



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, AT 3.00 p.m.  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**SPC Members:**

Cllr Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson; Cllr Kieran Binchy; Cllr Tom Brabazon; Cllr Mannix Flynn; Cllr Paul Hand; Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones; Cllr Teresa Keegan, Cllr Frank Kennedy; Cllr Paddy McCartan; Cllr Ruairí McGinley; Cllr Ray McHugh; Cllr Ciarán O'Moore, Cllr Larry O'Toole.

Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network; Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign; Mr Barry Aldworth, AA Ireland Ltd.

**Apologies:** Ms Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland; Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin City Business Improvement District t/a Dublin Town; Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association;

**Members of the City Council:**

Lord Mayor Nial Ring; Deputy Lord Mayor Cathleen Carney Boud; Cllr Dermot Lacey; Cllr Patrick Costello; Cllr Paddy Burke; Cllr Anne Feeney; Cllr Paul McAuliffe; Cllr Michael Mullooly; Cllr Micheál MacDonncha; Cllr Deirdre Heney; Cllr Claire Byrne

**Dublin City Council Staff:**

Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive; Mr Brendan O'Brien, Acting Executive Manager (Traffic); Mr Kevin Meade, Senior Executive Officer;

Ms Esther Hickey, Administrative Officer; Mr Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer; Ms Mary Boyle, Staff Officer; Mr Michael Mann, Staff Officer; Mr Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer

**National Transport Authority:** Mr Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation

**Jarrett Walker and Associates, Public Transit Planning and Policy Consultants:** Mr Jarrett Walker.

**Item No.**

1 Minutes of meeting held on 19th April, 2018

**Minutes agreed**

**Regarding Item No. 8, it was agreed to defer the Motion in the name of Cllr Damian O'Farrell to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC.**

**Regarding Item No. 14, it was agreed to move the Motion in the name of Councillor Dermot Lacey for a report.**

- 2 BusConnects - presentation by Mr Jarrett Walker, Jarrett Walker and Associates, Public Transit Planning and Policy Consultants.

Mr Jarrett Walker gave a presentation on Bus Connects and details of the public consultation starting on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. A full report setting out all details, and a summary report, and maps are available at busconnects.ie The findings of the public consultation will be published towards the end of 2018. Mr Walker and Mr Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation, NTA, replied in detail to Members' questions. In response to Members' concerns on holding a public consultation over the summer, Mr Creegan said that the public consultation period will be extended to the end of September. A separate major public consultation will be held then on the bus lanes, which will involve further more detailed discussions. The Chairperson and Members thanked Mr Walker and Mr Creegan.

**Noted.**

- 3 National Transport Authority Capital Project funding 2018 (deferred from April 2018 meeting)

Mr Brendan O'Brien said that the list represented the initial funding allocation from the NTA from the sustainable transport measure grants. Mr O'Brien replied to Members questions.

**Report Noted.**

- 4 Electric Vehicle Charging for residents of terraced houses or apartments (deferred from April 2018 meeting)

Mr Kevin Meade outlined details of the report. Following discussion, the Chairperson requested that discussions be held with Public Lighting on a pilot scheme for charging vehicles from public lighting standards, as is happening in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

**It was agreed to submit a further report to the September meeting of the Transportation SPC on how to progress the provision of electric vehicle charging points.**

- 5 Public Realm projects report (deferred from April 2018 meeting)

**Deferred to a future date**

- 6 Smart Phone usage in public (deferred from April 2018 meeting)

**Deferred to a future date**

- 7 Minutes of Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee meeting held on 7th March, 2018

**Deferred to a future date**

- 8 Motion in the name of Councillor Damian O'Farrell: "That this Transport SPC agrees that all DCC 'Parking Tag' charging anomalies should be fixed as a matter of urgency and a report brought back to the next Transport SPC."

**Agreed to defer the Motion in the name of Cllr Damian O'Farrell to the next meeting of the Transportation SPC.**

- 9 Motion in the name of Councillor Patrick Costello: "That this committee agrees to undertake a pilot study, including broad public consultation, of "School Streets" where the streets around a school temporarily become pedestrians and cycles only at set times in the morning and afternoon around opening and closing of the school. Vehicles, with some exemptions, are not permitted to enter the street between these times. Such School streets have been trialed in other countries and would help ensure safe and sustainable routes to schools."

**Deferred to a future date**

- 10 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran O' Moore, Councillor Larry O'Toole and Councillor Ray McHugh: "In light of the recent revelations in the media in relation to rickshaws, I would propose that this transport SPC request that Minster Shane Ross carries out a immediate safety review with the view to implementing and introduce robust regulations for rickshaws within a short timeframe."

**As requested by Councillor Ciarán O'Moore, Motion agreed without debate**

- 11 Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán Cuffe: "That the 'green man' period at pedestrian signals throughout the city centre be increased by one second in order to better facilitate more vulnerable road users who would benefit from additional crossing time."

**Deferred to a future date**

- 12 Motion in the name of Councillor Deirdre Heney (regarding part 1): "Following a recent successful prosecution by Gardaí in a court case involving animal cruelty against a carriage horse owner in Dublin, and in order to reduce/eliminate cruelty to horses in our city, that Dublin City Council: 1. Review its Horse Drawn Carriages bye-laws, 2. Work with An Garda Síochána, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the DSPCA, the Control of Horses Act 1996, Dublin City Council's Control of Horses Bye-laws 2014 in order to bring about greater enforcement of existing legislation and 3. Arrange the introduction of routine welfare checks of horses (including checks on harnessing etc) by a qualified equine veterinarian or suitably qualified authorised officer." (The Motion was referred to the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC in relation to parts 2 and 3).

**Deferred to a future date**

- 13 Motion in the name of Councillor Paddy Smyth: "This committee calls on the Minister for Transport to amend the Road Traffic Act to allow for the introduction of 'Living Streets' i.e. traffic restrictions on urban residential streets similar to those used in Germany (Spielstraße) and the Netherlands (Woonerf) in which pedestrians/cyclists are prioritised over motor vehicles." (Background: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Living\\_street](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Living_street)  
A living street is a street designed primarily with the interests of pedestrians and cyclists in mind and as a social space where people can meet and where children may also be able to play legally and safely. These roads are still available for use by motor vehicles, however their design aims to reduce both the speed and dominance of motorised transport. This is often achieved using the shared space

approach, with greatly reduced demarcations between vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Vehicle parking may also be restricted to designated bays

**Deferred to a future date**

- 14 Motion in the name of Councillor Dermot Lacey: "To request management to prepare a report on the possibility of installing Disabled Cycle Parking facilities."

**it was agreed to move the Motion in the name of Councillor Dermot Lacey for a report.**

**Councillor Ciaran Cuffe**

**Chairperson**

**Wednesday 4 July 2018**