



**Breviate of Meeting of the Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
held on 5th October 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

SPC Members:

Cllr Ciarán Cuffe, Chairperson; Cllr Ray McHugh, Cllr Paddy McCartan, Cllr Larry O'Toole, Cllr Jane Horgan-Jones, Cllr Mannix Flynn, Cllr Frank Kennedy, Cllr Teresa Keegan,
Cllr Ciarán O'Moore, Cllr Paddy Smyth, Cllr Paul Hand, Cllr Kieran Binchy.

Mr James Leahy, Public Participation Network, Mr Frank Mulligan, Irish Road Haulage Association, Mr Keith Gavin, Irish Parking Association, Ms Fiona Kelty, National Council for the Blind of Ireland, Mr Derek Peppard, Dublin Cycling Campaign, Mr Richard Guiney, Dublin City Business Improvement District.

Non-Members:

Cllr Paul McAuliffe, Chairperson, Mr Martin Harte, The Temple Bar Company, Economic Development and Enterprise SPC, Cllr Nial Ring.

Dublin City Council Staff:

Mr Brendan O'Brien, Acting Executive Manager (Traffic); Mr Andy Walsh, Senior Engineer, Traffic Management and Control; Mr Christopher K. Manzira, a/Senior Engineer, Roads and Traffic Planning; Mr Roy O'Connor, Executive Engineer, Transportation Operations; Mr Frank Lambe, Senior Executive Officer; Mr Derek Dixon, Project Engineer, Luas Cross City; Mr Brian McManus, Head of Traffic, Noise and Air Quality Unit; Ms Sarah Scannell, Cycling and Walking Promotion Officer;
Ms Esther Hickey, Administrative Officer; Mr Stephen Hickey, Senior Staff Officer;
Mr Fergal McKay, Assistant Staff Officer; Mr Patrick Davis, Clerical Officer.

Ms Mary MacSweeney, Senior Executive Officer, Mr Norman Thompson, Assistant Staff Officer, Economic Development and Local Enterprise Office

Millward Brown: Mr Geoff Tucker, Market Research

National Transport Authority: Mr Hugh Creegan, Director of Transport Investment and Taxi Regulation/Deputy Chief Executive.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 29th June, 2016

Minutes agreed. Mr R. Guiney asked that his apologies for that meeting be noted.

2. Letter dated 10th August, 2016, from Minister for Health regarding request for a contribution to the running costs of the Coca Cola Zero dublinbikes Scheme

Letter noted.

3. Letter dated 23rd August, 2016, from Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding fitting of self-driving software to all new Luas rolling stock

Letter noted

4. Dublin City Centre Transport Study – Retail Impact Assessment report final and Consumer Research report final

Report noted. It was agreed that a further report be submitted to the SPC including details of the impact on people with disabilities.

5. College Green update including Environmental Impact Assessment Screening report and Appropriate Assessment Screening report

Reports noted. It was agreed to refer the reports to the November 2016 meeting of the City Council. In addition to the briefing session to be held for the City Council on 27th October, 2016, it was agreed also to have a briefing session on 7th November, 2016, prior to the start of the monthly City Council meeting.

6. Liffey Cycle Route – update

Report noted.

7. Road Safety Strategy - 2020

Road Safety Strategy – 2020 adopted.

8. Cycle Training School

Report noted.

9. Luas Cross City works

Noted

10. Pay and Display Parking Meter Rental Project

It was agreed to defer the report to the February, 2017, meeting of the SPC.

11. Illegal removal of clamps

Report noted.

Motions

12. Motion in the name of Councillor Paddy Smyth:

"This committee calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure that any future increase in the Government subvention to Dublin Bus be used solely to decrease fares which are currently the highest in the EU and are an active discouragement to commuters using public transport."

Cllr P Smyth agreed to amend his Motion by deletion of the word "solely" and addition of "or to expand current services" to read "This committee calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure that any future increase in the Government subvention to Dublin Bus be used to decrease fares which are currently the highest in the EU and are an active discouragement to commuters using public transport or to expand current services."

Revised Motion agreed.

13. Motion referred to the Transportation and Environment SPCs from the July, 2016, meeting of the South Central Area Committee:

"That this Area Committee notes with concern the regular occurrences of flooding between Comeragh Road and Coghlan Roundabout in Drimnagh. Such an instance happened 4 weeks ago during heavy rain there and is an almost yearly occurrence. Many residents on Mourne Road and Donard Road equip themselves with sandbags as a result, even though they are nowhere near any water source. To this end, we request that this motion be forwarded to the Environment SPC and Transportation SPC for consideration and for senior Council staff to consider implementing an engineering decision to solve this matter once and for all."

The Chairperson noted that the Motion was a matter for the Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

14. Motion in the name of Councillor Ciaran O'Moore:

"That a review is carried out on the policy and process by which a survey is carried out to determine the needs for the traffic wardens at primary schools. Currently many schools are being refused, based on a count of how many children try and cross the road. School wardens should be provided where there is a risk from heavy traffic to any child.

Therefore, the count should be based on how heavy the traffic is, not the percentage of children potentially using the service. It makes sense that if traffic wardens were provided, more children could be encouraged to walk to school."

Motion agreed.

15. Motion in the name of Councillor Paul Hand:

“That this SPC gives its continued support to the Dublin City bikes scheme and the original policy document the Dublinbikes Strategic Planning Framework 2011-2016, which outlines the expansion of the scheme throughout the City. This SPC requests that when drafting the new planning framework the 14 stages of expansion remain in their current order and to add new additional stages in the new document as follows.

Stage 15 Ballyfermot
Stage 16 Walkinstown
Stage 17 Chapelizod
Stage 18 Bluebell

The aforementioned stages are ordered by population and would give legal effect to a motion passed at the September meeting of Dublin City Council.”

It was proposed by Cllr Ray McHugh and seconded by Cllr P. Hand to include Crumlin in the stages list above.

Revised Motion agreed.

16. Motion in the name of Councillor Ciarán Cuffe:

“In the light of the recent tragic death of a cyclist at Seville Place in Dublin’s north inner city that the Environment and Transportation Department write to the Minister for Transport requesting that he introduce a mandatory 1.5m passing distance for motorised vehicles overtaking cyclists. In addition this Department shall investigate, with a view to removing pedestrian guardrails at road crossing points given concerns over their effectiveness.”

Motion agreed.

17. Motion in the name of Councillor Ray McHugh:

This SPC agree “With the proposed expansion of the cycle way from Portobello to the Blackhorse Inn, this SPC calls on Dublin City Council Parks Dept. to work with Waterways Ireland to include outdoor gyms alongside the cycle way on sections of this expansion.”

Motion agreed.

18. A.O.B.

Councillor Ciarán Cuffe
Chairperson,

5th October, 2016