

Report to Traffic and Transport SPC: Wed 8th November 2023

Project Updates:

Summary:

There are 7 Schemes currently in construction and 1 completed giving an increase of 2 on the last quarter

- **Clontarf to City Centre (3km)**
- **Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 (2.1km)**
- **Dodder Greenway: Herbert Park to Donnybrook (0.5km)**
- **South Grand Canal Cycle Safety Improvements (2.2km)**
- **Liffey Cycle Route at Eden Quay: O'Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place junction (0.25km)**
- **East Coast Trail**
- **Suir Road to Thomas St**

- **Fitzwilliam Street Cycle route - To commence in Q1 2024 subject to NTA approval.**
- **Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street - SC2C (installation of Phase 1 is planned to commence in Q4 2023).**

31 of our schemes are currently in design stage a sample of which are stated below;

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- Royal Canal Phase 4
- Dodder Greenway Interim Scheme
- Sir John Rogerson's Quay
- Chesterfield Avenue Project
- Finglas Village Improvement Scheme
- Finglas Area Roundabouts
- Trinity to Ballsbridge
- Grand Canal to Lincoln Place
- Coolock to Clontarf
- Ratoath Road and Cappagh Road

The following scheme commenced its Public Consultation stage in Q4 2023:

- Dodder Greenway - Beavers Row

Schemes currently in Construction Stage:

Clontarf to City Centre Route

- This project will deliver 8km of walking facilities, 6km of cycling facilities, and 5.4km of bus lanes, from Alfie Byrne Road/Clontarf Road Junction to Amiens Street/Talbot Street Junction and a section of the Tolka Valley Greenway from Annesley Bridge to Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Junction when completed

- There is continued progress all along the outbound side of the Scheme from Talbot Street all the way to Alfie Byrne Road junction. 100+ Operatives are distributed along the 2.7km Scheme and continue to construct new footways, cycle-track, installation of new kerbing, watermains, public lighting ducting and columns and surface water drainage
- Currently there is 1,500m of cycle-track opened on the inbound side
- Works continue in preparation for the opening of the remaining 1,200m of inbound cycle-track which is scheduled to be opened at the end of November.
- Extensive works have taken place over recent weekends on Five Lamps Junction to provide a brand new fully constructed pavement on the junction. By the end of October the Five Lamps junction shall be fully reconstructed with only the surface course to be placed in Spring 2024 when the weather improves.
- Further road construction works are planned for North Strand Road and through Fairview for those weekends available in November.
- Of the 6 no. bus stops to be constructed on the inbound side 5 no. are complete and in use, 1no. of the outbound stops is complete and in use. Construction of the remaining bus stops on the Scheme continue (12 no. bus stops in total)
- All details and progress of the scheme can be obtained on our dedicated webpage www.c2cc.ie

Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3

- Royal Canal Phase 3 will provide 2.1 km of cycling facilities and 2.1 km of walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road) to Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road).
- Temporary road closure were required along Charleville Mall the contractor is currently laying a new bituminous road surface and new concrete flags on the south side footpath. The road will be re-opened to vehicular traffic mid-November but works will continue on the northside and south side footpaths. Localised traffic management arrangements will remain in place.
- The canal towpaths between Cross Guns Bridge and Binns Bridge, between Russell Street Bridge and Clarke's Bridge and between Clarke's Bridge and St Vincent's primary school continue to be unavoidably closed to the public until further notice to facilitate the works
- Works were suspended on the towpath from Clarke's Bridge to Charleville Mall due to fragile nature of the canal wall. The scope of the remediation works to the canal bank wall between Clarke's Bridge and Newcomen Bridge are to be determined further to the Ground Investigation (GI) works and a conservation led approach to remediation is to be carried out in agreement with Waterways Ireland.
- Installation of micro piles for the Russell Street Bridge ramps (east & west) was completed in September and works have commenced on the construction of pile caps on the west side ramp. Once complete, pile cap works will commence on the east side ramp. Ducting has also been installed along the towpath on the east side of Russell St to facilitate a localised underground ESB cable diversion.
- Works on the east side of Binns Bridge are on hold until an amending Part VIII planning process. A report on this has been submitted to the Lord Mayor and Elected Members on report 234/2023. In the interim, the main contractor is undertaking ground investigation works adjacent Binns Bridge and on Dorset St adjacent St Ignatius road to identify existing gas main services that will have to be diverted to facilitate the proposed ramp works at Binns Bridge.
- The new pedestrian bridge was installed on 17th October near Lock 3. Service ducts are currently being installed inside the bridge deck.

