

**Minutes Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee**  
**(Sub-Committee of the Traffic & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)**

**Date:** 20th of June, 2022

**Time:** 10.30 a.m.

**Venue:** MS Teams Online Meeting

**Attendees:**

**Members:** Cllr Janet Horner (JHorner), Cllr Caroline Conroy (CC) Colm Walsh (CW), Martin Hoey (MH), Declan Gray (DG)  
Cllr Larry O'Toole (LOT), Cllr Mannix Flynn (MF)

**DCC Officials:** Antonia Martin (AM), Pdraig O'Brien (POB), William McLean (WM)

**Apologies:** Gary Kearney (GK), Naomi Oldenburg (NO), Colm Ryder (CR), Jane Hackett (JH), Cllr Carolyn Moore (CM), Inspector Peter Woods (PW), Michael Aherne (MA), Cllr Keith Connolly (KC)

**Minutes by:** Antonia Martin

<b>ITEM</b>	<b><u>Summary</u></b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
1. Minutes of previous meeting held 28-02-22	➤ Minutes Agreed		
2. Members Updates	There have been 2 member resignations from the previous meeting:  Jane Hackett, Green Schools to be replaced by Allison Phillips;  Fergus Sharp, Dublin Chamber of Commerce replaced by Declan Gray (present at meeting).		

*Declan Gray, Dublin Chamber of Commerce*

- Declan a Council member of Dublin Chamber of Commerce - he is not a direct employee. He has recently stepped down after 2 years on the board of Dublin Chamber.

*Colm Walsh, Dublin Cycling Campaign*

- Participated in the St Patrick's Day [parade](#) with nearly 100 cyclists in Joycean themed costumes;
- Supported Family & Community Cycles, including Grand Canal [Family Cycle](#) (march 2022) and [Community Gardens Cycle](#) (for Bike week in May 2022);
- Represented at Dublin City's Cycling Symposium events as part of [CIVITAS Handshake project](#) March 2022 ;
- Dublin Cycling Campaign has made many submissions on proposed transport projects, including: Bus Connects, ([1<sup>st</sup> submission](#) /16 routes - completed May 2022), National Cycle Network [submission](#) with Cyclist.ie and Interim Cycle Facilities in [East Wall](#);
- Meetings with Department of Transport Sustainable Transport Division, Dublin City Council Active Transport Programme Unit at DCC, Wood Quay offices. (March 2022)
- Held a Bike Week [Webinar](#) on Cycle Friendly Employer Scheme;
- Love 30 [campaign](#) made a presentation to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Councillor Larry O'Toole*

Insights from study visit to Amsterdam as follows:

- Learnt how Amsterdam transformed from a car dominated city to a cycling city;
- Took a positive and mildly aggressive approach;
- High level of residents in inner city and make provision for resident parking;
- They undertake trials and reverse or change if something not working;
- High level of consultation and conversation;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Demarcation between footpaths and cycle lanes although found it a little confusing as a tourist;</li> <li>➤ Cyclists are given priority over cars and there is a respect for cyclists;</li> <li>➤ The City has 730km of cycle lane with 22,000 cyclists a day on one of their busiest routes;</li> <li>➤ Work is ongoing with further measures being taken to reduce the number of cars in the city;</li> <li>➤ Did not experience any great conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.</li> </ul> <p>Further inputs from Antonia Martin regarding study visit to Amsterdam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Street managers are funded through the businesses and each manager has responsibility for a small number of streets;</li> <li>➤ They are trialling a new delivery system using the canals and micro mobility;</li> <li>➤ Dublin delegation consisted of the Lord Mayor, nine City Councillors and four staff members. A survey was carried out with all study visit participants to compile insights;</li> <li>➤ Presentations received on the trip will be circulated to the Sub-Committee members.</li> </ul> <p>Input from other members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dublin would benefit from a system where engagement with businesses and residents is more structured;</li> <li>➤ Would like statistics on current fatalities of cyclists in Amsterdam (AM to request);</li> <li>➤ Concern that Street managers would face some backlash in a Dublin context.</li> </ul>	AM	WITH MEETING MINUTES
3. Organograms	<p>Organograms of both the Traffic Section and the Active Travel Programme were presented. Both to be circulated following the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that overarching strategy of each division and section would be welcomed.</p>		
4. Active Travel Programme –	<p>Presentation delivered by Pdraig O’Brien (POB), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel Programme Office (to be circulated to members following meeting).</p>		

