



Quarterly Report of the Active Travel Programme Office – September 2022

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1. Introduction

Dublin City Council is developing a safer, inclusive and sustainable walk-wheel-cycle network. This Active Travel Network will enhance quality of life by 'connecting all the people' through improving access, connectivity and sustainable mobility. The network will also contribute to a citywide reduction of transport-related carbon emissions.

2. Active Travel Programme Office

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) was set up on 14th February 2022 and initially comprised 15 staff who were transferred from Traffic.

Alongside further engineers, planners and architects, the team is also proposed to consist of site staff, walking and cycling officers and landscape architects. AcTPrO has gained significant momentum since its inception and is soon to accomplish a significant milestone with the publication of the Active Travel Network.

AcTPrO is responsible for the delivery of the Active Travel Network, through a portfolio of projects funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

AcTPrO can be contacted by email on ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

3. The Active Travel Network

Over the last seven months, AcTPrO has continued to plan the overall strategy for delivering a connected core active travel network for the city while also implementing a number of ongoing projects, such as Clontarf to City Centre, and commenced with the delivery of new projects. Ongoing projects are discussed further in Section 4.

AcTPrO has been working closely with the NTA to establish an Active Travel Network to facilitate safer cycling throughout the city, as necessary. This network is within the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) approved network. This network has now been agreed and will comprise approximately 310 km of infrastructure, of which 210 km will be delivered by the AcTPrO.

The rapid expansion of enhanced walking and cycling facilities is key to shaping the network. This will be achieved by building an interim network of protected cycling facilities and improvements to pedestrian facilities. This will involve the construction of lightly-segregated cycling infrastructure along the proposed active travel network over the next two years, where feasible. Interim schemes that have been initiated are outlined in Table 1.

AcTPrO has now commenced the development of an implementation programme for the network. As part of this process, AcTPrO scheduled the following engagements with Elected Representatives;

Meeting	Schedule
Council Groups (Parties and Independents)	Completed May 2022, 25 th and 26 th
South East Area Committee	Completed 11 th July 2022
Central Area Committee	Completed 12 th July 2022
North West Area Committee	Completed 19 th July 2022
North Central Area Committee	Completed 19 th September 2022
South Central Area Committee	Completed 21 st September 2022
Transportation SPC	Completed 7 th September 2022
Environment SPC	12 th October 2022

During these information meetings, particular focus is placed on the presentation of the overall active travel network. A formal launch of the Active Travel Network is scheduled for 14th October 2022.

4. Network Updates

A portfolio of 80 major projects have already been identified as part of the Active Travel Network. Seven of these will be at construction or construction tender in the next six months, with a further project scheduled to be in construction in Q1 2023.

4.1 Clontarf to City Centre

The Clontarf to City Centre 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. Construction commenced in Q1 2022 and will continue until Q1 2024.

A major diversion at Fairview was put in place in early August, diverting private cars through Ballybough and Portland Row, which has enabled works to commence along Annesley Bridge Road and North Strand Roads. Works are continuing along the inbound lanes of Clontarf Road at the junction of Alfie Byrne Road and along Amiens Street near the five lamps, and some full depth road construction has commenced at these locations.

Further information on the project is accessible on the Dublin City Council webpages. The address is www.dublincity.ie/c2cc

4.2 Royal Canal 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). Construction is scheduled to commence in Q4 2022 and continue to Q 4 2024. The scheme will take two years to complete.

Tenders for construction of the scheme were received on 13th May 2022. The tender assessment process and preparation of the Final Business Case is complete and necessary approvals obtained from the CPSO project Governance Board and NTA. A necessary Temporary Works Licence has been agreed and signed by DCC and is with Waterways Ireland for counter signing. The letters of Intent/Regret have been issued. It anticipated that a contractor will be appointed during Q3 2022.

AcTPrO will schedule an information meeting with members of the Central Area Committee early October, in advance of the start of the main construction works. In addition, a communication plan on the project will be put in place and implemented.

4.3 Royal Canal Phase 4

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. Pre-Part 8 public consultation has commenced and is ongoing at this time. The need to incorporate ESB High Voltage Transmission infrastructure into the project though necessary has resulted in significant delays to the project. As a result, construction is now scheduled to commence in Q3 2023.

