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Public discussion on the surface network changes after opening the new metro line M4





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Background 1. M4 in general

M4 brief history

- First plans from 1972.
- First decision on realization: 1976.
- Start of realization: 2007.
- Inauguration: 28.03.2014.

M4 line basic data

- Length: 7,3 km
- Travel time: 13 min
- Stations: 10
- Peak headway: 2'45"
- Fully automated, driverless operation (from 26.09.2015.)





Background 2. Surface network changes



Last metro section opened in 1990. (M3)

Former surface network change principles

- No parallel surface PT lines
- Cutting of tram and bus lines in reshaping them to feeder lines
- Gaining more space for cars

New surface network change principles

- Leaving parallel surface PT lines, if reasonable
- No cutting of tramlines if possible
- Definitely no more space for cars

M4 surface network change principles

- No suspending or cutting of tramlines, only decreased capacity
- Cutting of paralel express bus lines and decreased capacity on remaining ones
- Creating new, or reshaping some existing bus lines into feeder ones
- Step by step introduction in 2 steps (2014 and 2016)

Public consultation principles

Public consultation obligation

- Min 60 days in advance
- Min 14 days for suggestions

Direct online access was created (www.bkk.hu/te/m4-felszin)

- Conventional information given in text form and with static maps
- A new, interactive map was created and introduced

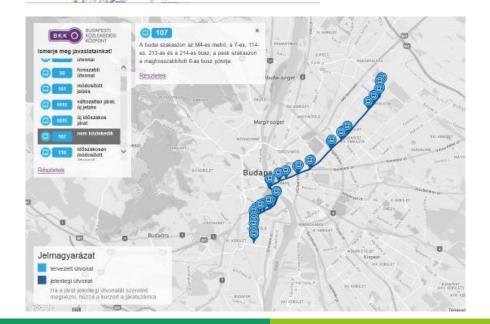
Consultation principles

- Planned changes published 80 days in advance
- Leaving 25 days for remarks
- Important bodies consulted separately









Public consultation results

Received proposals, suggestion

- 7401 proposals received
- 6639 were evaluable (90 %)

Direct consultation

- With the affected local municipalities (in and outside Budapest)
- With NGOs

Proposals made on

- The M4 metro line itself
- 4 tramlines
- 3 trolleybus lines
- 59 bus lines





Public consultation evaluation



Evaluation

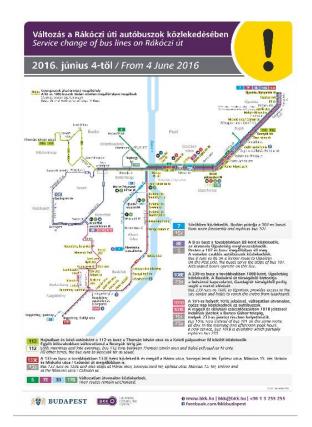
- 18 % agreed on the proposed changes
- 56 % proposed alternatives
- 26 % had other remarks

Processing

- All remarks were worked up
- Proposals with large public support were accepted
- Proposals with high costs or other reasons were rejected

Decision

- BKK made a professional summary and a proposal
- The Municipality took the final decision





Public consultation Summary

Resources and expertise needed

- Internal human resources
- Several thousand working hours on: programming, content generation, data processing

Timescale

- 1st round: Jan 2014 March 2014
- 2nd round: Jan 2016 March 2016

Evidence of success

- High public involvement, large number of responses
- Several proposals taken into account
- Potential problems encountered in advance
- Aim: nobody should have longer journey times

Potential for transfer

- High expectations towards new metro line
- Introduction of new tools for public engagement
- People usually don't like changes, so they should feel a good potential in the change
- Direct involvement of important stakeholders and bodies









Thank you!

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