

Fastest bus journey times before and after opening of Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

Times taken stop-to-stop from Traveline.org.uk, which automatically selects the fastest connections.
There are of course other post-opening journey options but only the fastest is used for comparison.

Post-opening fastest timings

With Busway

Without Busway

Journey	Pre-Opening	Post-Opening	Notes
Hinchingsbrooke to Addenbrooke's	1h 41mins	1h 41mins	Identical journey using Whippet 1A. No use of busway.
Huntingdon Bus Stn to Addenbrooke's	1h 26mins	1h 26mins	Identical journey using Whippet 1A. No use of busway.
Huntingdon Bus Stn to Cambridge Centre	1h 09mins	1h 09mins	Identical journey using Whippet 1A. No use of busway.
St Ives East St to Cambridge Rail Station	57mins	48mins	48 minute timing <i>only available hourly</i> via Whippet C. At other times, fastest journey is 53 minutes assuming 11 minute walk East St to St Ives P&R. If the walk is not acceptable, add 10 minutes.
St Ives Bus Stn to Cambridge Rail Station	55mins	53mins	Assumes 7 minute walk from centre of St Ives to St Ives P&R. Otherwise fastest journeys are non-busway on Whippet services.
St Ives Bus Stn to Addenbrooke's	55mins	56mins	Assumes 7 minute walk from centre of St Ives to St Ives P&R. Otherwise fastest journeys are non-busway on Whippet services.
Swavesey Boxworth End to Cambridge Centre	1h 01mins	46mins	Journey starts on the existing service 5 for both timings. Service 5 continues to Cambridge, but will lose patronage post-Busway as people get off part-way to access Busway services. Will it remain viable?
Longstanton Village to Cambridge Rail Stn	53mins	53mins	To make this journey by busway requires a wrong-direction start on service 5 (see above) and change at Swavesey. Journey time 1h 16mins. Otherwise it assumes a drive to Longstanton P&R, not available to non-car owners and not 'green'.
Histon Church Street to Cambridge Rail Stn	38mins	38mins	Existing service 8 all the way before and after. Church Street is at the north end of Histon, over a mile from the Busway.
Impington Railway Vue* to Cambridge Rail Stn	31mins	26mins	Busway time advantage only available every 20 minutes as alternate Busway services terminate in the City Centre. 31 minute timing on service 8 available every 20 minutes anyway. Duplication of service.
Fenstanton to Cambridge Science Park	55mins	49mins	See narrative below.
Bus journeys wholly away from the busway (85%+)	XXmins	XXmins	No benefit whatsoever from £100+ investment.

* Adjacent to Histon & Impington Busway stop

Journeys originating from or terminating at busway stops will in almost all cases be faster, such that CRC and Science Park passengers who live a reasonable distance from other busway stops on the northern section will gain. However a direct bus service serving a similar hinterland to the Science Park was withdrawn due to lack of patronage. In any case, this is a very small passenger sector.