

Minutes Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee

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

Date: 22nd of November, 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), Mary Tallant (MT), Cllr Mannix Flynn (MF), Cllr Carolyn Moore (CM), Michael Aherne (MA), Naomi Oldenburg (NO)

DCC Officials: Antonia Martin (AM), Deirdre Kelly (DK)

Other: Michael Foley (MF)

Apologies: Jane Hackett (JHackett), Martin Hoey (MH), Inspector Peter Woods (PW)

Minutes by: Antonia Martin

ITEM	<u>Summary</u>	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Minutes of previous meeting held 07-10-21	Update on actions from previous meeting: ➤ AM followed up with AGS for update on Safer Roads for Dublin Campaign - no correspondence received to date. Insp. Woods unavailable to attend meeting today.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CR to liaise with NDA to get feedback on Cycle Route Assessment Checklist (CRAC). ➤ Confirmation that request for proposal by DCC executive on how Audit tools such as CRAC, would be submitted to January SPC by a Motion from the Chair. 		
2. Members Updates	<p><i>Fergus Sharpe, Dublin Chamber of Commerce</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dublin Chamber of Commerce (DCoC) carried out a ‘Business Outlook Survey’ with a sample of 300 firms in the GDA - specific focus on City Centre – to establish changing work practices and future plans (survey administered pre forth wave). Key findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remote and flexible working here to stay post pandemic - businesses plan to offer blended / hybrid working; ○ At end of Q3 2021, 40% had decided on long term policy, just over 50% were still working on it; ○ Many looking at core days / core hours. One third looking at complete flexibility. Mon and Fri most common as non-office days. ○ Only 5% would not be offering remote working; ○ FS to circulate report to members. ➤ DCoC will be making submissions on GDA strategy and fed into recent consultation on the ‘City Edge’. ➤ E-scooters: Will there be collaboration across the 4 Dublin Local Authorities in Shared e-scooter schemes? How will tendering process work? <p><i>Colm Ryder, Dublin Cycling Campaign</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Healthy Ireland are carrying out a review of the National Physical Activity Plan. Cyclist.ie attended workshop and promoted active travel as part of daily habits. ➤ Joint group looking at standards being used for cycling and walking. ➤ Campaign with NGOs - Irish Heart Foundation, Irish Cancer Society, Doctors for the Environment – to highlight importance of cycle tracks and safety. ➤ Running a bike lights campaign - be safe, be seen - working with DCC on this, and in conjunction with others Local Authorities in Dublin and nationally. 	<p>FS</p> <p>AM TO CHECK WITH MICRO MOBILITY UNIT</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GDA transport strategy consultation open until 17th December - all members encouraged to make submissions. ➤ Requests to repeat the Halloweens cycle in Sandymount (3-4,000 participants - families and kids) for Christmas. AGS were a great support at the Halloween Event. <p>MF suggested bike lights given to Deliveroo cyclists as part of Light up Your Bike campaign.</p> <p><i>Michael Ahearn, National Transport Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GDA draft transport strategy open to consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes extensive section on proposed cycle network. How well does cycle network serves local areas? In some locations it may reduce access. ○ Gradient check - adjusted ○ Supporting documents include Crossings and severances - bridges etc. - ○ Re-opening short cuts and filtered permeability - dialogue needs to take place - concerns about anti-social behaviour - can design elements retain advantage of shortcuts but prevent antisocial behaviour? ➤ Open city - runs from 1st - 24th December - presence of Gardaí in the city for this. First meeting was held before Government announcement about working from home - plan is fluid but intention is to go ahead. Decision to be made by NTA on whether late night PT services are required. ➤ 5 day stay at home if close contact is a concern for drivers of public transport ➤ NTA working on National Cycle Manual - key issue to get consistency across all documents. Stakeholder consultation ongoing with draft due by the end of the year. ➤ Michael's role has changed slightly. He is not over standards and cycling manual. Research, sustainability and climate change into new role. He will remain as the NTA representative on this committee for now. ➤ Joe Seymour as new head on investment on Active Travel. ➤ The NTA currently have no legal mechanism to trial things, but it's being looked at. Expect DCC to be a leader trials. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Travel loops for leisure trips and commuting trips are gaining popularity- NTA priorities are changing on leisure trips and further conversation on this would be welcome. This should inform the draft transport strategy. <p>JH asked if gradients check would take into account the growth in e-bikes and e-scooters. MA: concerns in regards to accidents and fatalities with e-bikes especially for older adults (statistics from the Netherlands). Issues to be resolved. Need for drivers to become more aware of e-bikes on the road.</p> <p><i>Naomi Oldenburg, National Disability Authority</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mary Tallant is on leave, they are looking for a replacement. Naomi standing in as NDA representative on Walking & Cycling Sub-Committee. ➤ Reporting on part 3 of the Public Disability Act – due to be published in early 2022. ➤ App development to allow users to rate their experience with transport providers ➤ Transport strategy - looking at that and linking in with NTA. <p><i>Gary Kearney, PPN</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clarification required about the difference between e-bikes and pedalex. ➤ Research from Vienna showing that e-scooters are replace walking and PT journeys. ➤ All presentations circulated should have alt text and maps available in full size. ➤ Delighted to hear about lighting up campaign - New York brought in regulations for delivery cyclists – potential to replicate in Dublin <p><i>Councillor Larry O’Toole</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Speeds on e-bikes should be limited ➤ Awareness campaign required for new e-bike users both in terms of cycling and in rules of the road. 		
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<p>3. Update on Walking & Cycling Action Plan</p>	<p>Presentation circulated to members in advance of meeting and delivered to committee by Michael Foley – facilitator of the Advisory Group.</p> <p>Points & Actions from Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Great to see a focus on Communications - this is an important part of any action plan; ➤ Three of the values correspond with the National cycle manual; ➤ The Advisory Group did not include representatives from advocacy groups. ➤ Need to ensure it aligns with City Development Plan; ➤ Data is critical for proper analysis; ➤ AM/DK to give update to Disability Thematic Group of PPN; ➤ Vulnerable pedestrians need to be top of the hierarchy; ➤ Work included an analysis of other relevant strategies and policies; ➤ Need to establish competing interests, negotiation is needed to work together with all stakeholders; ➤ The Plan/Framework needs to be flexible as the city has a complex role and competing needs; ➤ Decreasing car use in favour of Active Travel is a difficult transition for a lot of people; ➤ Can we use more inclusive language in the document e.g. sustainable travel rather than active travel; ➤ Presentation is for member information only and not for wider circulation as it is a work in progress. 	<p>DK</p>	<p>DECEMBER MEETING</p>
<p>4. Proposed agenda items for next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Workshop on Walking & Cycling Action Plan 		
<p>5. 2022 meeting dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agreed to have a workshop on Walking & Cycling Action Plan in either late January or early February. With a further 4 meetings later in the year. ➤ AM to circulate potential date for workshop and dates for SPC. ➤ Dates for 4 meetings to be confirmed. 	<p>AM to send invite</p>	