4.4 Dodder Greenway

The scheme will deliver 7.5km of walking and cycling facilities, including three bridges, along the Dodder River, from the River Liffey to Orwell Park. A further 9.5km is being delivered by South Dublin County Council.

The updated scheme drawings were presented to the Dodder Steering Committee on 28th June 2022.

The delivery of the permanent scheme has been paused and resources have been reallocated to the design of an interim scheme. The interim scheme has a prospective timeline of two years.

4.5 Dodder Greenway – Herbert Park to Donnybrook

The scheme will deliver 450m of walking and cycling facilities, including flood protection measures, along the Dodder River between the entrance to Herbert Park at Eglinton Terrace and Anglesea Bridge. The contract for construction has been awarded. The project is scheduled for completion in Q4 2023.

4.6 South Grand Canal Cycle Safety Improvements

The scheme will upgrade existing signalized junctions, and narrow wide junctions to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This will include the provision of signalized pedestrian crossings.

A contractor for the upgrade of the junctions was appointed during the second Q2 2022. Works commenced in June 2022. The scheme is scheduled for completion in Q2 2023.

4.7 East Coast Trail (North)

The scheme will provide segregated cycling facilities from Alfie Byrne Road to North Wall Quay.

Following a round of public consultation, the scope of the project has been expanded to include provision of the following:

- Residential parking on the south side of the East Wall Road
- Connectivity to the Clontarf to City Centre Project at Fairview Park
- Improvements to the entrance at the Eastpoint Business Park to provide greater segregation of pedestrians and cyclists
- Improved connectivity with St Joseph's National School.

The scheme is being delivered by the traffic department. The project drawings and documents are currently being updated with a view to re-tendering early Q4. It is now expected the works will commence in early Q1 2023.

4.8 Fitzwilliam Cycle Route

The scheme will deliver a kilometre of cycling facilities.

During the quarter, detailed design of the scheme was complete.

It is planned to publish tenders for construction in the coming weeks, with construction starting in Q2 2023. The scheme is scheduled for completion in Q2 2024.

4.9 Belmayne Main Street and Belmayne Avenue Scheme

The scheme involves the construction of Belmayne Main Street from Malahide Road to New Priory and road improvement works at Belmayne Avenue and Parkside Boulevard. The new road construction will be part of BusConnects and will include new bus lanes, traffic lanes, parking, cycle facilities, footpaths and landscaping works.

This project is being delivered by Dublin City Council's Road Design and Construction Division.

It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed towards the end of the year.

5 Interim Schemes

Interim schemes are proposed to be implemented along a number of routes within the Active Travel Network.

Some interim schemes will encompass the entirety of a proposed route, whilst others will only comprise partial route sections due to site constraints.

13 interim schemes are currently in progress; 8 of which are currently at detailed design phase. The concept design of a further 5 interim schemes has also commenced.

The 13 interim schemes in progress are listed below and are detailed further in Table 1.

- 1) Liffey Cycle Route
- 2) Suir Rd to Thomas St
- 3) Kimmage Rd West to Clogher Rd
- 4) Merrion Square West, Ely Place & Hume St
- 5) North Circular Road (from Dorset St Lwr to Amiens St) & Hanlons Corner
- 6) Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd
- 7) Howth Rd, from Station Rd to James Larkin Rd
- 8) Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd.
- 9) Parnell Street to College Green
- 10) Coolock to Clontarf
- 11) Clonskeagh to City Centre
- 12) Dodder Greenway (Sir John Rogers Quay to SDCC)
- 13) Grand Canal to Lincoln Place

The Interim Liffey Cycle Route was been presented to the City Council last year and the schemes 2 to 6 on the list above were recently been presented to the relevant Area Committees. This will be followed by a non-statutory public consultation for each scheme for a period of one month.

