

## Minutes Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee

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

**Date:** Monday 22nd March 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 Conway (CC) Colm Ryder (CR), Fergus Sharpe (FS),  
Cllr Larry O'Toole (LOT), Jane Hackett (JHackett), Mary Tallant (MT), Cllr Mannix Flynn (MF), Michael Aherne (MA), Inspector Peter Woods (PW)

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

**Apologies:** Martin Hoey (MH)

**Minutes by:** Antonia Martin

ITEM	Summary	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Minutes of previous meeting held 30-11-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ CC noted she was present at previous meeting. AM to amend minutes.</li><li>➤ Agreed</li></ul>	AM	IMMEDIATE
2. Presentation from AM: Update on	Points noted from Q&A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The following mapping exercises are being carried out:</li></ul>		

<p>Walking &amp; Cycling Action Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NTA commissioning survey mapping of existing (old and new) cycle lanes in the GDA;</li> <li>○ NTA have maps of planned routes for next 5 years</li> <li>○ DCC to get Covid Mobility Requests mapped in a heat map.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mapping will allow for gaps to be identified and local connections to be planned.</li> <li>➤ Important that all new infrastructure is accessible.</li> <li>➤ Covid Mobility Measures caused traffic congestion/traffic flow issues in the Capel Street/Parnell St area during the Christmas Period.</li> <li>➤ Velo-city scheduled for the 6-8 September 2021 – consider when planning promotional events.</li> <li>➤ Make Way Day 2021 is now September 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>➤ Guiding principles for the Walking &amp; Cycling Action Plan need to be defined ASAP.</li> <li>➤ Cycle infrastructure required in social housing complexes.</li> <li>➤ Walking &amp; Cycling Action Plan Advisory Group to consist of expertise not currently on Walking &amp; cycling Sub-Committee.</li> <li>➤ Covid Mobility Measures not addressing Traffic displacement.</li> <li>➤ Workshop/education for Councillors on Traffic displacement may be helpful.</li> <li>➤ Dublin Cycling Campaign, Green-Schools and DCC to meet to discuss Audit Tools and report back to next sub-committee meeting. AM to organise.</li> </ul>	<p>AM</p>	<p>PRIOR TO NEXT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING</p>
<p>3. Presentation from Fergus Sharpe, Dublin Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Points noted from Q&amp;A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dublin Chamber has engaged with DCC staff and the City Development Plan process on items raised in presentation.</li> <li>➤ Better planning required to ensure mixed development. Excessive amount of student accommodation and hotels being built.</li> <li>➤ Housing development and living in the city – improvements required to living city initiative as it is not cost effective for people. Need to get people back living in city centre.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dublin Chamber due to publish a paper in quarter 2 on changes Dublin Chamber would like to see in the planning process.</li> <li>➤ The 15-minute city concept is not suggesting it should only take people 15 mins to get from A to B but planners should take into consideration average person- benefits everybody.</li> <li>➤ Legislation on the way for e-bikes and e-scooters.</li> <li>➤ Welcome engagement of Dublin Chamber into this debate.</li> <li>➤ Local needs were eroded as development took place. Realignment required to get back to what it was. Gear towards villages.</li> <li>➤ Hotels and offices need to be factored in.</li> <li>➤ Important to factor in new commuting patterns as more people are and will continue to work from home.</li> <li>➤ Dublin Chamber ran half a dozen focus groups on evolving sense of where they think they will be when Covid ends. Most large employers moving to hybrid model i.e. 60-80% in office at any one time. Will vary what it looks like in practice depending on business needs e.g. collaboration, corporate culture. Majority suggests hybrid but non-committal on what this looks like. FS will send summary report to AM for circulation.</li> <li>➤ Remote working will have a significance impact on the future of the city.</li> <li>➤ Covid restrictions of 2 and 5 k, highlights the need for walking and cycling city.</li> </ul>	FS/AM	
4. Jane Hackett, An Taisce Green-Schools	<p>Points noted from Q&amp;A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Schools are the future of imbedding sustainability.</li> <li>➤ Given large amount of inequality – emphasis should be in areas of disadvantage.</li> <li>➤ GS work with all schools who are interested in becoming a Green School.</li> <li>➤ St. Enda’s welcome a School Zone.</li> <li>➤ Contacts for School Zones are the DCC School Outreach Officers. They liaise closely with all schools who have applied.</li> <li>➤ Education required on the correct placement of bicycle helmets.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Messaging from the RSA and GS differs in regarding the wearing of Hi Vis vests and helmets. RSA messaging focused on safety, GS messaging focused on independence.</li> <li>➤ GS and NTA liaising with RSA re Front of School Programme messaging.</li> <li>➤ The NTA and GS will set prioritization criteria for the Safe Routes to School Programme. Criteria will ensure there is a mix of school type, location, socio-economic status, and a commitment to sustainable travel, cluster approach.</li> <li>➤ Ambition to grow the GS programme but must be realistic. Currently launching brand new programme with mix of stakeholders.</li> <li>➤ Strong political will and support for the Safe Routes to School programme– confident it will grow</li> <li>➤ GS share audit information with NTA.</li> <li>➤ Budget for GS cycle parking programme is €2m nationwide. DCC also offer schools cycle parking. DCC and GS working together to ensure no duplication.</li> </ul>		
4. Proposed agenda items for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Report from An Garda Siochana in relation to walking and cycling</li> <li>➤ Report from DCC on progress plan of 5-year walking and cycling projects</li> <li>➤ Update on Audit Tools</li> <li>➤ Update on Walking &amp; Cycling Action Plan</li> </ul>		
5. Next meeting date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am</li> </ul>	AM to send invite	