- Waterways Ireland have commenced canal dredging works between Binns Bridge and Lock 3. These works are anticipated to take 6 – 8 weeks to complete. All ducting on the south side towpath between Binns Bridge and Lock 3 were installed in advance of the dredging works.
- A dedicated webpage for the project was also launched and regular updates on the project will be available at www.dublincity.ie/RCGP3

Dodder Greenway – Herbert Park to Donnybrook

- This Scheme will deliver 450m of walking and cycling facilities including flood protection measures along the Dodder Greenway on the Northern bank between Donnybrook and Herbert Park.
- The works for Bective Lawn Tennis Club (court number six) and for the IRFU (Car Park) have been handed over, although Landscaping has yet to commence. The Greenway works are well advanced, with entrance works at both ends, Herbert Park and Donnybrook Road, incomplete.
- The Greenway Binder course is 90 % complete and the Wearing Course 30% complete.
- These works have also been extended to include ducting and infrastructure work for the Donnybrook Toucan Crossing. Further Toucan Ducting works across Eglington and Donnybrook Road commenced in October including new changing Temporary Traffic Management until the end of November 2023.
- Certificate of Substantial Completion will now including the extra works for the Toucan on Donnybrook Road. The target is to complete is to finish before Operation Open City (free flow) by the end of November. Failing that, the remaining Donnybrook Roadworks will be finished early in 2024 when Temporary Traffic Management measures may resume.

South Grand Canal on Road Safety Improvement Scheme

- This scheme involves the cycling improvements along the R111 between Suir Road in the West to Rathmines and further towards Ballsbridge.
- The works at the South Grand Canal are currently delayed due to the recent Liquidation of the main contractor - SIAC Construction Ltd.
- The new lights at Clogher Road Junction are now fully operational with the majority of associated minor works at this location also completed.
- Emergency works have also been carried out at Aughavannagh Road to allow the pedestrian crossing to be commissioned.
- A completion plan is now in place to allow the remainder of the project to be closed out. There are two main categories of works remaining – the resurfacing of the six main junctions and the completion of footpath works at Charlemont Bridge, Mount Pleasant & other minor footpath works. These have now be split into two separate works packages and completed under existing council Frameworks.
- The resurfacing of the six junctions will be carried out under the Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Bituminous Pavement Contract 2020-2024.
- The remaining footpath works will be completed under the Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Carrying out Roadwork Contracts 2021-25. Tenders have been received and a contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks to commence completion of the works.

Liffey Cycle Route

- This is an east west City centre cycling route linking Matt Talbot Bridge in the East with Heuston Station and the Phoenix park in the west.
- Contractors Cairn Construction are progressing the works along a segment of the route

commencing at Eden Quay (0.25km section) from O'Connell Bridge to Butt Bridge/Beresford Place junction.

- A build out at the O'Connell Bridge junction and resurfacing of Eden Quay from O'Connell Bridge to Rosie Hackett Bridge has been completed.
- All works expected to be completed in Q4 2023.

East Coast Trail – S2S (Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Section)

- This project will provide segregated cycling facilities and improved pedestrian facilities along a 1km route that extends from the entrance to the Eastpoint Business Park on Alfie Byrne Road, along Alfie Byrne Road and East Wall Road as far as East Road.
- The majority of the footpath works along East Wall Road are now complete including all footpath works at the Junction of East Road and East Wall Road. The final section of footpath along East Wall Rd is now under construction at the junction of Church Road and East Wall Road.
- Works on Alfie Byrne Road are continuing with 70% of the work between the end of the project and the junction of the East Point Business Park complete.
- Upcoming works will include the completion of the Church Road Junction, the New Crossing which will link the scheme to Fairview Park and the install of the on road traffic islands and kerbs which will delineate the new cycle lane.
- Finally resurfacing works will be carried out which will include regular asphalt, red SMA asphalt and Buff coloured surfacing in the school zone outside St Josephs NS.
- The newly created webpage has drawings and project information available for download, and can be found at www.dublincity.ie/ectnp1

