Minutes Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee

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

Date: Monday 30th November 2020

Time: 11.30 a.m.

Venue: MS Teams Online Meeting

Attendees:

Members: Cllr Keith Connolly (KC), Cllr Caroline Conroy (CC), Martin Hoey (MH), Cllr Janet Horner (JH), Gary Kearney (GK), Cllr Carolyn Moore (CM), Colm Ryder (CR), Fergus Sharpe (FS), Cllr Larry O'Toole (LOT), Jane Hackett (JHackett), Mary Tallant (MT), Superintendent Gary McPolin (GP)

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

Minutes by: Antonia Martin

*Cllr Mannix Flynn did not receive an invitation to the meeting due to an administrative error.

İTEM	<u>Summary</u>	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Welcome	> Cllr JH welcomed members to the meeting, and invited new members to introduce		
	themselves:		
	Jane Jackett, National Manager, Green-Schools Travel Programme. Will		
	provide a voice for school children.		
	Mary Tallant, National Disability Authority (NDA), Senior Standards Officer.		
	The NDA provides the government on disability matters. Currently leading a		

	 project on a system of monitoring of public services which is starting with accessibility of Transport services. The system is being piloted this year. Michael Aherne, National Transport Authority (NTA), Head of Transport Development which includes management of sustainable transport grants, e.g. funding of Royal Canal Phase II Cycle Route. Remit does not include Bus Connects. Superintendent Gary McPolin, An Garda Síochána (AGS), DMR Roads Policing Division. AM advised members that GP would join meeting at 12noon. 		
2. Minutes of previous meeting	Previous minutes agreed unanimously.		
2. Terms of Reference (ToR)	 Amended ToR circulated with agenda. No proposed amendments received. Members adopted new ToR. AM to circulate clean version. 	AM	With minutes
3. Presentation DCC Communication & Promotion Unit (Active Transportation) – 2020 Review and 2021 Plan	 2020 Review presented by Deirdre Kelly, Cycling & Walking Officer 2021 Plan presented by Antonia Martin, Communication & Promotion Officer Points noted from Q&A: PPN will support 2021 engagement strategy; Unfortunate to see increase in car usage and access to car park by DCC staff during pandemic; New Schools Outreach Officer is liaising with St. Finian's School, Finglas to address concerns re. newly installed School Zone; Training and education is required when e-scooters are regulated. E-scooters can be addressed in the Walking & Cycling Action Plan; Bike Week should not be seen as the "biggest" week for the Communication & Promotion Team. Walking promotion must be prioritised also. Noted that although it is called "Bike" Week, the department also provide funding for walking promotion during this week; 	NNíC	ASAP

schools in 50km/h zones;	
- DCC working with the NTA to determine what measures can be introduced to primary	
been sent to the appropriate teams;	
routes are bigger projects than what is possible under Covid Mobility. Requests have	
adapted to give the buses more green time. Many of the requests for improvements on	
- DCC has met with cycle buses in Dublin 3, 7, 8 and 12. Light sequences have been	
street as a wheelchair user. Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind also offer trials;	
- Irish Wheelchair Association can provide wheelchairs to allow people to experience the	
could be a useful tool to use as part of the engagement strategy;	
- The NTA Walkability Audit is due to be published on the NTA website this week. This	
of the engagement strategy;	
individually. DCC aiming to get the requests mapped. This resource will be used as part	
- Due to number of Covid Mobility Requests, >5,000, it is not possible to respond to all	
- Get Ireland Cycling Strategy, led by Cycling Ireland is due to be published soon;	
Active Travel social media promotion and initiatives;	
of Transport, Healthy Trinity and TUD, was formed to discuss messaging and co-share	
- Healthy Travel Group, which includes DCC, NTA Smarter Travel, Green-Schools, Dept.	
- An appropriate budget is required to deliver on the Plan presented;	
- Preference to get presentations in advance where possible;	
- Need to change the culture of how children are getting to school;	
Community Officer;	
- Neighbourhood walks already happening in some communities e.g. Stardust Park with	
specialist meeting should be arranged to focus on this.	
- The W/C Sub-Committee has a major role to play in the City Development Plan. A	
at St. Vincent's school in D1. AM unaware of this, will check with technical team and AM ASAP revert;	
- Concern that 2 disabled bays were removed during the installation of the School Zone at St. Vincent's school in D1. AM unaware of this, will check with technical team and LAM. ASAP	
- Concern raised that the term Active Travel can be seen as an Ableist term;	
prompted to state in what capacity they are making the submission;	
- Submissions via the consultation hub are open to all although, in general, people are	
guidelines);	
- A photo used in the presentation showed a child with a helmet incorrectly fitted (RSA	

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	- Proposed that 15 Minute City published by Dublin Chamber of Commerce be integrated		
	into the Walking & Cycling Action Plan;		
	- Chamber of Commerce administer an Annual Smarter Travel Survey. Happy for DCC		
	to tap into these results:		
	- Walking & Cycling Action Plan to be finalised by year end. AM to get key dates for	AM	ASAP
	submissions to the City Development Plan;	Aivi	AJAI
	- Promotion of cycling in secondary schools would help build habits and increase 3 rd level		
	and lifelong cycling;		
	- DCC donated 3 bikes to Trinity Comprehensive, Ballymun pre-Covid for a bike share		
	scheme. Cycle Right Training was also organized for the teacher plus others but was postponed due to Covid;		
	- Idling of cars at school gates is a big issue;		
	- Dept of Transport Sustainable Mobility Strategy due to be published soon;		
	- Important to look at low-tech solutions and interventions in addition to hi-tech;		
	- Walking & Cycling Action Plan should address gender and equality issues. Cllr JH to	JH	ASAP
	share presentation from recent talk on the issue;		
	- NTA Transport Strategy currently being reviewed. Members should engage with		
	process. Dublin Cycling Campaign happy to share their submission with members.		
	- UN International Day for People with Disabilities is Thursday, December 3 rd . People		
	encouraged to wear purple. Mansion House, Buses, Trains etc. planned to go Purple;		
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7. Proposed agenda	Update on Walking & Cycling Action Plan		
items for future	> NTA, Transport Strategy		
meetings	> NDA, Accessibility of Transport services, Monitoring System		
	> Dublin Chamber, 15 Minute City		
	> Green-Schools, Travel Programme		
	> Technological University Dublin, Input into Walking & Cycling Action Plan		
8. Further meeting	> Dates set for next 3 meetings, all Mondays at 11.30am:	AM to send	
dates and times	> January 25	invite	
	March 22		
	➤ May 24		