6 Schemes in Design

There are 15 schemes currently in the early planning and design phases. The permanent schemes have been listed below and are detailed further in Table 2;

1. Liffey Corridor Project
2. Clonskeagh to City Centre
3. Sir John Rogerson Quay (being delivered by City Architects)
4. Kilmainham to Thomas Street
5. Point Junction Improvement Scheme (being delivered by Roads)
6. Point Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge (being delivered by Roads)
7. Finglas Village Bus Priority and Cycling Scheme

8. Finglas Village roundabouts
9. Grand Canal Greenway – Blackhorse to Portobello
10. Rathmines to Milltown
11. Clontarf Baths
12. North Circular Road
13. Chesterfield Avenue
14. Grand Canal to Liffey
15. Santry Greenway (being delivered by Protection of Water Bodies)

7 Topographical Surveys

Extensive advance planning work has been ongoing to enable the acceleration of design development of the network. AcTPrO has made the most of economies of scale, by combining a number of routes and packaged them into surveying lots of approximately a million sq. metres each.

To date, 70% of all programmed survey data has been received, totaling approximately 3.6 million sq. metres. Total survey extents upon completion of the project are anticipated to be approximately 5.2 million sq. metres. This has been illustrated in Figure 1.

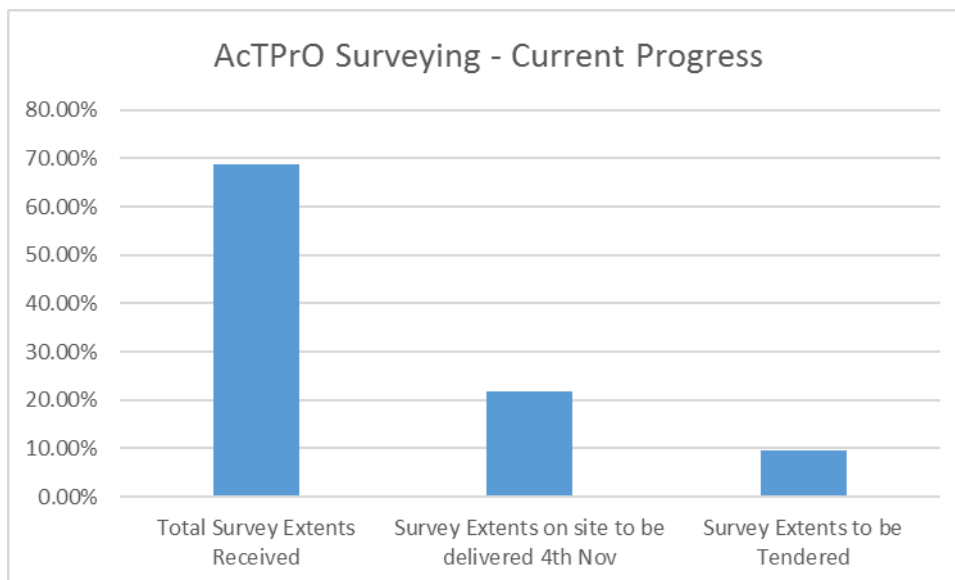


Figure 1: Current Progress of AcTPrO's Network Surveying Project

Completion of the survey programme is expected Q2 2023.

8 Table 1: Project Summaries – Interim Network Design

Permanent or Interim	Project Code	Project Name	Committee Area(s)	Length (m)	Project Stage	Additional Comments
Interim	DCC 12 0008	Liffey Cycle Route- Eden Quay	Central Area (CA)	250	Tender	Scheme to go to tender for Construction Sep 2022
		Liffey Cycle Route - Georges's Quay, Burgh Quay & Aston Quay		800	Design	Design and internal DCC consultations ongoing
Interim	DCC 21 0007	Suir Rd to Thomas St <i>Kilmainham to Thomas Street route</i>	South Central Area (SCA)	1800	Design	Presented to the South Central Area in May 2022 Currently being reviewed by the NTA
Interim	DCC 21 0027	Kimmage Rd to Clogher Rd <i>Harolds Cross to Ballymount Route</i>	South East Area (SEA)	2000	Design	Presented to South East Area Committee on 7 September 2022 Currently being reviewed by the NTA
Interim	DCC 22 FP 14	Merrion Square W, Ely Pl to Lincol Pl, <i>City Quay to Harcourt Street route</i>	South East Area (SEA)	650	Design	Presented to South East Area Committee on 7 September 2022
Interim	DCC 21 0020	North Circular Road <i>1000m (Dorset St. Lwr. to Amiens St) & 500m @ Hanlons Corner</i>	Central Area (CA)	5070	Design	Presented to Central Area Committee on 13 September 2022
Interim	DCC 21 0028	Ratoath Road to Cappagh Rd <i>Cabra to Blanchardstown Route</i>	CA, NW	4100	Design	Presented to North West Area Committee on 20 September 2022
Interim	DCC 21 0019	Howth Rd, from Station Rd to James Larkin Rd <i>Raheny to Kilbarrack route</i>	North Central Area (NCA)	1750	Design	To be presented to North Central Area September/ October 2022
Interim	DCC 21 0031	Kilbarrack Rd, to Oscar Traynor Rd, <i>Bayside to Northside SC route</i>	North Central Area (NCA)	5140	Design	To be presented to North Central Area September/ October 2022
Interim	DCC 22 FP 18	Parnell Street to College Green	Central Area (CA)	1147	Concept	Initial constraints study carried out. Consultant to be appointed Q4 2022
Interim	DCC 21 0009	Coolock to Clontarf <i>Gracefield Rd/ Brookwood Ave</i>	North Central Area (NCA)	5150	Concept	Concept drawings prepared for a section of the route.
Interim	DCC 14 0001	Clonskeagh to City Centre	South East Area (SEA)	2980	Design	Preliminary designs prepared. Internal DCC consultation and reviews underway
Interim	DCC 12 0035	Dodder Greenway (Sir John Rogers Quay to SDCC)	South East Area (SEA)	5750	Not started	Not started
Interim	DCC 21 0016	Grand Canal to Lincoln Place	South East Area (SEA)	1750	Concept	Consultant recently appointed to design Interim Scheme

