

University of Hertfordshire Mobile Ticketing Project

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County of Hertfordshire/ University

- Mix of rural villages & large towns (affordability issues)
- Close to London (regulated public transport environment)
- Surrounded by 3 main airports
- Dissected by a number of major road links
- Serviced by two main bus & one main train operator (de-regulated environment)



Why did the University of Hertfordshire Set Up its Own Bus Company (UNO)?

- Transport links are mainly North-South with few East-West links
- Sustainability: Hertfordshire has a high car owning population
- Hertfordshire has relatively poor public transport (except for rail links into London)
- Growth of the University of Hertfordshire. From the late 1980's there has been a major increase in student numbers (from c.5k to c.24,600 students)
- Community issues with on-street parking, perceived lack of accessibility to the University and traffic congestion
- Existing transport infrastructure was not fit for purpose

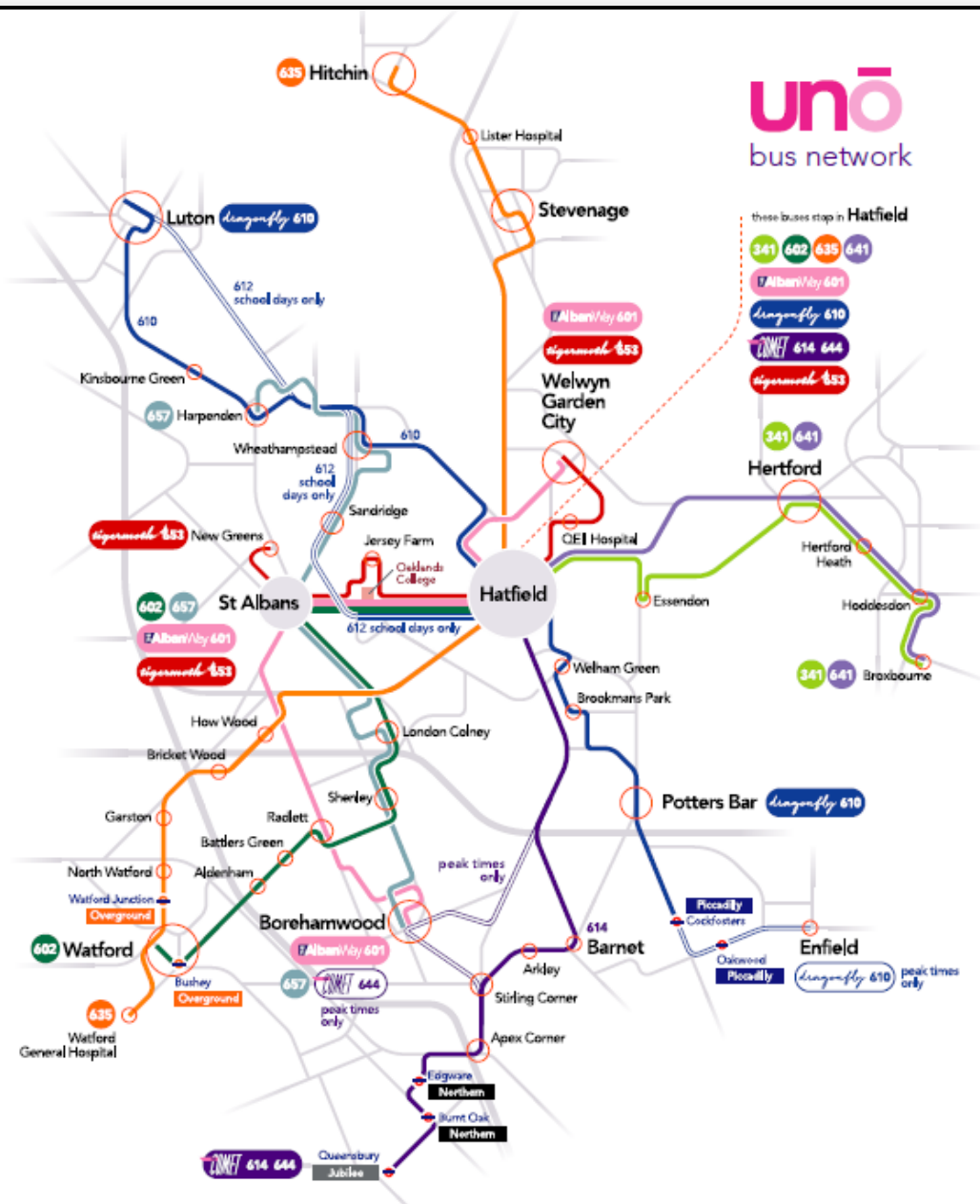


Who Are UNO's Customers?