Kilmainham to Thomas Street

- The **Kilmainham to Thomas Street** Cycle Route will provide 2.6km walking & cycling improvements from Kilmainham Gaol to Thomas Street from the South Circular Road Kilmainham Lane junction to the Thomas Court Thomas Street junction. The project is being delivered in phases:

- ***Suir Road to Thomas St (Interim Scheme)***

The Contractor Citius Ltd commenced installation of first Phase of the scheme (along James Walk, Marrowbone Lane, Forbes Lane and Rialto Bridge) on 8th August, 2023. The implementation of this phase is ongoing and it is expected to be substantially complete by Dec 2023.

- **Suir Road Junction Upgrade** Consultants DBFL are developing options for the upgrade of the Suir Road Junction. It is expected that Suir Road junction will be implemented in Q1 2024.
- **Thomas Court link to Thomas St** : DBFL are currently developing options for the link between Marrowbone Lane to Thomas Street.
- ***Kilmainham to Thomas St (Permanent measures)***
The project team and design Consultants are progressing with option appraisal for the permanent scheme which is along the full length of the Kilmainham to Thomas Street route. Public Consultation for the permanent design is planned for Q2 2024.
- Full details of the scheme can be found on the Active travel webpage. www.activetravel.ie

Fitzwilliam Street Cycle Route

- This scheme will deliver 1 kilometre of cycling facilities. Construction tenders have been published and it is anticipated that the preferred tenderer will commence in Q1 2024 pending the approval of the funding body to proceed.

Schemes Currently at Design / Planning Stage:

Royal Canal Phase 4 Route

- The project will deliver 4.3km of cycling facilities and 4.3km of walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road) to the city boundary at Ashtown. A presentation was given by members of the project team on the proposed amending Part VIII to the Central Area Committee on 9th of May 2023.
- The Amending Part VIII was formally lodged on 2nd September 2023 and submissions were closed on 3rd November 2023.

Dodder Greenway Route

- This is a route along the Dodder from Docklands to DCC boundary at Orwell Park. The scheme will be delivered in conjunction with DLRCC and SDCC in sections, with focus currently on 6 rapid deployment schemes as follows;
 - Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road
 - Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park
 - Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road
 - Clonskeagh Bridge to Patrick Doyle Road
 - Orwell Road to Dodder Road Lower.
 - Milltown Road (Dodder Walk to Dundrum Road)
- Non statutory Public Consultation has commenced on the Donnybrook Road = Clonskeagh Road section, and will run from October 31st to December 8th with a public event planed for November 9th.
- Further information will be available on the Citizen Space website <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

Sir John Rogerson Quay Project

- The multi-disciplinary design team is now established for the Sir John Rogerson Quay project. The scope of the design work includes upgrades to the public realm of 800 metres on Sir John Rodgers Quay, Flood alleviation measures, a two way high quality cycle route from Samuel Beckett Bridge to the proposed Dodder Bridge and changes to the road alignment to integrate the complete design with Bus Connects route 16.
- The design is being progressed taking into consideration constraints for the site. It is envisaged that a Part VIII will be submitted in Q1 2024

North Circular Road

- The North Circular Road Project aims to provide high-quality segregated cycling facilities along a 5.5km route from Infirmary Road at the junction with Conyngham Road and Parkgate Street to Seville Place at the junction with Guild Street. The project will be delivered in five schemes and the Active Travel Team are currently progressing with three as follows:
 - **Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St:** A Public Consultation Report for this scheme is expected to be published over the coming Quarter. Consultants Jacobs have commenced detailed design on the project.
 - **Hanlon's Corner junction upgrade:** A Public Consultation Report for this junction is expected to be published over the coming Quarter. A tender for engaging Consultants to develop the detailed designs was issued in Sep 2023.

