

The Lord Mayor James Geoghegan chaired the first meeting of the working group in connection with the Dublin City Centre Transport Plan in the Way Finding Centre in Glasnevin on Tuesday the 24/09/2024.

This working group is a practical platform for engagement on the plan to date, to monitor implementation, share information and to engage to use this platform to discuss future changes.

At this meeting the NTA and Dublin Bus outlined the significant bus journey time reductions in the city centre as a result of the measures implemented in August 2024 and that public transport use across the city was up 11% on previous figures.

Retail groups outlined the impact of the plan to date with mixed results across the city, where footfall was up in the city centre but car park occupancy and footfall within some shops and shopping centres was down on previous. The broader business community also raised some issues regarding access and the impact of the measures to date.

DPROs outlined their experiences to date including the issue of Blue Badge holder access.

It was agreed that there was a perception that motorists could not access the city centre versus the reality that in many cases access to the city centre was now faster, where the through traffic had been reduced especially on the North and South Quays.

All parties committed to working together in a collaborative fashion over the next number of months to ensure that the message that Public Transport access to the city centre was now faster and more reliable, but that private car access and delivery access to the city centre had still been maintained with all car parks accessible.

A collaborative approach to promoting the city in the run up to Christmas was deemed essential.

The group will meet again in November.