9 Table 2: Project Summaries – Permanent Network Design

Permanent or Interim	Project Code	Project Name	Committee Area(s)	Length (m)	Project Stage	Additional Comments
Permanent	DCC 12 0008	Liffey Corridor Project	CA, SEA, SCA	5400	Early Planning	DCC in conjunction with Aecom are currently finalising the Liffey Corridor Strategic Assessment Report. To be completed September 2022.
Permanent	DCC 14 0001	Clonskeagh to City Centre	South East Area (SEA)	2980	Design	Scheduled to go to public consultation Q4 2022. Scheme presented to SEAC members 7 th September.
Permanent	DCC 22 0003	Sir John Rogerson's Quay	South East Area (SEA)	690		
Permanent	DCC 21 0007	Kilmainham to Thomas Street	South Central Area (SCA)	2610	Early Planning	Consultant Appointment Ongoing
Permanent	DCC 12 0018	Point Junction Improvement Scheme	Central Area (CA)	1100	Design	Ongoing coordination with DCC departments
Permanent	DCC 18 0002	Point Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge	C, SE	200	Design	Preliminary Design and Preliminary Business Case commenced
Permanent	DCC 12 0016	Finglas Village Bus Priority and Cycling Scheme	North West Area (NW)	500	Early Planning	Initial traffic design completed. Scope of project expanding.
Permanent	DCC 19 0006	Finglas Village Roundabouts	North West Area (NW)	500	Design	Detailed design completed. Potential for project to be impacted by urban developments in its vicinity.
Permanent	DCC 12 0024	Grand Canal Greenway - Blackhorse to Portobello	South Central Area (SCA)	3140	Early Planning	Draft strategic assessment report received.
Permanent	DCC 21 0022	Rathmines to Milltown	South East Area (SEA)	1780	Design	Concept designs provided by consultant
Permanent	DCC 22 0004	East Coast Trail - Clontarf Baths	North Central Area (NCA)	150	Design	Design currently being finalised
Permanent	DCC 21 0020	North Circular Road	Central Area (CA)	5070	Early Planning	Progression of partial section from Infirmary Road to Sheriff Street. Consultations with DCC departments commenced
Permanent	DCC 21 0030	Chesterfield Avenue	Central Area (CA)	4250	Early Planning	Project execution plan prepared in conjunction with OPW.
Permanent	DCC 21 0015	Grand Canal to Liffey	South East Area (SEA)	400	Design	Progression of partial section of route from Grand Canal to Pearse Street.
Permanent	DCC 21 0011	Santry Greenway	North Central Area	6900	Early Planning	Stakeholder engagement to inform the concept design is in progress

10 Communications and engagement

AcTPrO will be commencing wider communication and engagement on the Active Travel Network on 14th October. This will be launched at an event in the Wood Quay Venue.

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