Minutes Public Transport Sub-Committee

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

Date: Thursday 09th June 2022

Time: 16.00 hrs.

Venue: MS Teams Online Meeting

Attendees: Chairperson Cllr. Deirdre Conroy (DC), Martin Hoey PPN (MH), Gary Kearney PPN (GK),

Grainne Mackin NTA. John Barry NTA, Colm Griffin NTA. Richard Guiney DublinTown,

Members: Cllr Daniel Céitinn, Cllr Caroline Conroy, Cllr. Anne Feeney, Cllr. Larry O'Toole, Martin Hoey PPN, Gary Kearney PPN,

Declan Gray, Dublin, Chamber of Commerce, Richard Guiney DublinTown, Keith Gavin Irish Parking Association, Grainne Mackin NTA,

Suzanne Angley TII, Thomas O'Connor NBRU,

Apologies: Cllr. Anne Feeney, Richard Guiney DublinTown, Fergus Sharpe Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

DCC Officials: Maggie O'Donnell (MOD), Martina Halpin (MH) Mary Boyle (MB), Michael Mann (MM)

Minutes by: Martina Halpin.

İTEM	<u>Summary</u>	ACTION BY	TIMELINE
1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 10 th February 2022.	Agreed by members		
2. NTA – Update on next phase of Network Re-design – John Barry Update on Core Bus Corridors – Colm Griffin, Senior Project Manager	 John Barry NTA gave a presentation on the Network Re-design and Colm Griffin NTA updated Members on the Core Bus Corridor Infrastructure works. (see copies of presentations attached) Colm and John Addressed questions raised by members. Network Redesign: John noted issue with colours used on plans and will look to improve these. With regard to putting buses on busy routes, NTA have to put buses on routes where people want to go, which may be where there is traffic congestion working with City Council on bus priority in these situations. Question re figures on usage – JB advised it is a bit early to say, currently on phase 2 15-20% if route hadn't changed. Travel to work not quite back to pre covid levels. 24 hour service moving towards established 24 hour service mainly used by those on shift work, where there is a demand for such services. First full scale orbital night route. JB will talk to DCC colleague with regard to the pedestrian crossing in Finglas Village. Abbey Street issue acknowledged, reviewing with DCC. Issue with empty buses going back to Donnybrook Garage, driving by empty when people are waiting at bus stops. NTA offer a service that is easy to use and where there is a constant bus service. Dublin Core Bus Corridor. Issues with protected structures on Terenure Road East and plans to demolish trees Rathgar Village. JB no major changes from last update issued in November 2020. Can't confirm if there will be any changes until EIA has been concluded. 		

	 An Bord Pleanala is an independent process which can take up to 18 months. Awaiting outcome of planning process before accurate timelines can be given. NTA and their contractors employed to carry out the works are responsible for reinstatement works. Road safety and access audits were carried out on all bus shelters, design guidance has four options for stops, not one standard design fits all type of shelter depends on where it's going. Maps are available in prescribed sizes for statutory consultation available for download and purchase. Tree felling NTA project is for bus and cycle lanes – every effort is made to save trees unfortunately not possible everywhere, considered in Environmental Impact Assessment reports. 	
3. TII Update – Suzanne Angley.	 Suzanne unable to attend meeting. An update from TII will take place at the next meeting in October. Cllr Conroy requested to speak on behalf of Metro Southwest Group which consists of 39 Residents associations in DCC and SDCC. The group presented their proposal to Min Eamon Ryan at the Oireachtas Meeting proposal is that Govt must approve of a Metro Link Station in St. Stephens Green East must be the current final station in order to connect south west underground. The Group also met with Senators and TD's. Minister Ryan intends to proceed with the NTA proposal and present to Govt. for approval as he doesn't want to delay the project and should not delay Metro for Dublin South West. Cllr. Conroy will forward the proposal to Grainne Mackin NTA. Cllr. Conroy asked if the group can be invited to present to the Traffic & Transport SPC. MOD to discuss further with new Chair of SPC for consideration. 	CLLR. CONROY MAGGIE O'DONNELL.

4 Policy to Bring to the Transportation SPC	N/A	
5. AOB	N/A	