- Things seemed simple back in 1992 when the University set up its own bus company (“University Bus” now called “UNO”):
- Students and staff were our “customers” and the University subsidised their travel
- However there were other markets out there which we could serve e.g., schools, colleges, commuters and shoppers
- So, both from a financial perspective and in the interests of providing a sustainable transport solution, the University decided to serve those markets as well

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The UNO Mobile Ticketing Project

Bus tickets loaded onto mobile phones instead of paper tickets

Mobile Ticketing Project Overview

- The project was a partnership between Hertfordshire County Council, UNO & the University of Hertfordshire
- Took advantage of consumer familiarity with other mobile phone apps
- Offered a simple and fast ticketing solution
- Quick integration with Real-Time information system
- Improves boarding times and punctuality
- Allows more flexible ticketing options

Bus Operator Benefits

- Increased passenger satisfaction
- Reduced costs (i.e. cash handling)
- Combats fraud
- Quicker boarding times improve punctuality
- Real-time ticket changes can be introduced
- Increases data gathering opportunities leading to new business models (i.e. DRT)

Passenger Benefits

- Don't have to wait to buy tickets
- No need to find the right change
- No more lost tickets
- Purchased in seconds = reduced boarding times
- Purchase a ticket online anytime, anywhere
- Mobile tickets can be purchased on behalf of others
- More flexible ticket options

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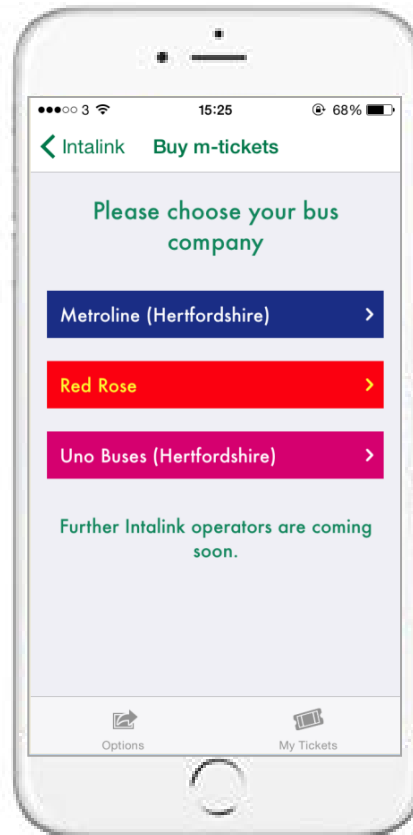
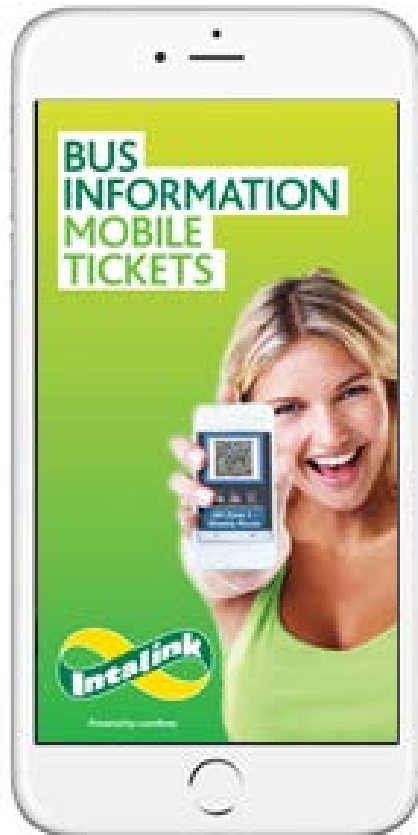
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What it looks like?



