

Major Walking and Cycling Projects - February 2022

1. 5-Year Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Delivery

Over the next five years, Dublin City Council will undertake the planning and implementation of up to 140km of cycling and walking infrastructure. This is made up of 55km from 27 existing projects and 85km from 31 new corridors. The full list was circulated in Report No 67/2021 issued in February 2021.

A report on the core cycle network will be brought to the February Meeting of the Transportation SPC.

A contract for the survey of ten routes has been awarded under Lot 1. The survey work is in progress and is scheduled for completion in April 2022. The response to tender has been received for a further 12 routes listed under Lot 2. The contract will be awarded in early February.

Lot 1

- Prospect Way
- Chapelizod Rd to Chapelizod Bypass
- Naas Rd to Inchicore
- Stoneybatter to the Liffey via Queen St
- Rathmines to Milltown
- Camac Greenway (Inchicore to Kilmainham)
- Harolds Cross to Ballymount
- Cabra to Blanchardstown
- Chesterfield Avenue to Farmleigh
- Chesterfield Avenue (Phoenix Park)

Lot 2

- Parnell St to Prussia St via Grangegorman
- Bolton St to Parliment St
- The Coombe to College Green
- Harcourt to S. William St
- Grand Canal to the Liffey (Grand Canal Greenway upgrade)
- Grand Canal to Lincoln Place
- Ringsend to College Green
- Stephens Green to Thomas Street
- North Circular
- Drumcondra to Parnell St
- Wicklow St to College Green
- Tolka Greenway (Fairview to Mobhi Rd)

Initial assessments were commenced, as outlined below on the following corridors.

- Rathmines to Milltown: The overall route is approximately 1.6km long. Initial assessment of the corridor has commenced. It is anticipated that a list of potential interventions along the corridor will be completed by end Q1 2022.
- Finglas to Killester Corridor: The overall corridor is approximately 7.3km long. The assessment is seeking to identify projects along this corridor that can be delivered over the course of five years. It is now anticipated that proposals will be brought to the North Central and North West Area Committees in Q 1 2022.
- Santry Greenway: The project will include a river restoration and biodiversity element. It is being led by the Water Framework Directive Office. Request for tenders were sent out on 4th November 2021 to shortlisted candidates. It is anticipated that the contract for the design team will be awarded in Q 2 2022. The option selection process will take 24 months.
- **Kilmainham to Thomas Street:** The overall corridor is approximately 2.6km long. During the month, further work was done to develop cross sections for Suir Road and South Circular Road. It is anticipated that a list of proposed interventions along the corridor will be presented to the South Central Area Committee in March 2022.
- Cabra to Blanchardstown: The corridor assessment commenced in August 2021. The assessment is seeking to identify projects along this corridor that can be delivered over the course of five years. It is anticipated that a list of interventions along this corridor will be presented to the North West Area Committee in Q2 2022.
- Naas Road to Inchicore: The corridor assessment commenced in August 2021. The assessment is seeking to identify projects along this corridor that can be delivered over the course of five years. It is anticipated that a list of interventions along this corridor will be presented to the North West Area Committee in Q2 2022.
- Bayside to Donaghmede: The corridor assessment commenced in August 2021. The assessment is seeking to identify projects along this corridor that can be delivered over the course of five years. It is anticipated that a list of interventions along this corridor will be presented to the North Central Area Committee in Q2 2022.
- Harold's Cross to Ballymount: The corridor assessment commenced in August 2021.
 The assessment is seeking to identify projects along this corridor that can be delivered over the course of five years. It is anticipated that a list of interventions along this corridor will be presented to the South East Area Committee in Q2 2022.
 - In addition, a number of infrastructure projects that had been paused have resumed. The following projects have resumed;
- Dodder Greenway: The NTA Cycling Design Office (CDO) commenced work on Habitat and Environmental Screening Reports, with final reports to be issued by end of Q4. The CDO progressed design development of options for Milltown Road and Beaver Row. An updated options assessment for these two zones is in progress. The CDO has undertaken traffic modelling for route options on Beaver Row; the assessment has been incorporated into the options assessment process. Structural visual assessments of the existing bridges along the route have been completed. The emerging preferred option will be identified by end March 2022. It is planned to brief DCC and DLRCC nominated Elected Representatives in Q2 followed by a briefing to the Steering Committee.

