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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The Bus services around bank holidays will often operate differently to normal weeks.
- 1.1.2 The data for use in services such as the Department for Transport Bus Open Data Service (BODS), Traveline, journey planners, real time systems and mobile phone apps all need to be updated to reflect the changed operation.
- 1.1.3 This advice deals with how to prepare data for the BODS service to ensure that it is correct for the coronation holiday period.
- 1.1.4 School services will need to be adjusted on the additional bank holiday for the coronation.

1.2 Scope

- 1.2.1 This report has no statutory or other legal basis and is purely to provide advice to bus operators, authorities and suppliers.

1.3 Acknowledgements

- 1.3.1 RTIG is grateful to Ticketer and EPM for contributing to the construction and validation of this document.

2 Bank Holidays in TransXChange.

2.1.1 Route and timetable data submitted to BODS needs to be in a format called TransXChange. You will already be providing your timetables in the correct format if your routes and timetables appears on BODS.

2.1.2 In TransXChange, holidays are defined with names, which then need to be converted into a date by systems using the data. The holiday days, hereafter called Named Days, that TransXChange understands (In the order they appear in schema) are:

- ChristmasDay
- BoxingDay
- GoodFriday
- NewYearsDay
- LateSummerBankHolidayNotScotland
- MayDay
- EasterMonday
- SpringBank
- ChristmasDayHoliday
- BoxingDayHoliday
- NewYearsDayHoliday
- ChristmasEve
- NewYearsEve

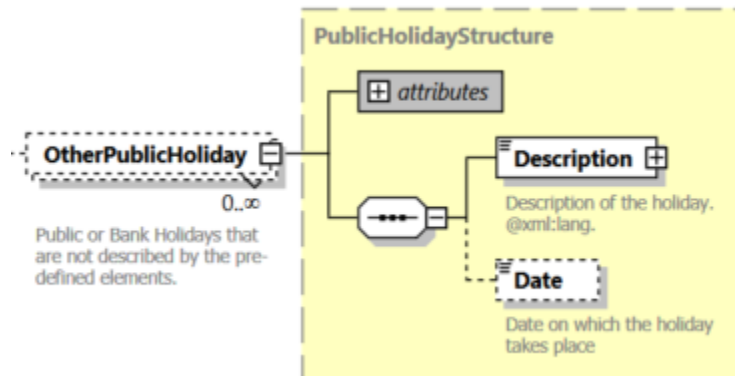
2.1.3 If your service operates in Scotland, then these additional days are used:

- StAndrewsDay
- StAndrewsDayHoliday
- Jan2ndScotland
- Jan2ndScotlandHoliday
- AugustBankHolidayScotland

2.1.4 Every Named Day, must be specified as either a DaysOfOperation or DaysOfNonOperation for it to be valid for BODS. How to achieve this will differ depending on the software you are using, if you don't know how to do this please contact your supplier.

3 Additional Coronation Holiday

- 3.1.1 On Monday 8 May 2023 there is an additional Bank Holiday as part of the celebrations for the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- 3.1.2 The additional Coronation holiday is not listed in TxC as a named day and needs to be coded as an “OtherPublicHoliday”.



```
<OtherPublicHoliday>  
    <Description>CoronationBankHoliday</Description>  
    <Date>2023-05-08</Date>  
</OtherPublicHoliday>
```

- 3.1.3 We are suggesting that the description in TxC is CoronationBankHoliday, there is no mandation of the name to be used however consistency in use will assist data consumers who work with multiple operators data.
- 3.1.4 An example output below showing a trip operating on all public holidays in the order required:

```
<DaysOfOperation>  
    <ChristmasDay />  
    <BoxingDay />  
    <GoodFriday />  
    <NewYearsDay />  
    <LateSummerBankHolidayNotScotland />  
    <MayDay />  
    <EasterMonday />  
    <SpringBank />  
    <ChristmasDayHoliday />
```

```
<BoxingDayHoliday />
<NewYearsDayHoliday />
<OtherPublicHoliday>
  <Description>CoronationBankHoliday</Description>
  <Date>2023-05-08</Date>
</OtherPublicHoliday>
<ChristmasEve />
<NewYearsEve />
</DaysOfOperation>
```

- 3.1.5 As a data supplier you will need to ensure that the coronation holiday is set as a day of operation (or as a day of non operation if journeys are not operating on this date).

4 Software Specific Actions

- 4.1.1 Data providers using Ticketer can select “Coronation Of King Charles III” from the list of pre-defined bank holidays. The bank holiday can be applied direct to timetables as either an inclusion or exclusion. Any TxC being imported to Ticketer with 2023-05-08 as an OtherPublicHoliday with any variation of the name in the import will be matched to the pre-defined bank holiday. If you have any questions, contact Ticketer support support@ticketer.co.uk for advice.
- 4.1.2 Data providers using the Omnibus scheduling suite to produce BODS data can enter the Coronation Holiday through the Term Code window and adding the date to the list of default bank holidays. Users should then assign that date as an “Other Bank Holiday” and name it appropriately. Trips that will operate on the Coronation Holiday should also be tagged accordingly. Further guidance is available in the BODS Exporter Manual on the Customer Support Portal or by contacting Omnibus Support.
- 4.1.3 For Trapeze customers, the Coronation Bank Holiday was added to the Novus system configuration when the date was first announced back in November. It has been added with a description of “Kings Coronation”. Customers will need to be on version 5.0.19. Please contact Customer Care if you need any more information.
- 4.1.4 If your supplier is not listed, please confirm with them what action you need to take to ensure Coronation holiday data is properly coded.

5 Road Closures and Other Disruptions

- 5.1.1 Across the three days of celebrations there is being planned an extensive programme of events. These events are being planned by a wide range of different organisations and groups and the scale of events will vary considerably from city scale events through to local community street parties.
- 5.1.2 Some of these events will inevitably result in full or partial road closures for some or all of the weekend and may impact bus routes.
- 5.1.3 It will be important to check with your local highways authority on any closures and restrictions that will affect any of your services operating over the long jubilee weekend and make the necessary changes to routes and schedules.

6 When to Supply Data

- 6.1.1 It is important that customers can plan for their journeys over the period in advance. Journey planners will typically allow journey planning a month in advance.
- 6.1.2 To enable data consumers to import the data and provide journey planning to cover the Coronation period and allow advanced planning data should be supplied to BODS as soon as possible.

7 If you have questions

- 7.1.1 If you need advice about TransXChange then please contact the RTIG secretariat at secretariat@rtig.org.uk
- 7.1.2 If you require support or are experiencing issues with BODS, please contact the Bus Open Data Service Help Desk.
- 7.1.3 The Help Desk is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding Bank Holidays in England and Wales, and the 24th December).
- 7.1.4 The Help Desk can be contacted by telephone or email as follows.
- 7.1.5 Telephone: +44 (0) 800 028 0930
- 7.1.6 Email: bodshelpdesk@kpmg.co.uk