

To the Lord Mayor and  
Members of Dublin City Council

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Report of the Assistant Chief Executive  
and City Engineer



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## Quarterly Report of the Active Travel Programme Office – Q2 2025 June

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Active Travel Programme Office has a clearly defined priority of works for the year ahead which will result in the network growing to circa 40km by June 2026. A further 8km will be under construction with design activity on an additional 65km of the network progressing. This feeds in to the overall programme for the period 2025-2028.

It is planned that design work will have been completed on at least 50% of the overall network by the end of 2028. Over the same period, the pace of construction will depend on availability of funding, with a third of the AcTPRO programme planned to be completed by the end of 2028.

This delivery programme has been prepared in consultation with the National Transport Authority.

## 2. ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME OFFICE

The Active Travel Programme Office has a clearly defined priority of works, between now and June 2026. Under this programme three additional projects will be completed in 2025. These projects are;

- SC2C – Ranelagh Village – Interim Scheme, scheduled completion in July.
- Dodder – Beatty's Avenue – Scheduled completion and official opening in July.
- Royal Canal Phase 3 – Scheduled completion at the end of August with official opening in September.

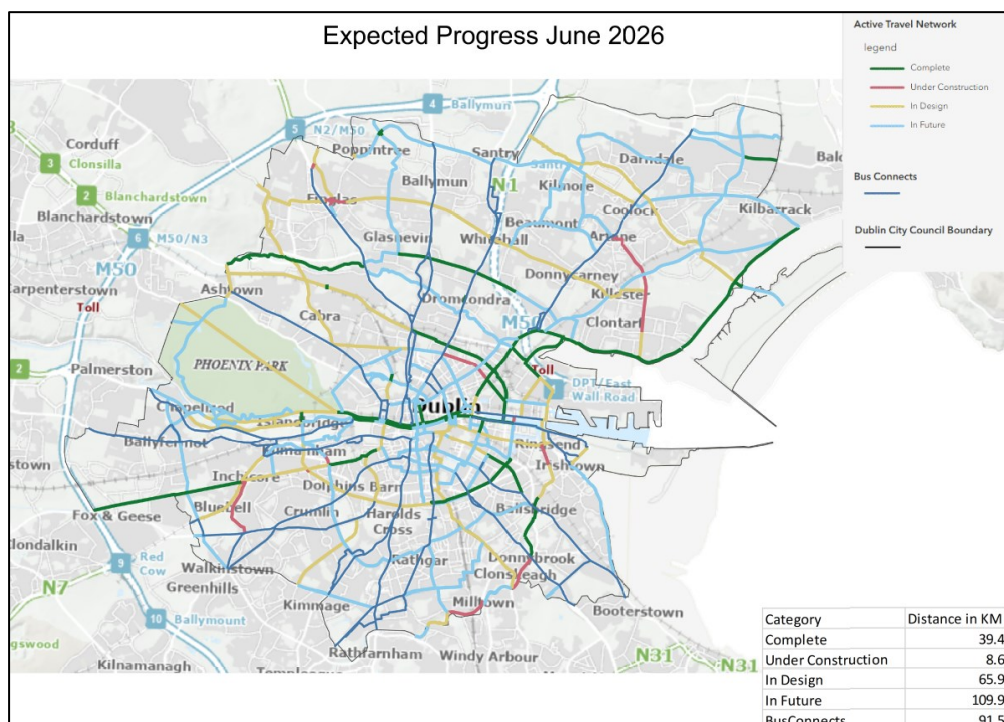
Construction tenders are in progress for two other projects and will proceed to construction this year.

- Trinity to Ballsbridge – Holles Street
- Dodder Greenway – Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road.

It is also planned to publish construction tenders for eleven projects over the next year with some of the projects proceeding to construction before the end of 2025, and the remainder later in 2026.

