

To: The Chairman and Members of
The Central Area Committee

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Capel Street Update – November 2022

This update outlines measures that have been put in place since September on Capel Street and in the surrounding area, and future measures that are planned. These are being implemented by the Traffic Department, the Parks Department and the Office of City Recovery who have been working together to enhance the street.

Enhancements installed since September 2022

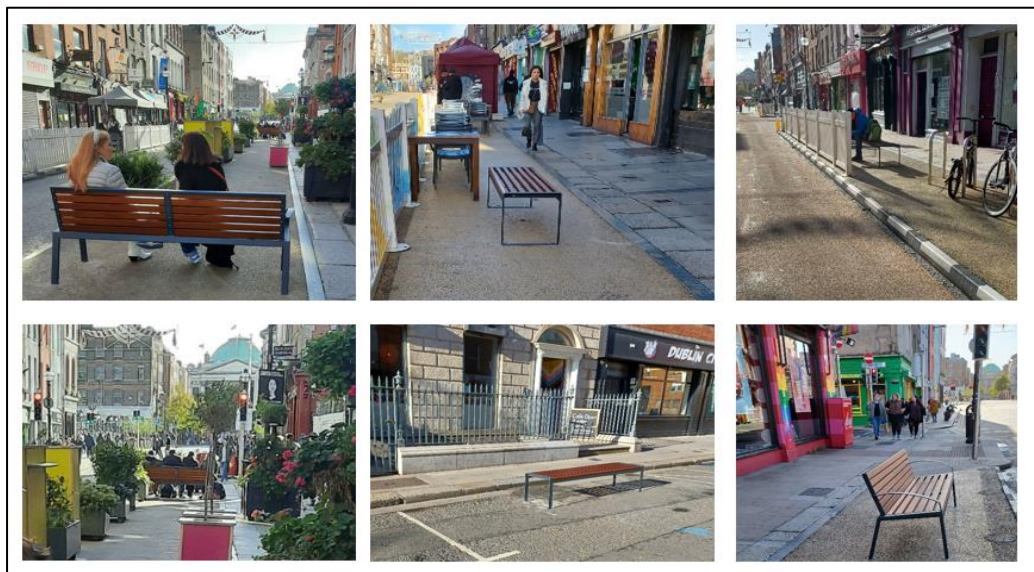
Buff colour surfacing

The remainder of Capel street has received the buff coloured surfacing and the section that had previously received the surfacing is currently being cleaned. The sections on the side roads will be completed in the coming weeks.



Benches

Six benches have been installed throughout Capel Street.



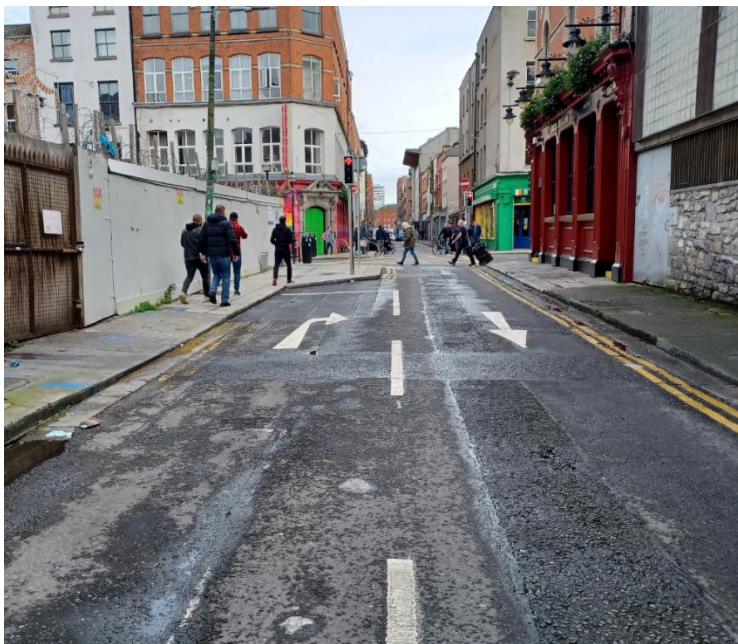
Arran Street Pedestrian Crossings

As per the September update, two new pedestrian crossings at Arran Street East and on Chancery Street have been progressed and have started on site. These are due to be completed by Christmas.



