



INFORMATION BOOKLET

EMBANKMENT ROAD QBC



Introduction

The Quality Bus Network Project Office in partnership with South Dublin County Council has prepared a preliminary design to introduce bus lanes as part of the Embankment Road Extension Scheme (Belgard Road to Outer Ring Road Phase 3) currently being designed by South Dublin County Council. These bus lanes will run between Belgard Road and Cookstown Way. The scheme will provide the maximum bus priority along the route and will involve revising the road markings of the current scheme to accommodate a bus lane.

Objectives of the Scheme

The intention of the scheme is:

- To improve bus journey times.
- To make better use of the available road space

Existing Characteristics of the Route

- New road that will link Belgard Road with City West.
- Road width that can accommodate the introduction of a bus lane without reducing the capacity for general traffic.

Brief Description of Proposals

- Change the road marking to omit the central hatching in the existing design and provide 3.25m wide bus lanes in both directions.
- Reduce the traffic lane width from 4.5 m to 3.25m.
- It is proposed that the bus lanes will be operational 24 hours, Monday to Sunday.
- Buses travelling in the north-eastbound direction will have a dedicated bus lane of approximately 1160 m in length while those travelling in the south-westbound direction will have 945 m.
- It will link to and provide interchange possibilities with both the existing orbital QBC at Cookstown Road and the proposed south city orbital linking Tallaght with Blackrock.
- It will provide interchange with Luas at the existing Belgard station.
- Design change made now would save significant time, work and money in the future. It will also avoid further disruptions to motorists in the future as the new road markings can be incorporated in the current design.
- There are no changes in the total width of the carriageway or cycle tracks.
- There are no changes to any of the junction design.
- There is no reduction in capacity for general traffic.

Timescale

It is envisaged that following consultation, the implementation of the scheme will form part of the Embankment Road Extension Scheme that is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008.

Overall Impact of Proposals

- The proposal will provide high quality facilities for buses.
- There will be significant time savings for bus passengers.
- There will be no significant impact on journey times for general traffic.
- There will be no impact on cycle facilities.

Your Comments

If you have any comments on the proposed scheme please include them in the space provided below or write to The Project Manager, QBN Project Office by 27th June 2007.

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Questionnaire

Please complete this questionnaire and tell us what you think about the proposals.

Name: _____

Address: _____

How would you classify yourself? Please tick as appropriate

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| A resident in the area | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A trader/business concern | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A motorist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A bus user | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A cyclist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A pedestrian | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Public exhibition Details

Drawings of the proposed scheme will be available for inspection during normal working hours from 15th May 2007 to 13th June 2007 at:

- South Dublin County Council Offices, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
- County Hall Library, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

A box for your comments will also be available at the said locations.