- St Margarets/McKee Avenue (Lidl) Junction.
- South City Loop – National Children's Hospital Junction
- Dodder Greenway – Milltown Road
- Finglas Village Improvement Scheme
- SC2C – Clonskeagh to Ranelagh
- Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Suir Road Junction
- North Circular Road – Dorset Street to Amiens Street
- Coolock to Clontarf – Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue
- Dodder Greenway – Donnybrook to Clonskeagh
- Chapelizod Road
- Jamestown Roundabout Upgrade

The map below shows expected progress by end June 2026.



Further information about the Active Travel Network, including an interactive GIS map of all routes and a complete list of roads and streets where activities are proposed is available on [www.dublincity.ie/activetravel](http://www.dublincity.ie/activetravel)

### 3. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING Q2 2025

AcTPrO continues to implement to delivery programme for the Dublin City Active Travel Network.

During this quarter:

- Two Public Consultation Reports were issued within the Quarter. The Dodder Greenway – Milltown Road was published on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April and the North Circular Road on the 16<sup>th</sup> June.
- The construction tender for the Dodder Greenway – Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road was published in June.
- On Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 a significant milestone on the scheme was achieved on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June with the opening to the public of the section between Clarke's Bridge (Summerhill Parade) and Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road).
- The two projects which commenced construction in Q1 2025, Dodder Greenway - Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park and the Ranelagh Village Interim Scheme Phase 1 (part of the Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Street project) are nearing completion and scheduled to be fully completed next month.

- One non-statutory Public Consultation on the Kimmage Road/Whitehall Road Junction concluded on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. The non-statutory Public Consultation National Children's Hospital Junction Upgrade was commenced on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and is ongoing. Three public information leaflets were also issued. Further detailed updates on active projects are discussed in the annexes to this report.

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

AcTPrO works to provide clear, concise and accurate information to all project stakeholders including residents, businesses and all transport users on the delivery of the Active Travel Network. This is to ensure transparency and that individual projects are completed in a timely fashion. AcTPrO carries out communications to ensure stakeholders have access to regular updates on the status and progress of projects.

The AcTPrO communications plan uses several different channels to maximise delivery of the project messaging.

##### **Behaviour Change and Promotional Activities**

This quarter, work began on two new information campaigns; The 'Be Sound on our Greenways' and the 'Get Girls Cycling' - Teenage Girl Influencer campaigns are currently in development with a view to going live during Q3.

##### **Community Engagement**

AcTPrO is continuously engaging with communities on Active Travel Network projects in their locality.

During this quarter engagements were undertaken on the following projects; the South City Loop – National Children's Hospital, Kimmage Road to Whitehall Road Junction and North Circular Road schemes.

In addition, the Dublin Let's Move Project carried out a co-design workshop with children from the locality of St Laurence O'Toole Community Centre in April, followed by a community information event in June. The project focuses on developing initiatives to create a better street environment for children's active movement through the city.

AcTPrO continued to engage with Disabled People's Organisation on the following seven projects that are currently in design development; Dodder Greenway (Milltown Road), Point Junction Bridge, Chapelizod Rd to Chapelizod By Pass, Kilmainham to Thomas Street, Coolock to Clontarf (Gracefield Ave to Vernon Ave), Brookfield Rd / SCR Junction and up to Grand Canal, and Non-Standard Bus Stop.

##### **Newsfeed**

AcTPrO continues to grow and updates are provided on [DCC Active Travel Alerts](#), a free notification service that individuals can subscribe to and receive useful and important updates on current Active Travel projects. There are currently approx. 2,000 subscribers. We issued thirteen alerts in this quarter.

In addition, AcTPrO maintains an active social media presence on DCC social media channels (LinkedIn, Facebook, X and Instagram) using the hashtags #activetravelnetwork and #climateaction, posting on average 3 times per week. This number is increased when there is a public consultation or event.

## **5. Conclusion:**

Significant progress is being made both in terms of delivering schemes, developing designs and keeping communities informed as well providing updates to our Elected Representatives.

Dublin City Council will continue to work closely with the NTA to secure the appropriate funding to match our emerging rate of construction. Ultimately, the number of projects that will proceed to construction start will depend on the levels of funding in place. It may become necessary to alter the sequence of construction starts depending on the tender prices received and the resultant impact on our cashflows. The current understanding is that we can work to a budget of around €40M. The budgets for the individual projects will become clearer as the projects progresses.

