

## **Minutes Public Transport Sub-Committee**

### **(Sub-Committee of the Traffic & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)**

**Date:** Thursday 28th January 2021

**Time:** 16.00 hrs.

**Venue:** MS Teams Online Meeting

**Attendees:** Chairperson Cllr. Deirdre Conroy (DC), Cllr Caroline Conroy, Cllr. Larry O'Toole (LOT), Cllr. Mannix Flynn  
Martin Hoey PPN (MH), Gary Kearney PPN (GK), Fergus Sharpe (FS) Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Richard Guiney DublinTown,  
Donal Hodgins NTA, Suzanne Angley TII, Siobhan Griffin Bus Eireann,

**Members:** Cllr Daniel C itinn, Cllr Caroline Conroy, Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Cllr. Larry O'Toole, Martin Hoey PPN, Gary Kearney PPN,  
Fergus Sharpe Dublin, Chamber of Commerce, Richard Guiney DublinTown, Keith Gavin Irish Parking Association, Donal Hodgins NTA,  
Suzanne Angley TII

**Non-members:**

**DCC Officials:** Maggie O'Donnell (MOD), Martina Halpin (MH DCC), Mary Boyle (MB), Michael Mann (MM)

**Minutes by:** Martina Halpin

ITEM	<u>Summary</u>	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Minutes of the Meeting of 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Agreed</li> </ul>		
2. Updated information from NTA and TII on their submission to An Bord Pleanala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Suzanne Angley TII gave update on Metro Link and answered member's questions</li> <li>➤ Railway Order application due for submission this summer.</li> <li>➤ In 6-8 weeks propose to publish Route Plans final proposed designs</li> <li>➤ Meet with key stakeholders and resident groups at that stage.</li> <li>➤ Business case to Government early Spring</li> <li>➤ Environmental Impact Assessment Report in Draft Stage.</li> <li>➤ Metro link this Summer application submitted for Charlemont to Swords Estuary.</li> <li>➤ Finglas Luas design team Engineer appointment prelim design due end of this year</li> <li>➤ TII had a meeting with disability and accessibility groups, separate meeting with these groups to discuss designs further.</li> <li>➤ Site investigations currently taking place, more information on ventilation shaft in relation to this. TII will be consulting further in relation to Shaft Albert College Park Residents preference for Station and more in keeping with the area</li> <li>➤ Specific area questions – TII in contact with groups in the area further consultation with residents will take place.</li>   <li>➤ NTA Donal Hodgins gave update on Bus Connects and answered Members questions.</li> <li>➤ consultation for bus connects completed in Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> round.</li> <li>➤ Nearly 4,000 submissions in round 3, 13,000 submission in total.</li> <li>➤ Expected to lodge Application to the board this year in Qtr 2.</li> <li>➤ 16 Core bus Corridors each one treated as individual scheme, some amalgamated together e.g. Finglas/Ballymun. 12 individual schemes, 12 individual applications to ABP</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 4,000 submission Stage 1 consultation review of strategy expected to Lodge with Minister revised strategy in early 2022.</li> <li>➤ Network Redesign update on timelines Latest timetable for network redesign – Donal will get the information and circulate</li> <li>➤ Next public consultation submission is lodgment to An Bord Pleanala – further discussions can be had on the proposals. Designs are not finalised – moving towards finalising inclusive discussion with key stakeholder to take place. Statutory Consultation phase important for submissions and comment on design detail etc.</li> <li>➤ Regarding early submission of questions Maggie advised of other forums where these type question can be raised. Sub-committee purpose is to bring forward policy to the SPC more so than dealing with local issues. Review the objective, keep to policy, improving existing public transport Service.</li> </ul>	DH	
<p><b>3. Policies that member would like to bring forward and develop</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cllr Deirdre Conroy welcomed Siobhan Griffin Bus Eireann Regional School Transport Manager.</li> <li>➤ Siobhan Griffin advised, Bus Eireann administer the School Bus scheme on behalf of Dept of Education, in line with their policies. The service provided in Dublin City &amp; County is based on Ethos and Language, serving mainly special needs children, Gael Scoils, minority religion schools church of Ireland/Muslim Jewish schools etc.</li> <li>➤ School Bus System could reduce congestion reduce emissions</li> <li>➤ Martin Hoey PPN Current policy Go Ahead started up 9 school bus routes – precedence there NTA service. It is a NTA service not Bus Eireann it could be replicated across the city.</li> <li>➤ Cllr. LOT School time - ordinary buses are too congested.</li> <li>➤ Cllr MF Recommendation made to bring the issues to the attention of traffic SPC and write to the Minister for Transport and Minister for Education regarding reintroducing School bus Scheme</li> <li>➤ Siobhan to attend the next meeting</li> <li>➤ Cllr. CC for sustainable cities important that majority of children attend their nearest school, building sustainable towns and villages.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Issues of safety on public transport raised by a number of members and importance of ensuring public transport is safe for people to use. Co-ordinated messaging campaign that it is safe to use public transport post covid.</li> <li>➤ Recommendation that presentation by Dublin Bus and other transport operators on how they are addressing the issue of personal safety on public transport systems.</li> <li>➤ Request to invite representative from Dublin Bus.</li> <li>➤ Cllr. LOT Complimented Dublin Bus on their efficient way of dealing with issues/concerns - facebook pages get a response back within an hour or so and a full report shortly after.</li> <li>➤ GK Transport for all London highlights issues</li> <li>➤ Maggie will arrange for a presentation on bus priority system at the next SPC.</li> </ul>	MOD	
<b>4. Policy to Bring to the next Traffic &amp; Transport SPC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ N/A</li> </ul>		
<b>5. A.O.B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ N/A</li> </ul>		