<p>Priority Projects and Timelines</p>	<p>Key points from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A full launch of the programme including timelines will take place in September;</li> <li>➤ This will feed into the new City Development Plan;</li> <li>➤ Timelines not available prior to September as resources, construction available etc. need to be factored in;</li> <li>➤ Route updates will be given to Area Committees from July;</li> <li>➤ POB will supply additional updates at Sub-Committee meetings. Best options to achieve this will be considered;</li> <li>➤ Team are working on an interactive GIS map to show progress on routes but this will take time to develop;</li> <li>➤ New infrastructure will be maintained by the Road maintenance section;</li> <li>➤ Active Travel Programme Office meet regularly with Waste Management division to ensure optimum cleaning of cycle lanes. The NTA funded the acquisition of sub contract sweepers to allow cleaning of lanes &lt;1.3m;</li> <li>➤ Improvements to the pedestrian environment including additional pedestrian crossings and reduction in crossing widths are a priority in the roll out of the network;</li> <li>➤ Toucan crossings (for cyclists and pedestrians) are being installed on entry to greenways;</li> <li>➤ Lighting on greenways needs to take bats into account. Currently seeking agreement between DCC Public lighting and the NTA as to best option to brighten when people are present and dim when nobody around to allow bats to forage;</li> <li>➤ Kissing gates will not be installed to ensure accessibility of routes for wheelchairs, buggies etc.;</li> <li>➤ The Active Travel Programme is fully funded by the NTA. €50m is committed for 2022;</li> <li>➤ Staffing is Active Travel Programme will be 30 by the end of July 2022. Approval given for 55 staff but it is taking time to resource due to multiple factors;</li> <li>➤ Further information requested on the legislation underpinning the funding.</li> </ul>		
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<p>4. Connecting Communities Strategy Update</p>	<p>Update given by Antonia Martin. Two page summary, the same was circulated at the June meeting of the Traffic &amp; Transport SPC will be circulated to Sub-Committee Members.</p> <p>Key points from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DCC social housing estates and complexes should be prioritized to ensure equity.</li> </ul>		
<p>5. School Mobility &amp; Campaigns Update</p>	<p>Updates from Antonia Martin as follows:</p> <p><u>School Mobility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ School Zone roll out remains at 67 complete and 52 awaiting;</li> <li>➤ Of the 27 schools on round 1 of Safe Routes to School, 14 have received a SZ (accounted for in the 67 complete figure). There are 13 schools on the SRTS list with no intervention;</li> <li>➤ Delay in roll out due to loss of engineers internally and no response to Tender;</li> <li>➤ DCC liaising with the NTA to secure engineering resources from the Cycle Design Office to progress front of school solutions on the 13 schools with no interventions on the SRTS list;</li> <li>➤ We are also assessing what quick wins can be achieved with internal resources for schools awaiting SZ interventions;</li> <li>➤ The Bicycle Heroes: Youth Voices for Active Mobility is being rolled out in partnership with BYCS (NGO based in Amsterdam) and Trinity College Dublin. Donna Cooney, Dublin Bicycle Mayor is coordinating the project in conjunction with DCC School Mobility Officer. A pilot workshop was carried out in March in Trinity with TY students – where they were tasked with designing a cycle route from Heuston Station to Trinity. We are now working with 2 schools – Scoil Eoin National School in Kilbarrack and Lorreto Secondary School in Crumlin to roll out the project. Students will present their designs in the autumn.</li> </ul> <p>Key points from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The SZ at St. Enda’s is a priority and may be progressed with internal resources;</li> <li>➤ AM to confirm challenges with introducing shared bike schemes for Children.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DCC subsidies Cycle Right training for DEIS schools.</li> </ul> <p><u>Campaigns and Promotion</u></p> <p>The following promotional events and campaigns have taken place since the last Sub-Committee meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Handshake Symposium, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>➤ Marchathon, Staff Smarter Travel Walking Challenge, March;</li> <li>➤ Staff Travel Survey, April;</li> <li>➤ Cycle into Summer, Staff Smarter Travel Cycle Challenge, May 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>➤ Bike Week, May 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> (report will be circulated with minutes);</li> <li>➤ Connecting Communities workshop with Sub-Committee members, May 11<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>➤ Launch of the Walking &amp; Cycling Index, May 19<sup>th</sup>;</li> <li>➤ Lord Mayor, Councillor (9) and Executive (4) trip to Amsterdam (May 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>).</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Walk21 Conference, September 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>;</li> <li>➤ European Mobility Week, September 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>;</li> <li>➤ Car Free Day, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>It is intended to host an event for Car Free Day in Capel Street. This will also tie in with the Walk21 Conference.</p>		
6. Walk21 Conference	<p>Presentation delivered by Lorraine D’Arcy (LD), Sustainability Action Research &amp; Innovation Lead, and Walk21 Conference lead, TU Dublin (to be circulated to members following meeting).</p> <p>Key points from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Focuses on walking for recreation and commuting;</li> <li>➤ Need to capitalise on walking if we are to meet out Sustainable Development Goals;</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Registration opens this week.</li> <li>➤ Cost for full in-person conference and social events is €500 with a concession rate for speakers, NGOs etc. for €400. Online cost is €50. Bundle packages are available – 10 tickets for €3,500. AM to look at possibility to get a bundle for Sub-Committee members.</li> <li>➤ All talks will be recorded and available on YouTube afterwards for those who cannot make it;</li> <li>➤ DCC is looking at sponsorship options to support the conference and will also coordinate an event for Car Free Day which takes place on the Thursday of the Conference;</li> <li>➤ Ireland does not currently have a Walking Policy;</li> <li>➤ POB to assess potential to launch the new Network Plan during Walk21 with detail to include an sponsorship DCC gives to the conference;</li> <li>➤ The RSA are on the Conference Advisory Committee and there is a session dedicated to Safety. An Garda Síochána have also been invited to contribute.</li> </ul>		
7. Suggestions for future agenda items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Updates on Walking &amp; Cycling Network</li> <li>➤ Updates on School Mobility Programme and Campaigns</li> <li>➤ Road Safety</li> <li>➤ Road Maintenance</li> <li>➤ Bohemian Way</li> </ul>		
8. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am.</li> <li>➤ AM to issue a poll to establish preferred option between online and in-person</li> </ul>	AM	ASAP