburgh Bus Station for the campsite every ten minutes between 08.30 and 14.00 and then every 15 minutes between 14.00 and 16.00 and a service returning from the festival site at 18.00, 19.00, 20.00 and then every 30 minutes until 22.30, then every 5 minutes until 00.30, and then at 00.40, 00.50 and 01.00;
  - g. 8 July 2006: a service departing Perth Leonard Street Bus Station for the festival site every 10 minutes between 10.00 and 13.30 and every 15 minutes between 13.30 and 16.00 and a service returning from the festival site every ten to 15 minutes between 21.00 and 00.30;
  - h. 8 July: a service departing Dundee Seagate Bus Station for the festival site at 09.30, 10.00, 10.30, 13.00, 13.30 and 14.00 and a service returning from the festival site at 23.45 and 24.00;
  - i. 9 July 2006: a service departing Glasgow Buchanan Street for the festival site every ten minutes from 09.00 until 16.00 and a service returning from the festival site at 18.00, 19.00, 20.00 and then every 30 minutes until 22.30, then every 5 minutes until 01.00;
  - j. 9 July 2006: a service departing Edinburgh Bus Station for the campsite every ten minutes between 09.00 and 16.00 and a service returning from the festival site at 18.00, 19.00, 20.00 and then every 30 minutes until 22.30, then every 5 minutes until 00.30, and then at 00.40, 00.50 and 01.00;
  - k. 9 July 2006: a service departing Perth Leonard Street Bus Station for the festival site every 15 minutes between 10.00 and 18.00 and a service returning from the festival site every ten to 15 minutes between 21.00 and 01.30;
  - l. 9 July: a service departing Dundee Seagate Bus Station for the festival site at 09.30, 10.00, 10.30, 13.00, 13.30 and 14.00 and a service returning from the festival site at 23.45 and 24.00;
  - m. 10 July 2006: a service from the campsite to Glasgow Buchanan Street every ten minutes between 06.00 and 14.00 and then at 14.30 and 15.00;
  - n. 10 July 2006: a service from the campsite to Edinburgh Bus Station every ten minutes between 06.00 and 14.00 and then at 14.30 and 15.00;
  - o. 10 July 2006: a service from the campsite to Perth Leonard Street Bus Station every fifteen minutes between 06.00 and 14.00 and then at 14.30 and 15.00;
  - p. 10 July 2006: a service from the campsite to Dundee Seagate Bus Station at 07.00, 07.30, 08.00, 10.30, 11.00 and 11.30;
- (vi) 11 and 12 July 2006: a shuttle service from Inverness to the Belladrum Estate and back (Belladrum Festival);

- (vii) 25 August 2006: one return journey from each of Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline to Hampden Park Stadium (The Rolling Stones);
  - (viii) 1 and 2 September 2006: one return journey from each of Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline to Hampden Park Stadium (Robbie Williams);
  - (ix) 22 and 23 September 2006: one or more return services from Inverness to Ullapool (Loopallu);
- (g) On 24 May 2006 the Competition Commission allowed the following changes to the timetables for Citylink 900 services from Edinburgh to Glasgow to allow for traffic congestion:
- (i) the 08.00 service departing Edinburgh will show the following changes;

Princes St	will now arrive 1 minute later
Shandwick	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Haymarket	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Corstorphine	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Maybury	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ingliston	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ratho	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Harthill	will now arrive 6 minutes later
Ballieston	will now arrive 6 minutes later
Glasgow	will now arrive 1 minute later

- (ii) the service departing at 08.15 and subsequent services up to and including the 16.40 will be subject to the following timetable changes;

Princes St	will now arrive 1 minute later
Shandwick	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Haymarket	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Corstorphine	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Maybury	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ingliston	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ratho	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Harthill	will now arrive 6 minutes later
Ballieston	will now arrive 11 minutes later
Glasgow	will now arrive 6 minutes later

- (iii) the 16.50 and thereafter all services until the 17.50 will show the following timetable changes;

Princes St	will now arrive 2 minutes later
Shandwick	will now arrive 5 minutes later
Haymarket	will now arrive 5 minutes later
Corstorphine	will now arrive 6 minutes later
Maybury	will now arrive 7 minutes later
Ingliston	will now arrive 7 minutes later
Ratho	will now arrive 7 minutes later
Harthill	will now arrive 14 minutes later
Ballieston	will now arrive 19 minutes later
Glasgow	will now arrive 14 minutes later

- (iv) the following changes will be made to the timetable for the 18.00 service and all services thereafter until 00.00;

Princes St	will now arrive 1 minute later
Shandwick	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Haymarket	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Corstorphine	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Maybury	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ingliston	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ratho	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Harthill	will now arrive 6 minutes later
Ballieston	will now arrive 11 minutes later
Glasgow	will now arrive 6 minutes later

- (v) services on Saturdays will be unchanged prior to the 08.15 departure but will then show the following changes until 00.00;

Princes St	will now arrive 1 minute later
Shandwick	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Haymarket	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Corstorphine	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Maybury	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ingliston	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Ratho	will now arrive 3 minutes later
Harthill	will now arrive 6 minutes later
Ballieston	will now arrive 11 minutes later
Glasgow	will now arrive 6 minutes later

- (vi) all Sunday services from Edinburgh to Glasgow will show the following changes to the published timetable;

Shandwick	will now arrive 1 minute later
Haymarket	will now arrive 1 minute later
Corstorphine	will now arrive 1 minute later
Maybury	will now arrive 1 minute later
Ingliston	will now arrive 1 minute later
Ratho	will now arrive 1 minute later
Harthill	will now arrive 2 minutes later
Ballieston	will now arrive 5 minutes later
Glasgow	will arrive in Glasgow at the time presently scheduled

- (vii) On 24 May the Competition Commission allowed Citylink to deploy an extra Citylink branded vehicle on the Citylink 905 service from Glasgow to Glasgow Airport.