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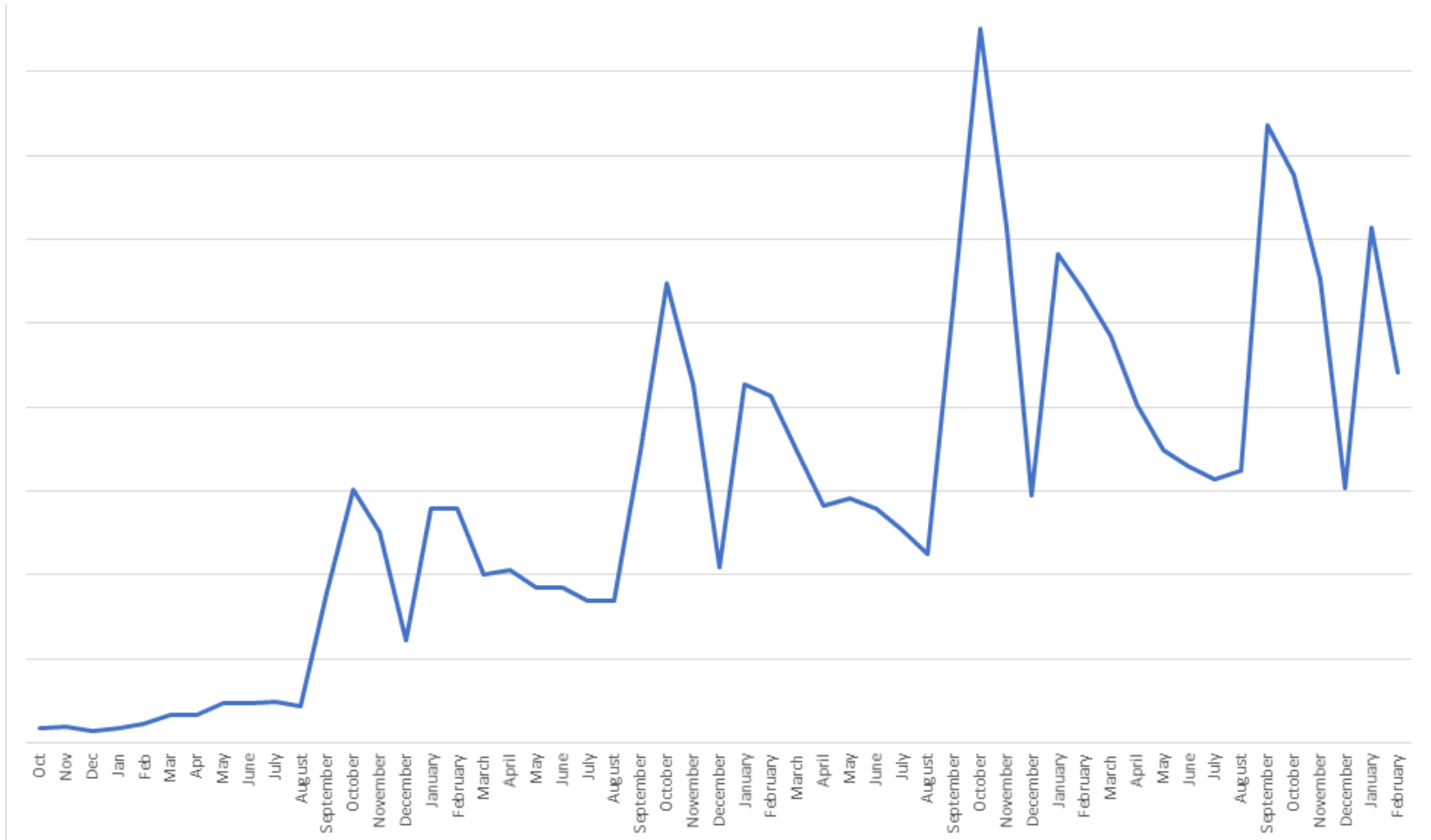
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Time Savings On-Bus

