



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017, at 3.00 p.m.  
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

**SPC Members:**

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

Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association; Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin City Business Improvement District t/a Dublin Town; Mr Martin Hoey, Public Participation Network; Mr Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign; Mr Frank Mulligan, Irish Road Haulage Association; Ms Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland.

**Apologies:** -

**Non-Members:** Cllr Ray McAdam

**Dublin City Council Staff:**

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

Ms. Mary Hussey, Senior Engineer, City Centre Projects; Mr Andy Walsh, Senior Engineer, Transportation Operations; Mr Dermot Stevenson, a/Senior Executive Engineer; Mr Derek Dixon, Project Engineer, Luas Cross City Liaison Office;

Ms Edel Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Roads and Traffic; Ms Helen Smirnova, Senior Executive Engineer, and Mr Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Traffic Management and Control.

Mr Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent.

Ms Esther Hickey, Administrative Officer; Ms Mary Boyle, Staff Officer; Mr Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr. Patrick Davis, Clerical Officer; Mr Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer.

**National Transport Authority:** Ms. Grainne Mackin, Communications Director, Luas Cross City

1. Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

In relation to the Control of Stationless On-Street Bicycle Hire Bye-Laws 2017, Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive, confirmed that the Bye-Laws were adopted by the City Council and the Council is now working towards preparation for the tendering process by the end of the year.

**Minutes agreed.**

8. Luas Cross City – verbal update

Ms Grainne Mackin, Communications Director, Luas Cross City, National Transport Authority, gave a presentation on the Green Line which is due to commence service from 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. A new city centre off-peak Leap Card adult fare of 1 euro and childrens' fare of 50 cent is intended to encourage use. Seven 55 metre trams will be part of the operation from February, 2018, and a further 8 such trams have been ordered. Ms Mackin responded to Members' queries. Cllr P. Hand will forward a number of driver training and safety queries to Ms Mackin directly who will raise with Transdev. In response to Councillor Ray McAdam, Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive, said that the commitment to restore coach parking on Western Way to the pre-2014 level would be honoured.

**Presentation by Ms Grainne Mackin, Communications Director, Luas Cross City, noted. Members thanked all concerned for the delivery of the Luas Cross City project on time and on budget.**

2. Implementation of Public Realm Strategy – **presentation by Mr Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent**

Mr Leslie Moore gave a presentation on the Public Realm Masterplan which was launched in 2016. The core objective is to create a pedestrian friendly city centre. The Implementation Plan comprises a 3 phase Implementation Programme, in line with the Development Plan. The projects listed in the first phase have funding in place and the Environment and Transportation Department is preparing a schedule for their delivery. Mr Moore responded to Members' questions. Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive, said that updates on the implementation of the Public Realm Strategy and projects will be brought to the Transportation SPC.

**Presentation noted. Quarterly Project updates of the Public Realm Strategy to be submitted to the Transportation SPC.**

3. Review of Phases 1 and 2 of new 30 km/h Speed Limit Zones – presentation

Mr Dermot Stevenson, a/Senior Executive Engineer, gave a presentation on the new 30 km/h speed limit zones in the city. Of 40 streets surveyed, 15 streets on the south side and 17 on the north side showed a reduction in speed, with 8 streets showing an increase or no decrease in speeds. Overall the City Council is encouraged by the results and, under Phase 3, Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws will be brought to the SPC in February, 2018. Under a Behaviour and Attitude Study, of 400 respondents surveyed, 90% would support the introduction of 30 km/h speed limits in other residential areas. Mr Stevenson replied to Members' questions. The use of 30km/h roundels (street markings) is being considered at strategic locations within the 30 km/h zones.

**Presentation by Mr Dermot Stevenson, a/Senior Executive Engineer, noted.**

4. Traffic Advisory Group update and Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes Proposals Concept **(verbal report with presentation)**

Mr Andy Walsh, Senior Engineer, gave an update on the operation of the Traffic Advisory Group process and how a range of changes are helping to improve the system and shorten timelines for responses.