AcTPrO will continually monitor the progress of projects, reviewing performance and the delivery programme with the aim of ensuring that project delivery on the ground continues to pick up pace. This is in line with the governance processes in place in Dublin City Council.

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**27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

## ANNEXES – DETAILED PROJECT UPDATES

### ANNEXE 1      SCHEMES IN CONSTRUCTION

There are currently six schemes with construction activities, three of which are already fully open to public use.

#### A1.1      Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 (RCGP3)

The scheme is divided into four sections:

##### **Section 1 - Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road) to Binns Bridge (Dorset Street Lower):**

Works in Section 1 are substantially complete apart from Road Safety Audit Stage 3 items and snags that are scheduled to be completed in July 2025. Temporary traffic management and some night works will be required to facilitate these works.

##### **Section 2 - Binns Bridge (Dorset Street Lower) to Bloody Sunday Bridge (Russell Street):**

All reinforced concrete structural works on the Binns Bridge ramp were completed in May.

Paving and lighting installation works beneath Binns Bridge at Lock 2 were completed in April.

Granite works adjacent to Lock 2, commenced in April and are due for completion in July. The temporary works platform will remain in place until all stone cladding works are completed in July.

Kerbing works along the Binns Bridge ramp and the canal towpath commenced in early June and are ongoing.

A section of Portland Place Park boundary wall, adjacent to the canal towpath, was reinstated in June in advance of kerbing installation works.

Anti-skid surfacing on the Bloody Sunday Bridge ramp was completed in early June. Minor parapet railing and handrail works / snag items remain outstanding and are scheduled for completion in July.

##### **Section 3 - Bloody Sunday Bridge (Russell Street) to Clarke's Bridge (Summerhill Parade):**

Footpath build-out works on Bloody Sunday Bridge were completed in late March and a section of footpath at the pedestrian entrance to Croke Park's Davin Stand car park was completed in April. Road resurfacing and marking works also took place in April. The remaining section of retaining wall on the Clarke's Bridge ramp was completed in April.

Eir replaced several degraded timber telecom poles along the towpath in advance of the kerbing works in May. Red surfacing in the vicinity of the new traffic signal controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Bloody Sunday Bridge was applied to the cycle tracks and jug turns in late May. Capping stone installation works along the canal bank were



completed in mid-June. The new traffic signal controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing is due to be commissioned in late June.

Anti-skid surfacing on the Bloody Sunday Bridge ramp was completed in early June. Kerb installation works commenced in early June and are ongoing.



**Stainless steel parapet railings on Binns Bridge ramp      Kerbing      between Croke Park & Clarke's Bridge**

#### **Section 4 - Clarke's Bridge (Summerhill Parade) to Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road):**

Power and water service units were installed at two locations along the Charleville Mall northside towpath / footpath in April. New public lighting poles were installed along the Clarke's Bridge ramp in May. Kerbing and surfacing works along the towpath between Clarke's Bridge and Dunne Street were completed in June.

Paving works along the north side of Charleville Mall, including the granite plaza area opposite Dunne Street and Charleville Mall Library, were completed in May. Works to the wall along the towpath to Lock 1 (including new railing installation) were also

completed in May. Tree planting in the vicinity of the plaza area was also completed in June, as was the installation of a water bottle filling station opposite Charleville Mall Flats.

Parapet railing installation works commenced on the Clarke's Bridge ramp in June and were completed in advance of the opening of Section 4 to the public on 20<sup>th</sup> June.



**New Flexipave, footpath, steps, railings and water bottle filling station on Charleville Mall**

#### **A1.2      Dodder Greenway – Herbert Park to Donnybrook**

The installation of fencing along the IRFU Leinster Branch boundary at Eglinton Terrace, including a section of Retaining Wall, was commenced in early May 2025 and is progressing towards completion in July 2025.

#### **A1.3      Kilmainham to Thomas Street (Interim Works)**

Works on the interim measures from the Rialto Bridge junction to Marrowbone Lane along James Walk and Forbes Lane are substantially complete. There have been delays in applying coloured surfacing on the completed project which is expected to be carried out in Q3 2025.

