

## Minutes Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee

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

**Date:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 11.30 a.m.

**Venue:** MS Teams Online Meeting

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Cllr Janet Horner (JH), Gary Kearney (GK), Martin Hoey (MH), Cllr Caroline Conroy (CC), Colm Ryder (CR), Fergus Sharpe (FS),  
Cllr Larry O'Toole (LOT), Jane Hackett (JHackett), Mary Tallant (MT), Cllr Mannix Flynn (MF), Michael Aherne (MA)

**DCC Officials:** Antonia Martin (AM), Deirdre Kelly (DK), Niamh NíCholmain (NNiC), Sinead Mooney (SM), Damien Hughes (DH)

**Minutes by:** Antonia Martin

ITEM	Summary	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Minutes of previous meeting held 30-11-20	➤ Agreed		
2. Presentation from AM: Update on Walking & Cycling Action Plan, incorporating	Presentation to be circulated after the meeting. Points noted from Q&A	AM	ASAP

<p>feedback from members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ MA noted that that actions in the Action Plan can be funded on a project basis. Can be annual or multi-annual funding depending on size of the project. Smaller projects can be grouped together;</li> <li>➤ NTA will be putting out a tender for the mapping of cycle facilities in the city.</li> <li>➤ Important to prioritise and target funding;</li> <li>➤ Request to share locations of pedestrian and cycle counters;</li> <li>➤ Query as to whether knowledge of location of counters would influence behaviour. MA said it can be used a positive to show importance of pedestrians and cyclists;</li> <li>➤ Walkability Audit Tools (WAT), as a means to assess how pedestrian friendly an area is, were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Green-Schools (GS) currently use these in pdf format with school pupils but are in the process of digitising them in the form of an app with a GPS system.</li> <li>➤ The WAT recently published by the NTA was developed in partnership with GS, Age Action Ireland and the NDA. This is now available online.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Cycleability Audit Tools, as a means to assess how cycle friendly an area is, were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cyclist.ie working on developing one;</li> <li>➤ GS have one they use with school children but challenging to use;</li> <li>➤ JH and CR to liaise and share information on this to avoid duplication.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ AM requested that anyone interested in joining the working group to progress the initial actions to contact her directly. An email reminder to be sent along with copy of slides presented.</li> <li>➤ Footpath improvement cited as essential. What is best method for public to highlight areas that need attention?</li> <li>➤ Dedicated funding required for Safe Routes to School Project;</li> <li>➤ Little cycling infrastructure in areas of social housing – these should be prioritised.</li> </ul>	<p>AM</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
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<p>3. Oral Presentation from Michael Aherne, NTA</p>	<p>Key Points:</p> <p>2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over €100M spent on walking and cycling projects nationwide in 2020 despite construction embargo for parts of the year;</li> <li>➤ €24.4m was spent in DCC area included funding for the Royal Canal Phase 2 (RCP2) walking and cycle route;</li> <li>➤ Gradients on the RCP2 route are limited to 5% so no excessive cycling speed built on ramps;</li> <li>➤ Additional funding was provided towards Covid Mobility Measures at beginning of pandemic to provide necessary space for pedestrians and cyclists and create a safer environment and reduce tendency/inclination of pedestrians to step onto road to maintain social distance;</li> <li>➤ Stimulus programme provided further funding for walking and cycling projects later in 2020.</li> </ul> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over €200m will be allocated nationwide. Maybe difficult to spend on if Covid restrictions persist;</li> <li>➤ NTA Remit now expanded to all urban centers nationwide, not just the Greater Dublin Area;</li> <li>➤ High level projects in DCC include RCP4, Clontarf to City Centre, On-street cycle parking, Fitzwilliam cycle way, Dodder Greenway and Balmayne (Dart to Malahide Road);</li> <li>➤ A lot of smaller projects will also be implemented;</li> <li>➤ Funding for the Safe to School programme will be funded through the STMG Grant;</li> <li>➤ Preference is to ultimately deliver high quality programmes rather than quick wins;</li> </ul>		
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<p>3. Presentation Mary Tallant, NDA</p>	<p>Presentation and information pack circulated in advance.</p> <p>Points noted from Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What key standards are not in place that need to be applied e.g. minimum widths for dishing;</li> <li>➤ Resources and guidance available on NDA website;</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Is there a need for a public seating policy i.e. regular intervals where space allows;</li> <li>➤ Seating is welcome when it does not create additional obstacles;</li> <li>➤ Cyclists traveling at speed and on footpaths creates barriers;</li> <li>➤ Floating bus-stops where pedestrians must cross cycle lanes is a barrier.</li> </ul>		
4. Proposed agenda items for future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentations by Dublin Chamber of Commerce and An Taisce Green-Schools</li> <li>➤ Update on development of Walking &amp; Cycling Action Plan</li> </ul>		
5. Next meeting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mondays at 11.30am: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ March 22</li> <li>➤ May 24</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AM to send invite	