
Update on the Implementation of Proposed Cycling Projects

Executive Summary

This report focuses on the progress of cycleway projects that have statutory planning approval; two interim schemes and cycle parking. This is in line with the resources that are currently in place.

During the month of January 2021, there has been limited progress. However, planning for 2021 works on cycleway projects is continuing in-line with the Programme for Government, and the Environment and Transport Department's proposals under the Capital Programme 2021 to 2023.

The Department of Transport has approved the NTA's proposed 5 year Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The NTA has advised that funding is now available to advance projects identified as part of this plan coupled, with a commitment to fund additional staff.

1. Introduction

Dublin City Council has been notified of the approval for an overall framework for the delivery of active travel projects. This is a significant milestone for the city in its aspirations to deliver sustainable transport infrastructure. There has been limited progress in January with project teams remobilising after the Christmas break. Covid also adversely affected remobilisation.

2. Cycle Network Expansion Programme

Dublin City Council is working with the NTA to finalise proposals for the implementation of active transport delivery in-line with The Minister's announcement, and details of these proposals will be made available once agreed.

3. Schemes with Statutory Planning Approval

There are no new schemes undergoing the statutory planning process. This is unchanged from last month. There are four projects with Statutory Planning consent. These are:

1. Royal Canal Greenway
2. Dodder Greenway
3. Clontarf to City Centre
4. The Point Junction Improvement Scheme

3.1. Royal Canal Greenway

The Royal Canal Greenway is being delivered in four phases.

3.1.1. **Phase 2:** Tree planting has been deferred and will now take place in February.

3.1.2. **Phase 3:** The detailed design is now being finalised. The publication of tenders for construction is scheduled for end February.

3.1.3. **Phase 4:** Site investigations are still ongoing. The target date for the issuing of construction tender documents for the mainline works is now set for March 2021. This is because of delays in finalising site investigations. Following discussions between DCC, Irish Rail and the Design team, further investigations are required before finalising an options selection for the Liffey Junction underpass.

3.2. Dodder Greenway (Herbert Park to Donnybrook)

There was no progress during the month. It is still intend to facilitate a meeting of the Dodder Greenway consultative committee meeting before the end of the first quarter.

3.3. Clontarf to City Centre

There was no notable progress during the month. However, preparation for consultation with stakeholders, including residents and businesses along the route, and representatives for people with disabilities has commenced. The communications plan will be circulated to Members before the end of February.

3.4. The Point Junction Improvement Scheme

This is as reported last month, and at present there is no change in its status.

4. Interim Schemes

The implementation of two interim schemes to facilitate immediate safety improvements for cyclists is ongoing. This is to compensate for delays in the delivery of the main schemes. These are:

1. Liffey Cycle Route
2. Fitzwilliam Cycle Route

4.1. Liffey Cycle Route

Work has commenced at Bridge Street/Merchants Quay junction. Works at St John's Road West/Victoria Quay junction will commence shortly. This will facilitate the rollout of the scheme from Grattan Bridge to Frank Sherwin Bridge. The designs from O'Connell Bridge to Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge, for both the North and South Quays are being finalised. However, Covid has affected progress and works over this section is anticipated to take place in April.

For the full permanent scheme, Dublin City Council has appointed services providers to provide the baseline archaeology, architectural heritage and conservation reports. The archaeology report has been finalised, and Dublin City Council has received a draft of the other report. This is under review by the relevant DCC Department. The drafting of the public realm and opportunities study will to resume in February 2021.

4.2. Fitzwilliam Street Cycle Route

In order to finalise the design of the permanent scheme, cellar surveys started in November 2020. These are continuing. Dublin City Council has received representations to provide enhanced greening along the route as part of the permanent scheme. This is under consideration and an update will be provided in a later report.

The contract for ground investigations at junctions, to facilitate the replacement of a section of water-mains, was awarded in December 2020. Works commenced on-site in January 2021.

5. On street Cycle Parking

Under the 2020 Programme, contracts for the installation of 819 stands at 168 locations were awarded. Of these, 744 were installed at 152 locations. The contractor will be installing the outstanding sites over the next two months.

The 2021 programme commenced with the construction tender issue for Batch 17, on the 13th January. It provides for the installation of 165 stands at 34 locations. In line with the emphasis of reassigning road space to active travel, 25 of the 34 locations are on the road.

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