#### **A1.4      Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre – Ranelagh Village (Interim Works)**

The Interim Active Travel Route along Ranelagh Road between Ranelagh Luas Bridge and Beechwood Avenue Lower commenced construction on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. The interim scheme aims to provide 0.65km of one-way protected cycleway on Ranelagh Road. The bus stop island along Ranelagh (opposite Supervalu) and the associated cycleway have been constructed. Most of the Bollards are now in place, the Loading bays are complete along with adjacent Tactile Paving. Outstanding Works include removal and upgrade of the Road Markings where required, along with approximately 100metres of Bollards





**New Cycleways on Ranelagh Road**

#### **A1.5      Dodder Greenway - Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park**

This project began construction on 13th January 2025. The works to provide underground cabling and junction boxes to the two proposed signal-controlled pedestrians and cyclists crossings on Merrion Rd and Anglesea Rd are now complete. New kerb and footpaths alongside and around these crossings area also complete. Remaining works include permeable paving around the tree pits, Macadam and Surfacing works including ramps, commissioning of lights, tie in works at Herbert Park Lane Bridge. The works are expected to be completed in Q3 2025.



**New cyclist protection kerb installed at Beatty's Avenue.**

## A1.6 Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC)

On the **Clontarf to City Centre**, snagging works are progressing and shall continue through summer 2025 at localised locations.

Outstanding footway works on Amiens Street at the Buckingham Street junction were completed in May 2025.

Works relating to additional measures at Fairview Avenue Lower and at Merville Avenue have progressed well in June with some further markings and red surfacing still to be undertaken.



**Clontarf to City Centre Scheme – Fairview Ave Lower – Additional Measures (work-in-progress)**



## **ANNEXE 2    SCHEMES IN DESIGN - Priority projects to be delivered in the next 12 months.**

There are 13 projects that have been prioritised for design in order to get them to construction between 2025 and 2026.

### **A2.1    South City Loop – National Children’s Hospital**

During this quarter, non-statutory public consultation on the project commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and will close on 5<sup>th</sup> July. The first phase of the project focuses on the delivery of the Brookfield Road junction, adjacent to St James Hospital entrance, connecting it to Rialto Bridge.

The project is anticipated to go to construction in advance of the opening of the hospital in 2026.



**Photomontage images of completed junction upgrade**

When fully completed, the overall scheme will provide 9km of high-quality walking and cycling facilities linking Kilmainham to Ballsbridge. The proposed route will also link Rialto, Crumlin, Kimmage, Harolds Cross, Rathmines, Ranelagh and Donnybrook.

## **A2.2 Trinity to Ballsbridge (Interim Scheme)**

**Holles St to Lansdowne Road (Interim Scheme)** along Mount Street Lower and Northumberland Road is currently undergoing approval process for the construction stage. Construction is anticipated to start later this year.

## **A2.3 Dodder Greenway - Fitzwilliam Quay to Londonbridge Road**

The construction tender for the section was published in June, with construction anticipated to commence in October 2025.

## **A2.4 Dodder Greenway – Milltown Road**

The detailed design is being finalized with a view to proceed to tender before the end of August. Construction is planned to commence in January 2026 subject to confirmation of funding.

## **A2.5 Dodder Greenway – Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road**

The scheme is currently in design, extensive engagement with DLRCC, NTA and DCC Traffic regarding Junction designs at Clonskeagh Road and Donnybrook Road is ongoing and an emerging preferred option has been identified. Efforts to secure a Ground investigation contractor to facilitate design changes on Beaver Row have been unsuccessful. Alternative options to progress to detailed design and construction are being considered. The scheme is planned to move to detailed design in August 2025 with tenders to be published in January 2026 and construction starting in June 2026.

## **A2.6 Finglas Area Roundabouts Scheme**

Consultants were re-engaged in June to progress the designs. The design work to provide two signalised pedestrian crossings for McKee Avenue Roundabout resumed in early June, and the project is anticipated to go to tender in Q3 2025. Resumption of the design of the Jamestown Roundabout to provide a signalised junction will follow on from this.

