

Minutes of Cycling & Walking Sub-Committee Meeting held on 1st March 2017

Richard O'Carrol Room, City Hall, Dublin 2, at 2.30pm

Attendance:

Members

Cllr Ciaran Cuffe, Chairperson
Orlaith Maguire, Road Safety Authority
Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland
Barbara Connolly, Cycling Ireland
Sarah Scannell Walking & Cycling Promotions Officer DCC
Jane Hackett, An Taisce, Green Schools
Alita Rivero, Dublin Cycling Campaign
Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign

Non Members

Karen Hosie, Senior Executive ITS Officer Dublin City Council
Said Shawqi, Executive Engineer, Dublin City Council
Niall O'Donohue, Executive Engineer Dublin City Council
Cllr Paddy Smith, Dublin City Council
Helen Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, DCC
Derek O'Mahony, Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Garda Colm O'Brien, An Garda Síochána
Derek Dixon, Executive Engineer, Dublin City Council

Apologies

Alley Menary, An Taisce
Oliver Dalton, National Transport Authority
Christopher K Manzira, Acting Senior Engineer, DCC

Admin

Marian Cheevers, Dublin City Council
Jenny Sweeney, Dublin City Council

1. Minutes of Cycling & Walking Sub- Committee held on 7th December 2016

Changes to December minutes accepted by Chair.

Discussion regarding Leo Varadkar's introduction to statutory law that cyclists must stay in cycle lanes. Ruling has appeared in Rules of the Road. No clarity from the Department of Tourism, Transport and Sport on who is responsible for this decision.

Currently a survey is being circulated by RSA regarding users of the road. Orlaith Maguire, RSA to update committee on questionnaire and updates.

Contra flow: DCC wrote to the Department of Tourism, Transport and Sport regarding contra flow. No response yet received. Cllr Cuffe suggested that we re- send the letter to the Department. Garda Colin O'Brien agreed to ask his department about contra flow and liaise with the committee regarding this.

2. Cordon Count Presentation- Presented by Said Shawqi.

The 2016 cordon count was conducted by National Data Collection between the two Dublin canals, the count data was presented by Said Shawqi, Executive Engineer to the committee.

Colm Ryder suggested that HGV's should be counted.

Said Shawqi to provide committee with a breakdown of the trend of different size axels.

Sarah Scannell to find out if it is possible to correlate the number of permits with the count data.

Cllr Cuffe recommended a faster roll out of cycle projects to help with the increase of people coming in to city centre in the future.

Colm Ryder noted that the number of cyclists were higher in Dublin than Utrecht in the Netherlands. He would like to know the count figures for the wider city area.

Said Shawqi to propose a 12 hour count of pedestrians for future cordon counts.

It was agreed to circulate copies of the count presentation to the committee.

3. Project List

List of project updates submitted to the committee. Colm Ryder gave further project information on the project list provided in Christopher Manzira's absence.

Dublin Cycling Campaign has concerns regarding the design of the Clontarf to City Centre Project. Colm Ryder commented it is not an 'All Ages' design and that it is disappointing. Colm Ryder suggested that it is not fit for purpose and that he has asked DCC to withdraw the project from Part 8 but this has not occurred. Colm Ryder has

raised concerns with Christopher Manzira and DCC and DCC has to decide what to do next. DCC is awaiting a part 8 decision.

Cycle Parking - Siobhan Maher in the DCC liaison for Public Realm matters in the City. Alec Dundon Executive Engineer DCC is in charge of bicycle parking projects and temporary stands. Updates to cycle parking in the city to be circulated to committee. Updates also placed on Dublinked data sharing platform.

College Green - Cllr Cuffe met the design team for College Green and advised to provide for visually impaired people's difficulties & accessibility needs when designing the project. Fiona Kielty to be introduced to the design team.

Colm Ryder requested Santry River Walkway/Greenway to be listed on projects items. Cllr Cuffe said he was speaking with Dave O'Connor who is keen to put a proposal to the committee. Cllr Cuffe to liaise with committee regarding any updates.

4. Luas Cross City

Derek O'Mahony, TII gave an update regarding Luas tracks and cycling interaction. There has been an increase of accidents with cyclists on Luas tracks, DCC and NTA plan to hold workshop to consult with cyclists with a view to ensuring the roll out of safer practises.

A permanent configuration of the groove box (as a safety measure) was ruled out as the life span of the product was too short, and wouldn't be up to the volume of traffic.

The Monthly Forum meetings between DCC and Luas discussed the possible use of Advisor cycle lanes, align guidance markings at 45 degree angles for cycle crossings, colour sections of track with blue box for cyclist hazard crossings. They also benchmark against what other countries use regarding signage etc.

Derek Dixon, DCC said there will be a Media Campaign pushing Cycling Awareness on the radio, there will be a series of ads and a new set of signage at eye level to warn cyclists of the hazards re track crossing.

The material that is currently filling tracks will be taken out at the end of March 2017 for gauging the lines.

Colm Ryder feels that two years after beginning of construction, signs are only going up now; also cyclists were not present in design stage from the beginning of construction. He finds this disappointing.

Cllr Cuffe is delighted that the TII are now looking at cyclist issues. Fiona Kielty commented that a change of attitude is needed for all road users.

5. Cycle Right

There is currently no update regarding Cycle Right implementation, the delay appears to be the allocation of funding for the training. Cllr Cuffe to speak with Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive regarding the budget.

Cllr Cuffe will also write to the Chief Executive on behalf of the committee urging immediate roll out of Cycle Right as already there may not be enough trainers available to provide training to schools in Dublin City in 2017.

6. Walking

Dublin Cycling Campaign is looking at 'quick win' issues with Christopher Manzira regarding pedestrian crossings. Fiona Kielty discussed the use of fobs to extend the time for some users to cross the road. Karen Hosie, ITS (Intelligent Transport systems DCC) looked at this previously but it is not compatible with the SCATS system.

ITS previously looked at delaying the red to give pedestrians a chance to cross with clear traffic, particularly in White Friar Street School, the pedestrian crossing is not long enough, and Karen Hozie, ITS to investigate.

7. Velo City

Sarah Scannell discussed progress on Velo City; Velo-city 2017 will take place in Nijmegen and Arnhem which DCC will be represented at. 'Cycling for the Ages' is to be the theme for Dublin.

8. Bike Week & Promotion Update

An urban velodrome will be DCC's contribution to Bike Week on 10th June.

Dublin Cycling Campaign will also host events in the Phoenix Park and St Annes Park with the OPW, they are currently looking for a location to cycle, walk and blade along that can be closed off.

9. A.O.B.

Cllr Cuffe would like to approach the Chief Executive on the 'Respect Campaign' to look for funding. Identifying key problems and looking at the data involves resources. Dublin Cycling Campaign had a meeting with Owen Keegan and looked at materials, An Garda Síochána, RSA, Fingal County Council and other County Councils, but nothing has happened in 2 years due to there being no budget. Cllr Cuffe suggested that the visual display units on new meters could be used for cycle safety adverts.

'30KPH speed limit' is being introduced at the end of March, it will need new signage, Cllr Cuffe wants it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Nuisance parking in cycle lanes discussed, a lot of it is vans unloading using the cycle lane to park on. Sarah Scannell sends data collated by customer service to Parking Enforcement. Customer Services has a trial project called 'Free The Cycle Lanes Hash Tag, people take photos of the offending vehicles and send them in, but they are not always live and data is old, it also raises the safety issue of taking photos while cycling. Cllr Paddy Smith is meeting with Kevin Meade of Parking Enforcement DCC next week regarding the Hash issue and will update.