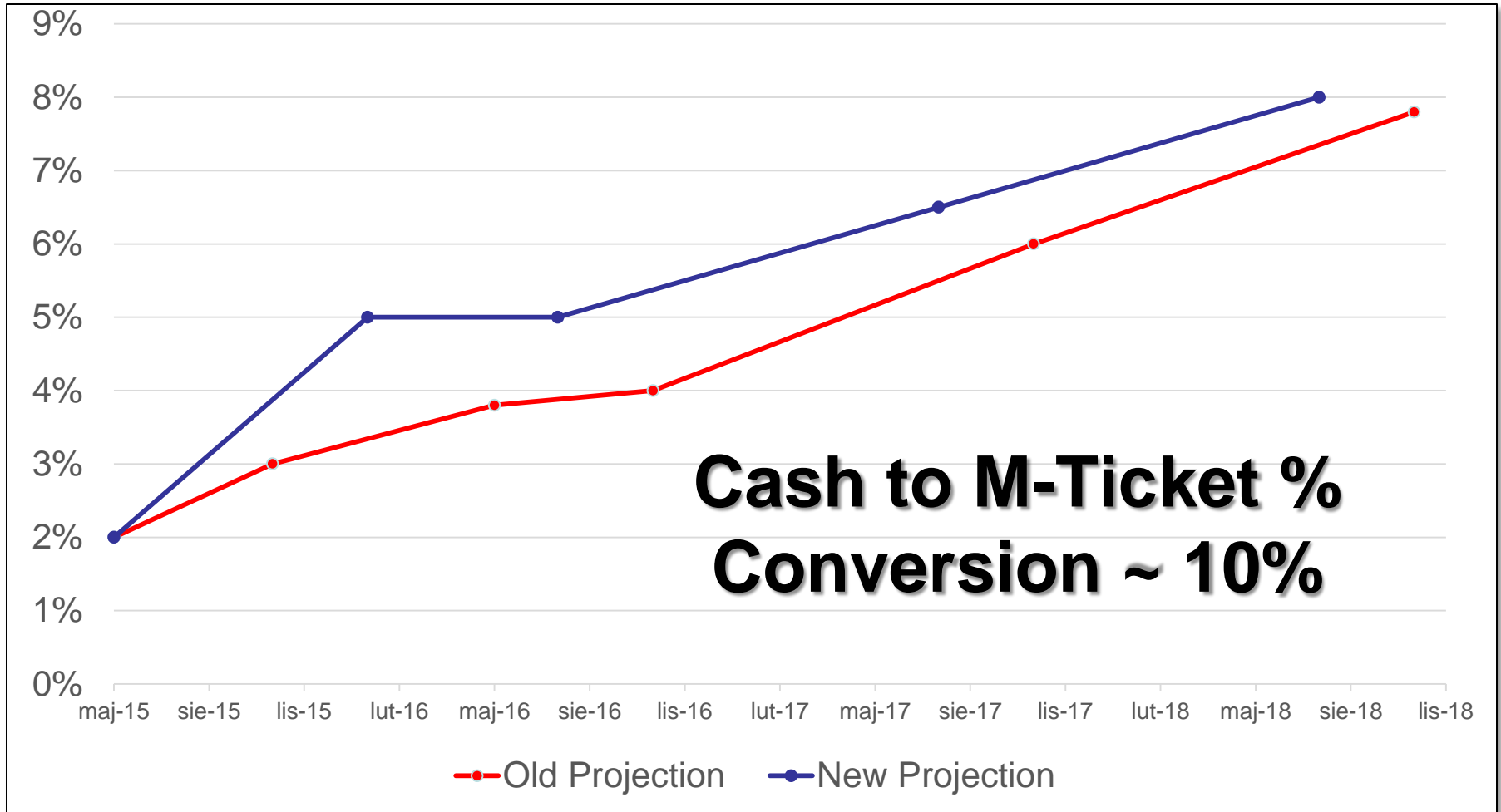
Transaction Time	With M-ticketing	Without M-Ticketing	Difference
653 Route / WGC Bus Station / April	10.4 Seconds	19.3 Seconds	8.9 Seconds
614 Route / The Forum / March	14.9 Seconds	23.3 Seconds	8.4 Seconds
601 Route / St Albans Station / April	7.7 Seconds	14.1 Seconds	6.4 Seconds

Average time saving of 8 seconds per m-ticket scan over cash

M-ticket Growth – Total Sales



M-Ticketing Uptake v Forecast



Future Developments – where is this leading to?

- Expand Smart Ticketing across county/region with transport operators (Enhanced Partnership/Social Enterprise Model)
- Building MaaS Service?
 - Developing links with existing MaaS providers (Motionhub)
- Fully integrate across all transport providers
 - real integrated mobility ecosystem like TfL in London)
- Building momentum through Smart Mobility Research Unit (SMRU) with Regional Players (England's Economic Heartland)



Thank You

Any Questions?

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