## **A2.7 Finglas Village Improvement Scheme**

During this quarter the public consultation report and updated Scheme Drawings were published in May 2025. The tender pack preparation also got under way with a plan to go to tender in August 2025. Construction is planned to commence in January 2026. Additionally and in parallel to the preparation of the tender documents, some detailed design items are being finalised in consultation with other DCC Departments.

## **A2.8 Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre**

This quarter, work has been ongoing on the detailed design with input from DCC internal departments and external stakeholders. This included the design of Eglington Rd. /Milltown Rd. and Marlborough Road/ Sandford Road junctions. The preparation of the construction tender pack was commenced. Construction tender is planned for August 2025 with the scheme expected to go to site in January 2026.

## **A2.9 Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Suir Road Junction**

Over the last quarter significant work has been done in finalising the public consultation report. The update of environmental reports have been commissioned.

The scheme is scheduled to go out to tender in October 2025 and construction commencing in March 2026.

## **A2.10 North Circular Road – Dorset Street to Amiens Street**

The Public Consultation Report for the previously proposed 'interim scheme' is also published on the website. Over the previous quarter the preliminary design has been finalised and approved by the NTA. Updated details of this Scheme have been published on the DCC website and leaflets have been circulated to residents and businesses notifying them of a planned public information event. This event is taking place from 4pm – 7pm on Thursday 3rd July 2025 in Croke Park Hotel, Jones' Road, Dublin 3, D03 E5Y8.

## **A2.11 Coolock to Clontarf – Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue**

Following on from site investigations which took place in Q1, the team has re-examined the entire Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue route, taking into consideration the concerns from all key stakeholders including the community and Elected Members. This included extensive engagement with key internal departments. Arising from this process a two-way cycle track is now being proposed for the majority of the road. The project team is working relentlessly to get the Scheme to tender by the end of the year.

## **A2.12 Chapelizod Road to Chapelizod Bypass (Conyngham Road to Chapelizod Village)**

Concept development and options selection commenced in Q4 2024. Design on the options selection and stakeholder engagement is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed in Q3 2025. Over the last quarter the concept design for the emerging preferred option was issued to the NTA and feedback received. The design team have also met with Conservation and Archaeology Departments to inform the concept designs. A tender for engagement of Conservation and Archaeology Consultants was completed with a successful candidate currently carrying out an initial assessment of the route.

The design team have also met with a number of other project teams that interact with the Chapelizod Road Active Travel Project to ensure that the projects align. Meetings have taken place with the OPW with regards to the new bridge over the River Liffey from Chapelizod Road to the War Memorial Gardens.

The Chapelizod Road to Chapelizod Bypass (Conyngham Road to Chapelizod Village) scheme will provide 3.1km of improved walking & cycling facilities from Chapelizod Village to the junction of Conyngham Road and Chesterfield Avenue at the entrance to the Phoenix Park, linking to the Liffey Cycle Route. This scheme also includes a section along the South Circular Road connecting to the War Memorial Gardens.

## **A2.13 Camac Greenway (Lansdowne Park)**

The Camac Greenway has been temporarily put on hold and will resume once a number of schemes have gone to tender later this year.



### **ANNEXE 3 ADDITIONAL SCHEMES IN DESIGN – Projects to be delivered during 2027 – 2028.**

In addition to Royal Canal Greenway Phase 4 which is currently with An Bord Pleanála, there are 14 additional schemes currently in the early stages of design development. These projects are expected to proceed to construction from 2027 onwards.

#### **A3.1 Dodder Greenway – Dodder Walk to Orwell Road**

This section is currently in the options selection stage of the project with the draft emerging preferred route currently under review by DCC and a sub options selection for a bridge over the Dodder at Dodder Vale ongoing. The delivery of this section will require integration of park uses at Dartry Park.

#### **A3.2 Finglas to Killester**

The Finglas to Killester Active Travel Scheme is currently at the Concept Development and Options Selection phase.