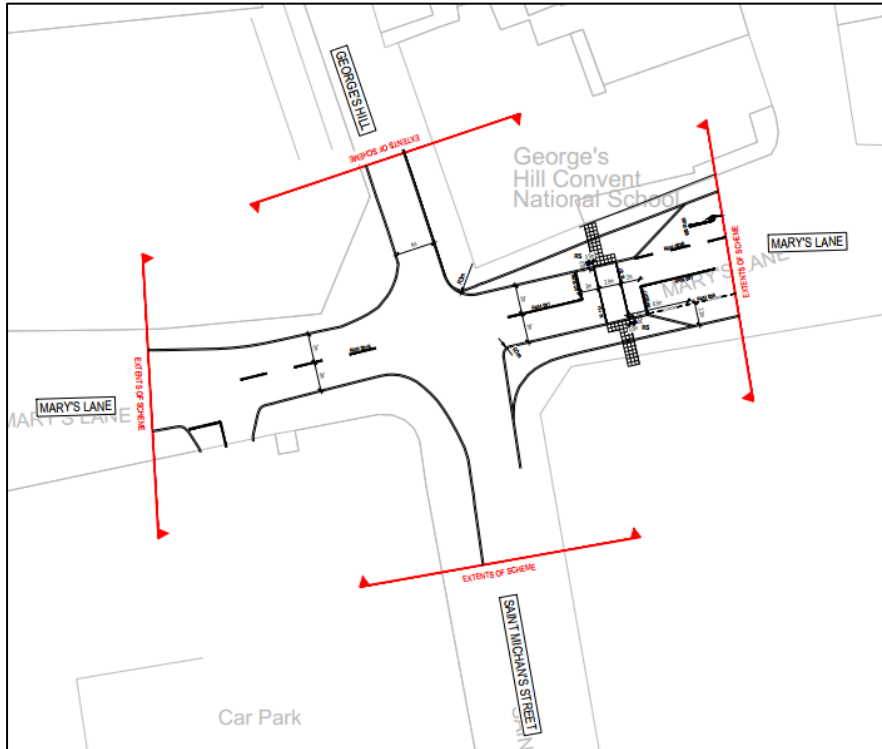
Strand Street Little

The two way system on Strand Street Little has been installed and operational since the middle of September.



Mary's Lane Pedestrian crossing

A contractor has been appointed to install a new pedestrian crossings on Mary's Lane at the Presentation Primary School George's Hill. The start date once confirmed will be shared with councillors.



Jervis Street two-way arrangement

The first phase of the two way arrangement on Jervis Street is now in place.



A potential Phase Two which will facilitate southbound vehicles from Jervis Shopping Centre carpark from the end of November until Christmas is currently being explored with relevant stakeholders. If it proceeds it will be reviewed during that time as to whether it is necessary and feasible year round or just for Christmas.

Interim Street Improvement Scheme

Following a tender process, Bernard Seymour Landscape Architects have been invited to design an interim street improvement scheme to be installed before the summer. These designers are based on Mary's Abbey, just off Capel Street and have extensive knowledge of the street.

The first stage in this process is to hold a workshop with councilors, local residents and local businesses to gain their views on what would work for the street. This is due to be held in the Capel Street area in mid-November and councilors, residents and businesses will be invited to participate. Following this initial workshop, a design will be advanced and further workshops will be held with the local community. This process will be driven by a collaborative approach.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme

A Shopfront Improvement Scheme is to be launched to encourage property owners and tenants to reinvigorate their business facades – painting, flower boxes, improved signage etc

Ryders Row

The junction of Ryders Row and Capel Street will undergo a greening enhancement in January 2023 to make this entrance into Capel Street more welcoming.

Social community warden

The City Council in partnership with the Dublin North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership and DublinTown will be piloting a new pro social community warden scheme in the Capel Street and Wolfetone Park areas. The wardens will work with stakeholders including Gardai, City Council, Businesses and Residents on identifying areas for improvement, pop up events, advising shoppers/tourists on activities and places to see.

Family Day event

Following the very successful Family Day event held in September, it is proposed to organise similar family type events on Capel Street in 2023

Christmas Tree

This year a small Christmas Tree will be installed on Capel Street towards the southern end of the street later this month.

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