

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

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

**Date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Time:** 16.00 hrs.

**Venue:** MS Teams Online Meeting

**Attendees:** Chairperson Cllr. Deirdre Conroy (DC), Cllr Caroline Conroy, Cllr. Larry O'Toole (LOT), Martin Hoey PPN (MH), Gary Kearney PPN (GK), Fergus Sharpe (FS) Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Richard Guiney DublinTown,, Grainne Mackin NTA. Thomas O'Connor NBRU.

**Members:** Cllr Daniel Céitinn, Cllr Caroline Conroy, Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr. Larry O'Toole, Martin Hoey PPN, Gary Kearney PPN, Fergus Sharpe Dublin, Chamber of Commerce, Richard Guiney DublinTown, Keith Gavin Irish Parking Association, Grainne Mackin NTA, Suzanne Angley TII, Thomas O'Connor NBRU.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Anne Feeney

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

**Minutes by:** Martina Halpin.

ITEM	<u>Summary</u>	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Minutes of the Meeting of 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Agreed by members</li> </ul>		
2. Update from DCC on bus priority measures through the City.	<p>Maggie O'Donnell advised DCC actively working with NTA on network redesign and the roll out of new routes. Niall Bolger gave an update on this and answered Members questions on centralised bus priority system, update on Go-Ahead fleet integration with DPTIMS, update on C Spine roll out and bus lane on Tara Street.</p> <p>Network connection between DCC and NTA will allow Go-ahead services use the bus priority system.</p> <p>H spine DCC provided 4 bus stops on Watermill Road to accommodate route 6. Easier to understand route network. More departures on the spines and more services on Sunday and co-ordinated departures. Co-ordinated departures on H spine, headway being maintained, stops a number of buses arriving at a bus stop together.</p> <p>C spine starts on 28<sup>th</sup> November. DCC works - 25 new stops installed within City Centre, 3 buildouts. Townsend street near Garda Station two new stops provided and extension provided at Heuston Station.</p> <p>NB addressed questions raised</p> <p>Talking with Gardai re parking issue Townsend street.</p> <p>North Quays benefit from bus priority as bus lanes don't have to mix with car traffic. DCC meet with Dublin Bus every two weeks to identify pinch points.</p>		

<p>3. Update on the BusConnects Project.</p> <p>Update from NTA on Bus Corridors 8,9,10,11,12,13</p>	<p>NB to speak to NTA in relation to space availability and congestion on Aston Quay with new stops and advise NTA of alternative recommendation on use of Westmoreland Street instead. Will also raise issue at Abbey Street.</p> <p>Public information in relation to bus stop changes NTA will do a publicity campaign at the launch of the spine in November and bus stops will be clearly marked also.</p> <p>Grainne Makin gave an update on Busconnects projects H spine launched in June. Operational, numbers good improved passenger growth, uptake of 16-17% pre covid.</p> <p>C Spine Lucan/Celbridge/Maynooth was due in early November, operational issues coming into service by end of November in conjunction with the introduction of the 90-minute fare. Exact amount will be announced in coming weeks.</p> <p>24hr service NTA wants to expand on this subject to funding.</p> <p>Core bus corridors preliminary business case is still with Department of Transport for decision. Needs approval before application can be made to An Bord Pleanála. Decision expected by end of month. Following approval working on sequencing of applications to APB.</p> <p>Documentation being prepare EIAR, CPO, etc., currently being worked on by Team.</p> <p>GM replied to questions raised by members</p> <p>90 minute Leap Card.</p> <p>24 hr Services – Bus Connects and NTA want to roll out this however subject to funding. Thomas confirmed 24 hr bus service on C Spine.</p>		
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	<p>Issue raised re abbey street and Clontarf and bus stop designs MOD will advise NTA of concerns.</p> <p>Issue in relation to space and traffic management around Aston Quay SA to advise NTA that the issue was raised at this meeting.</p> <p>SA to get an update for RG re nite link service for Christmas period.</p> <p>Request for Pedestrian Crossing improvements at Kimmage Cross Roads noted following an accident where a child was knocked down at this junction today</p>		
<p><b>4.</b> Update from TII on Metrolink</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Documentation ready for Q1 next year.</li> <li>➤ Application to go through earl Q2 subject to approval of preliminary business case.</li> <li>➤ Application could take between 18-24 months and possible oral hearing.</li> <li>➤ Part of GDA transport plan.</li> <li>➤ Independent expert for all residents group has been appointment and will meet up with residents. They deal directly with residents group don't report to NTA.</li> <li>➤ Property owner protection scheme will be in place by next meeting .</li> <li>➤ Martin Q2 next year application, 18-24 mths, approx. 3 years timescale.</li> <li>➤ Update on Finglas Suzanne Anglely to arrange.</li> </ul>	<p>SA</p>	
<p><b>5.</b>Update from NTA on</p> <p>a. Feasibility study for SouthWest metro link by request of Chairperson.</p> <p>b.update on underground Metro system to South West greater Dublin Area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Feasibility study for Southwest Metro – work for study largely complete study will be release as part of the background documents report with Draft GDA public transport strategy, due to be launched in November</li> <li>➤ NTA have met with residents of Stannaway/Road Kimmage – residents can email concerns to S.A.</li> </ul>		

6. Policy to Bring to the Traffic & Transport SPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pedestrian Crossing major junctions be brought to Transport SPC Turn left amber flashing, orange flashing light to warn motorists to stop. Communication need to be improved that affect this committee.</li> <li>➤ School bus services policy to go to next Transport SPC.</li> <li>➤ Dates for meetings in 2022 to be circulated</li> </ul>		