#### **A3.3 Kimmage Road to Clogher Road**

The Early Engagement report was issued to elected members, DPOs and attendees and published on the DCC webpage in January 2025. The feasibility and options selection scheduled to commence later this year will investigate the two emerging options from the early engagement.

The first option will provide 1.5km of new walking and cycling infrastructure connecting Kimmage Road to Sundrive Road / Eamonn Ceannt Park. The alternative option is via Clogher Road, Eamon Ceannt Park, Sundrive Road, Clonmacnoise Road, Armagh Road and St. Agnes Park.

#### **A3.4 Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello)**

The feasibility and options selection reports are currently ongoing and scheduled for completion in September 2025. The environmental screening reports have been prepared. This will be followed by a presentation to the Area Committee.

The scheme will provide 4.5km of walking and cycling facilities along the Grand Canal from Blackhorse to Portobello.

#### **A3.5 Ratoath Road & Cappagh Rd (Cabra to Blanchardstown)**

Over the last quarter the design team have met with Fingal County Council Active Travel and Planning Departments to present the project proposals. A tree survey has been undertaken to inform the design approach for minimising impact on trees. These will inform the finalisation of the feasibility and option stage which is scheduled for completion in the next quarter.

#### **A3.6 Dalymount to Cabra Cross**

A Feasibility and Options Report was completed and approved by the NTA in February 2025. During this quarter, the preliminary design was commenced. The design team are currently engaging with a range of stakeholders. The scheme will provide 1.5k of improved walking & cycling facilities from Cabra-Road; from Cabra Cross (junction with the Navan Road) to junction with North Circular Road /Eglinton Terrace.

### **A3.7 Kilbarrack Rd to Oscar Traynor Rd (Bayside to Donaghmede)**

Currently the Preliminary Design Report and Preliminary Business Case for the project are being prepared. Over the last quarter additional pedestrian and traffic counts were commissioned and undertaken along the route.

Also in this quarter a tree survey report was completed. Engagement with various DCC departments is now underway.

It is anticipated that the updated scheme proposals together with a report on the outcome of the public consultation process will be published in the next quarter.

### **A3.8 Ringsend to City Centre**

During this quarter the feasibility and options selection report was completed and submitted to the NTA for approval. The scheme will deliver 2.8 km of protected cycle tracks and improved pedestrian facilities.

### **A3.9 Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Permanent Scheme**

There was no progress in the month as we await the updating of the AA Screening and EIS Screening reports.

### **A3.10 Vernon Avenue to Clontarf Road**

The feasibility and options selection report was completed in June 2025. Approval to proceed to preliminary design was also approved by the NTA.

### **A3.11 East Wall to North Wall Road**

Engagement with stakeholders in the community was undertaken on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the Sean O Casey Community Centre, East Wall and the final report outlining the findings of the early engagement was published on the website during this quarter.

### **A3.13 S2S Clontarf Baths**

The Active Travel Programme Office, with the support of the Planning and Development Department issued the Heads of Terms to enable the transfer of lands required for the development. An agreement is being finalised with the landowner, AcTPrO will endeavour to proceed to complete the detailed design with a view to proceeding to construction when funding becomes available.

### **A3.14 Chesterfield Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme**

The feasibility and options selection reports are currently being finalised and are expected to be completed in July 2025. The environmental screening reports have been prepared.

### **A3.15 Royal Canal Phase 4**

The An Bord Pleanála decision on the Environment Impact Assessment Screening is still pending, therefore this project remains on hold. Progress on ground investigations for the railway underpass continues to be hindered by the unavailability of the Ground Investigation Contractor.

### A3.16 Santry River Greenway

The project is being led by the Water Framework Directive Office in collaboration with Fingal County Council and DCC Active Travel Programme Office. The Active Travel Programme Office is only providing support for the integration of active travel infrastructure.



**Artist's impression of North Circular Road/Belvedere Road/Sherrard Street Upper and Lower Junction**

The next key community engagement event relates the North Circular Road scheme and is taking place on Thursday 3rd July 2025 from 4pm – 7pm in Croke Park Hotel, Jones' Road, Dublin 3, D03 E5Y8.