- **Seville Place:** Consultants have developed concept designs and photomontages for a scheme along Seville Place and these were sent to NTA for review. An options report in line with the NTA's latest requirement for consideration of rapid build measures is currently being prepared.

Chesterfield Avenue Project

- The Chesterfield Avenue Project involves the upgrade of walking and cycle facilities in the Phoenix Park between Castleknock and Conyngham Road/Parkgate Street in a manner that is in keeping with the vision for the park into the future.
- A multidisciplinary design team is expected to be appointed in Q4 2023.

Trinity to Ballsbridge Walking & Cycling Route

- This scheme is proposed to be delivered in two phases
- **Phase 1: Holles St to Lansdowne Road** along Mount Street Lower and Northumberland Road.

Public Consultation for this Phase commence on 19th September 2023 and closed on 20th October. Information leaflets were distributed in the local area during the Public Consultation period.

A Public Consultation report is currently being prepared.

More information, can be found on the Dublin City Council Public Consultation Hub at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>.

- **Phase 2: Dawson St to Holles Street** along Nassau Street, Clare Street and Merrion Square North

Public Consultation for Phase 2 will follow at a future date.

Grand Canal to Lincoln Place

- Improved walking and cycling facilities are proposed for 1.3km as part of this scheme from the Townsend St / Lombard St junction along Townsend St, Sandwith Street Lower, Sandwith Street Upper, Hogan Place and Grand Canal Street Upper as far as Clanwilliam Terrace. Also a section along Fenian Street from the junction with Sandwith Street Upper to the junction with Lincoln Place.
- Draft Preliminary designs have been prepared and internal consultation undertaken. Consultants Jacobs to complete the preliminary design on the project and bring it to Public Consultation in Q1 2024.

Coolock to Clontarf

This Scheme will provide a walking and cycling route of 5.1km in length and is proposed to be delivered in three Phases:

- **Phase 1- Gracefield Rd to Vernon Avenue** along Gracefield Road, Brookwood Avenue, Sybil Hill Road and Vernon Ave.(2.6km)
The non-statutory Public Consultation for this Phase of the route was carried out from 6th June to 31st July, 2023. A public information event was held in Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre on Tuesday 25th July, 2023 with over eighty persons attending. Over 800 submissions have been received. These are being reviewed and the Public Consultation report is currently being prepared. Consultants Jacobs to commence detailed design on the project.

- **Phase 2- Vernon Ave to Clontarf Rd** along Vernon Avenue terminating at the junction with Clontarf Road.
- **Phase 3- Artane Roundabout to Clonshaugh Road** from Artane Roundabout, along Ardlea Road, Kincora Rd, Oscar Traynor Rd, Clonshaugh Rd.
Consultants Jacobs to commence concept design on Phases 2 & Phase 3 in Q1 2024.

Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd

- A tender has been issued for the engagement of Consultants for the detailed design for this Rapid Build Scheme
- The Consultants will also be commissioned to develop a concept design for a permanent scheme along Ratoath Road (Westwood to Ratoath Avenue).

Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street (SC2C)

- The Public Consultation Report has been drafted and is expected to be published on the DCC website during November.
- EIA/AA screening reports have been submitted to the planning department and they have returned their report which will feed into the planning determination process.

Further information on the overall network, including an interactive GIS map of all routes and a complete list of all roads and streets involved, is available at www.dublincity.ie/activetravel

Communications:

AcTPrO aims to provide clear, concise and accurate information to Councillors, businesses and residents, and all users of the project within any particular project corridor and all other relevant stakeholders, on the delivery of the Active Travel Network.

All public consultation material is on the Dublin City Council Consultation Hub, <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>

Project information is also available on the Dublin City Council website www.dublincity.ie/activetravel. This is used to update project progress, provide further details on specific designs such as maps, drawings, artist impressions and communicate different elements of the project. A section on how to contact the project team is also available. AcTPrO maintains an active social media presence on the DCC social media channels using the hashtags #activetravelnetwork and #climate action, posting on average six times per week

A regular monthly update on the progress of the programme is contained within the Environment & Transportation section of each Monthly Management report to all of the Elected Members.

In addition, a comprehensive quarterly progress update on the programme is issued to the Full Council meeting and all Elected Members.

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