**Presentation by Mr Andy Walsh, Senior Engineer, noted. In relation to the development of the proposed Neighbourhood Traffic Schemes concept, a workshop will be held with the Members in early 2018 to determine how this would best work on an evidence-based approach.**

5. Sustainable Deliveries Scheme **(report and draft Bye-Laws attached)**

Ms Mary Hussey, Senior Engineer, outlined the proposal for Bye-Laws to regulate the operation of eco hubs for deliveries. Members expressed support for the proposal and raised concerns as regards suitable locations for future hubs, and how licenses would operate. The Chairperson said that it was a tremendous potential to limit the number of petrol and diesel trucks on street. Ms Hussey noted concerns and said that sites will be looked at carefully and that a proliferation of hubs is not proposed. A further report on the proposed Bye-Laws following the public consultation will be brought back to the Committee.

**Report, containing proposal to seek the approval of the City Council to initiate the public consultation on the proposed Draft Dublin City Council Control of on-street Sustainable Deliveries Eco Hub Bye-Laws 2018, noted.**

6. City Centre Projects **(verbal update)**

Mr Brendan O'Brien, acting Executive Manager (Traffic) updated the Committee on the current public consultation regarding the additional information lodged with An Bord Pleanála in respect of College Green. A comprehensive report on the North and South Quays traffic, and the impact from the Luas Cross City service, will be brought to the next meeting of the SPC. Mr O'Brien replied to Members' questions. In response to Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association, regarding the negative impact of the traffic changes on the Quays on some of their members, Mr O'Brien said that no data has been received as yet from any car park, although requested.

**Report noted.**

7. Request from AA Ireland for membership of the Transportation SPC **(verbal report)**

Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive, said that a request for membership of the SPC has been received from AA Ireland. The City Council may by resolution increase the membership of the SPC by three Members - two Councillors and 1 sectoral Member. Mr Brady said that the membership of AA Ireland would be beneficial to the workings of the Committee and he would urge support of the request. Members expressed support for the increase in the membership of the SPC.

**The Transportation SPC agreed to an increase in the membership of the Committee by three i.e. by two Councillors and one sectoral group, and recommended referral to the City Council for approval.**

9. SPC Meeting dates 2018 for noting (**schedule attached**)  
**Noted**

### **Motions**

10. Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán O'Moore (deferred from 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, Transportation SPC meeting pending a report on the issue):

"That the City Council change its policy of not providing double yellow lines on corners simply because existing legislation already provides that cars are not allowed to park 5m from the corner. There should be exceptions considered for areas with no traffic warden to enforce the rules, where parking on certain corners is constant, and where a potential hazard is sufficient to justify the installing of double yellow lines. With no Garda resources available and no traffic wardens in most areas it is not possible to monitor parking on corners. The current policy plays a part in failing to prevent dangerous parking offences. Supplying double yellow lines is a visual aid that acts as a deterrent to offenders." (**Report attached**)

**Councillor Ciarán O'Moore said double yellow lines are required at certain corners, such as near schools. Mr Dick Brady, Assistant Chief Executive, said that the City Council would work with An Garda Síochana to improve enforcement of existing Regulations, where it is already illegal to park on corners. Motion noted.**

11. Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán Cuffe:

"That the city's HGV cordon be reviewed with a view to expanding the restriction of 4-axle vehicles, particularly in the light of changes in the city in recent times including the city's ownership of the Tom Clarke (East-Link) Bridge; the opening of the Sam Beckett Bridge; continued concerns around bridge strikes by HGVs; revisions to speed limits in the city, and the imminent completion of the Luas Cross-City project."

**Mr Brendan O'Brien, acting Executive Manager (Traffic), said that 4-axle vehicles will be reviewed in next year's revision and upgrade of the HGV permit system. Motion Agreed.**

Cllr Ciarán Cuffe  
**Chairperson,**  
**27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**