- Clonskeagh to City Centre: The CDO commenced work on the project in late October 2021. A project inception meeting was held between DCC, NTA and CDO to agree the scheme extents, key personnel, and project schedule. Arising from this, it is anticipated that the design will be progressed to allow non-statutory public consultation to commence in Q4 2022. To date, all relevant background documentation and previous studies have been issued to the CDO. The CDO has commenced a review of this documentation.
- Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello): A review of current proposals in the context of new projects that have come on stream, such as Busconnects has been prepared. A review of the architectural and industrial heritage and ecology for the route was commenced in January 2022 and is in progress. Dublin City Council will be reviewing this report over the next month. The tenders for the safety improvements to the on road cycling facilities along the Grand Canal were received during the month. A contract for additional site investigations has been awarded.

2. Schemes with Statutory Planning Approval

There are no new schemes undergoing the statutory planning process. This is unchanged from last month. There are four projects with statutory planning consent. These are:

- Royal Canal Greenway
- Dodder Greenway
- Clontarf to City Centre
- The Point Junction Improvement Scheme

3.1 Royal Canal Greenway

The Royal Canal Greenway is being delivered in four phases.

Phase 1: Implemented.

Phase 2: The additional planting is complete.

Phase 3: The contractor selection process is being finalized, in conjunction with seeking the necessary approvals to proceed to construction. Work has been undertaken to facilitate approval of the scheme to proceed to construction.

Phase 4: The amending Part 8 for the scheme was lodged during September. The scheme will be put back on public display in February 2022. This is in order to provide the necessary clarifications to the general public on the items raised during the public consultation process. The clarifications relate to the preservation of ecology and the habitat and the conservation of industrial heritage.

3.2 Dodder Greenway (Herbert Park to Donnybrook)

A preferred tender has been selected and it is hoped that the final Legal agreements will be shortly finalised, allowing the project to proceed.

3.3 Clontarf to City Centre

The construction contract has now been awarded and the project has now formally commenced, the funding allocation for the project is 62 million including a contribution from Irish Water and the rest being funded by the NTA. An information leaflet was distributed to 22,000 homes and business in January. The project team will be holding a series of meetings and briefings on the project over the next period of time as the contractor mobilises to move on to site. The project is scheduled for completion in Q1 2024.

Information on the project is now accessible on the DCC webpages. The address is www.dublincity.ie/c2cc. The following information is now available;

- Project Overview and Progress Update
- Drawings and Visualisations
- Bus Stop Design
- Temporary Traffic Management

3.4 The Point Junction Improvement Scheme

A Project Team has been set up to resume the project. They are currently reviewing how the project interfaces with other proposed transport infrastructure projects in the area, such as the Point Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge.

3. Interim Schemes

The implementation of two interim schemes to facilitate immediate safety improvements for cyclists is ongoing. This is to compensate for delays in the delivery of the main schemes. These are:

- Liffey Cycle Route
- Fitzwilliam Cycle Route

4.1 Liffey Cycle Route

The designs from O'Connell Bridge to Matt Talbot Memorial Bridge, for both the North Quays and South Quays have been finalised. Tenders leading to the appointment of Contractors will be issued in February 2022. Further design work was carried out to develop proposals for additional bus stops along Burgh Quay. The works will be tendered in March 2022.

For the full permanent scheme, work was ongoing for the development of a strategic assessment report. This work will be ongoing for a further month.

4.2 Fitzwilliam Street Cycle Route

The interim scheme is now complete.

For the permanent scheme, the tenders for the appointment of a construction contractor will be issued in March 2022.

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