



Comhairle Cathrach
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Dublin City Council

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th June, 2015, IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DUBLIN 2

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Cllr C. Cuffe, Chairperson; Cllr P. McCartan, Cllr J. Horgan-Jones, Cllr. R. McHugh, Cllr F. Kennedy, Cllr T. Keegan, Cllr C. O'Moore, Cllr K. Binchy, Cllr M. Flynn, Cllr L. O'Toole, Cllr P. Smyth, Cllr P. Hand, Mr D. Brennan, Mr D. Peppard, Mr R. Guiney, Ms F. Kelty

Apologies: Mr F. Mulligan, Mr J. Leahy

Non-Members:

Dublin City Council Staff: Mr M. Phillips, Director of Traffic/City Engineer; Mr D. Wallace, Executive Manager; Mr B. O'Brien, Head of Technical Services; Mr O. Keegan, Chief Executive; Ms E. Kelly, Senior Executive Planner; Mr E. Madden, Senior Engineer; Mr D. Dixon, Project Engineer, Luas Cross City; Mr A. Walsh, Senior Engineer; Ms M. Hussey, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr K. Meade, Administrative Officer; Mr S. Hickey, Senior Staff Officer; Ms B. O'Reilly, Assistant Staff Officer; Mr F. McKay, Assistant Staff Officer; Mr P. Davis, Clerical Officer.

National Transport Authority: Mr H. Creegan, Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation

1. 'Transport into the Future' – presentation prepared by students of Drimnagh Castle Secondary School and the Assumption Secondary School, Walkinstown. Speakers: Kieran Murray and Philip Manifold, Drimnagh Castle Secondary School.

Mr Kieran Murray and Mr Philip Manifold, Drimnagh Castle Secondary School, gave a presentation on their project, Transport into the Future, which was developed in conjunction with students from the Assumption Secondary school. They are seeking to have Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme incorporated onto the Leap Card as many younger people do not have credit cards. This is an obstacle to the use of the scheme by young people. The inclusion of the scheme on the Leap Card would require raising safety awareness among young people on the use of bicycles, such as the issue of a safety booklet to users. The Chairperson and Members thanked Mr Murray and Mr Manifold for their excellent work on this matter.

It was agreed to write to the National Transport Authority to request the inclusion of Coca-Cola Zero dublinbikes scheme on the Leap Card and to raise the issue of the €150 deposit.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 15th April, 2015 (**copy attached**)

Minutes agreed.

3. Transportation projects for the next Dublin City Development Plan (**report attached**)

Ms Edel Kelly, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Traffic Planning, outlined the process to-date in the review of the current Development Plan and in determining the Transportation strategic vision for the new Development Plan.

The Chairperson requested a report to the September meeting on rough costings for and the rationale behind Transportation projects listed in the current Development Plan, some of which have carried forward from previous Plans, such as the proposal to link the Military Road to Conygham Road.

4. Draft National Transport Authority/Dublin City Council Dublin City Centre Transport Study – public consultation phase (**report to follow**)

Mr Brendan O'Brien, Head of Technical Services, gave a detailed presentation on some of the key objectives proposed in the Dublin City Centre Study, which will be the focus for investment over the next seven years. The objectives include an increase in public transport capacity in the city, improvement in walking, cycling and the public realm, making movement through the city easier and more accessible, widening footpaths, increased pedestrianisation and reducing car use through the city centre, and the managing of retail deliveries. The public consultation will begin on 11th June, 2015. Members expressed their support for the Study. Mr O'Brien responded in detail to Members questions, and, at the request of Members, said that the closing date of the public consultation can be extended if necessary.

Report noted. A report will be brought back to the SPC on the public consultation process.

5. Liffey Cycle Route - outcome of public consultation (**report attached**)

Mr B. O'Brien said about 1,200 people responded to the non-statutory public consultation on the four route options, with 94% in favour of a cycle track on the quays. A majority was in support of Option 3, relocating the Croppies Acre to the river's edge and a new road created at the back. It is proposed to examine all the issues raised, starting with Option 3, and see also whether some of the other options need to be looked at again, and report back to the September SPC. The Chairperson said that he found the public consultation flawed insofar as it was technically difficult to download the very large files that accompanied the four options. He also said that he has real concerns about the Croppies Acre option, running a major roadway around three sides of a park.

Following discussion, it was agreed to note the report, present more detailed information on all four cycle route options to the September SPC, arrange a site visit in early July and also make a presentation to the Central Area Committee in July.

6. Cycle Parking Strategy (**verbal update**)

To be discussed at the September SPC meeting.

7. National Bike Week 2015 (**report attached**)

Report noted.

8. Minutes of Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee meeting held on 4th March, 2015 (**copy attached**)

Minutes noted.

9. Luas Cross City works (**verbal report**)

Mr B. O'Brien reported that Luas Cross City is entering the main construction phase and the Luas Contractor has indicated that from 20th July, 2015, College Green will go from 2 lanes in each direction to 1 lane in each direction to facilitate the laying of tracks. Major works will start also on Westmoreland Street, O'Connell Bridge and O'Connell Street. Taking into account the likely severity of the road works and the likely impact on the Dublin Bus fleet at College Green, it is proposed as a temporary measure, from 24th August, 2015, to extend the operation of the current College Green Bus Corridor to 12 hours from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and if necessary, to extend these hours to Saturday if a lot of congestion occurs.

As a temporary measure to facilitate the Dublin bus fleet during Luas track construction works, the Committee noted the necessity to extend from 24th August, 2015, the operation of the current College Green Bus Corridor to 12 hours, from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and if necessary, on Saturdays.

10. Letter dated 29th May, 2015, from the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to the de-clamping fee for clamped vehicles.

Noted.

Motions

11. Motion in the name of Councillor Paul Hand (deferred from April SPC meeting):

"This SPC notes with concern the lack of motorbike parking spaces in the Dublin City Council administrative area. Furthermore, we request that the next draft of Parking Control by-laws allow motorbikes park in pay and display parking bays using the parking tag system."

Motion agreed.

12. Motion in the name of Councillor Paddy Smyth:

"That this committee calls on the traffic manager to introduce the "greenwave" traffic light system along suitable routes into the city as well as the proposed Dodder Greenway and Liffey Cycle route on the north quays.

This system has been successfully implemented on a number of routes in the city of Copenhagen.

The 'greenwave' coordinates the traffic lights for cyclists so that if they ride at a speed of 20 km/h, they will hit green lights all the way into the city in the morning rush hour. The wave is reversed in the afternoon so bicycle users can flow smoothly home too."

It was agreed to submit a report to the next SPC on the work being done at present on providing priority for cyclists at traffic signals, the operation of the SCATS system and how it can provide for cyclists, and a report on where a 'greenwave' could be trialled.

13. A.O.B.

The Committee agreed to write to Mr Eoghan Madden, Senior Engineer, Roads and Traffic Planning, who is retiring, to thank him for his dedication to improving the city over the years he has worked with the City Council.

Councillor Ciarán Cuffe
Chairperson,
15th April, 2015