

Report on Funding to the Traffic Department for the Transportation Advisory Group, neighbourhood schemes and Safe Routes to school.

Pedestrian crossing funding

For the Transportation SPC

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Funding for the Traffic department comes from two main sources:-

1. As set out in the council annual budget and approved by the elected members
2. Grant application funding from the National Transportation Authority.

For the year 2023 the following funding has been allocated to the Traffic Department from the Councils own funding

- A. Transport Advisory Group (TAG) projects €1,250,000 split across the five Council areas.
- B. Neighbourhood schemes €200,000 split between North and side sides of the city.

For the year 2023 the following were the initial allocations from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for safe routes to school. The delivery of these projects is dependent on staffing resources being made available, however sanction has now been received by DCC from the Department for the recruitment of two walking and cycling officers who will allow us to deliver these projects when their recruitment process is complete. .

SRTS Assumption Junior School	€	50,000
SRTS Assumption Senior Girls' National School	€	50,000
SRTS Belmayne Educate Together Secondary School	€	5,000
SRTS Broombridge Educate Together National School	€	50,000
SRTS Drumcondra National School	€	50,000
SRTS Harold's Cross Educate Together Secondary School	€	50,000
SRTS Kildare Place School	€	50,000
SRTS Our Lady of Consolation	€	50,000
SRTS St Joseph's Secondary School Fairview	€	50,000
SRTS St. Brigid's Girls' National School	€	50,000
SRTS St. Joseph's CBS	€	50,000
SRTS Stratford College	€	50,000
SRTS Stratford National School	€	50,000
SRTS Round 2 Gaelscoil Lios na n-Óg	€	25,000
SRTS Round 2 Glasnevin National School	€	25,000
SRTS Round 2 St Christopher's Primary School	€	25,000
SRTS Round 2 St Pauls College	€	25,000
SRTS Round 2 St Kevin's Junior National School	€	25,000
SRTS Round 2 St. Paul's CGS Secondary School New Brunswick St	€	25,000
SRTS St Fiachras Junior National School	€	50,000

Pedestrian Crossings

Requests for pedestrian crossings goes through an evaluation process by our area engineers and our traffic signal staff. Once the request has been evaluated and if approved it will go on the list of locations approved for pedestrian crossings.

In the past the pedestrian crossings would have been funded from the TAG budget but as the costs of crossings have risen, mainly due to the civil works involved, this has become less and less possible.

We applied for funding for a pedestrian crossing program from the NTA in order to start to make some substantial progress on the backlog of approved pedestrian locations.

At the start of 2023 the Traffic Department had been allocated €950,000 for Pedestrian crossings across the city and €400,000 for the installation of pedestrian crossings on the Coolock Interchange.

We are now pleased to say that we have now been allocated an additional €5.2 million in funding by the National Transport Authority for this pedestrian crossing program for 2023.

This will allow 19 pedestrian crossing, either standalone or at junctions to be completed or substantially completed in 2023 with hopefully additional funding from the NTA in 2024 to allow this program to continue and grow.

The above work is in addition to new or upgraded Pedestrian crossings which will be installed as part of any Active Travel scheme which are at construction such as Clontarf to City Centre.

For the Bus Connects corridors there are numerous new pedestrian crossings on the corridors proposed as part of these schemes. There has been some concern that these necessary crossings for safety may be delayed because of the timelines for construction of the corridors, however the NTA have acknowledged that some of this work for safety purposes could proceed separately to the main corridor works so as not to delay the implementation of these upgrades.

We will be discussing this further with the NTA regarding funding and how this may be resourced.

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