

Active Travel Network Quarterly Report

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Members of Dublin City Council

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Quarterly Report of the Active Travel Programme Office – Q3 2025, September

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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. Following the recent completion of sections of the Dodder Greenway, The Royal Canal Greenway and Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to Charlemont, the network is now 38km.

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

For the remainder of 2025, the office is primarily focused on projects that are scheduled to go to construction tender by June 2026.

The construction contract has been awarded for the 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
- Conyngham Road to Chapelizod Village
- Jamestown Roundabout Upgrade

In addition, the approach for delivering the Trinity to Ballsbridge – Holles Street scheme is also being reviewed.

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

3. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING Q3 2025

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

During this quarter:

- The SC2C – Ranelagh Village – Interim Scheme, was completed in July.
- The Dodder Greenway – Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park was completed and officially opened by the Lord Mayor on the 12th of September.
- The Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 was completed and will be officially opened by the Lord Mayor on the 26th of September.
- One non-statutory Public Consultation on the St Margaret's Road/McKee Avenue Roundabout Pedestrian Improvement Scheme concluded on the 1st of September 2025.

Further detailed updates on active projects are discussed in the annexes to this report.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Behaviour Change and Promotional Activities

This quarter, AcTPrO ran 'Be Sound' campaign phase 2, which ran for 4 weeks on our social media channels throughout July/August.

Working with The Traffic Department and Fingal County Council, AcTPrO also ran the Teenage Girls Influencer campaign, which is still running.

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;

- Public Consultation for St. Margaret's Road/McKee Avenue Roundabout
- Information Evening for Portland Place Square (North Circular Road Active Travel Route)
- Child Led workshops (x5) for Dublin, Let's Move Project – Sherriff Street Lower

We held two launch events for:

- Beatty's Avenue to Herbert Park section of the Dodder Greenway
- Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3, North Strand Road to Phibsborough Road

AcTPrO continued to engage with Disabled People's Organisation on the following projects that are currently in design development;

- **Portland Place Park and Portland Place Square**
Briefing note issued to all DPO's
- **St Margaret's Road/McKee Avenue Roundabout Pedestrian Improvement Scheme**
Project Information Pack issued to all DPO's

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. A total of thirteen alerts were issued 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, campaign or event.

5. Conclusion:

This quarter has been particularly fruitful in delivering project completions. Two of the projects are very strategic in that they are part of the city's 38 km Greenway Network. In particular, the completion of Phase 3 of the Royal Canal Greenway makes the whole Greenway within Dublin City usable. The Dodder Greenway Beatty's Avenue scheme connects two segments of the Dodder that were severed by the heavily trafficked road network. The network is taking shape as another segment of the Dodder is scheduled to commence construction in October.

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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)

At the point of drafting this report, the official opening has not happened, however the Lord Mayor Councillor Ray McAdam, in the presence of Minister Pascall Donaghue TD will formally open the 2.1km Project at the third lock on Friday the 26th of September. Local elected representatives, and representatives from the National Transport Authority, Irish Rail, Waterways Ireland, the Works Contractor, the Designer, and Dublin City Council's Project team will all be in attendance.

Two sections were opened within this quarter. The most recent section opened was between Dorset Street and Russel Street on the Friday the 5th of September, and the previous section was opened between Russel Street and Summerhill Parade on Friday the 18th of July. The project has upgraded cycling and pedestrian facilities along this new 2.1km section, and it is getting quite of lot of use from the public, and we have received quite a lot of positive feedback from the public who have used this new infrastructure. This section of the greenway connects Phibsborough to the Liffey, and the Clontarf to City centre Project with high quality cycling and pedestrian facility.



The Lord Mayor Cllr Ray McAdam met with the Project Team and was the first citizen to walk the section opened on the 18th of July. The event was recorded, and uploaded onto our social media platforms, receiving positive responses.

The scheme is divided into four sections:

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

All the snagging were completed in August 2025.



Figure 1 – planting along new towpath

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

Granite works and parapet railings adjacent to Lock 2, commenced in April and were completed in early September.

Kerbing works along the Binns Bridge ramp and the canal towpath commenced in early June and were completed in August.

Macadam, buff and black, coloured surfacing were completed in August.



Figure 2 – upgraded jetty, and new facility near Binns bridge



Figure 3 -Binns bridge ramp structure with new access and seating

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

Kerb installation works commenced in early June, followed by macadam surfacing installation were completed in July, and this section was opened on the 18th July.



Figure 4 -Completed pedestrian way and shared space, alongside Croke park

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

This section was opened to the public on 20th June.



Figure 5 - Chareville Mall Complete.

A1.2 Dodder Greenway – Herbert Park to Donnybrook

A new fence along the IRFU Leinster Branch boundary at Eglinton Terrace, including a section of Retaining Wall, was commenced in early May 2025 and completed in July

2025. The Snags associated with the Main Contract have also been remedied. These were minor in nature.



Figure 6 -New fence on Eglinton Terrace

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. A procurement process was carried out, subsequently we have appointed a contractor for the coloured surfacing mid-September, with works to be completed by the end of Q4.

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 10th of February 2025 and is commissioned in July. The interim scheme provides 0.65km of one-way protected cycleway on Ranelagh Road. Some snagging works are Outstanding Works.

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

This project began construction on 13th January 2025, and the scheme was officially opened on 12th September 2025.



Figure 7- Official Opening of Scheme

The Scheme provides a new two-way protected cycle lane along the riverside of Anglesea Road. There is a new Toucan Crossing on Merrion Road from Anglesea to Beatty's Avenue. Beatty's Avenue is a low traffic volume street where Cyclists now share with vehicles.

There is pedestrian crossing upgraded to a Toucan Crossing on Anglesea Road and there have been improvements to footways and pavements throughout the 0.5km scheme. The works are commissioned, and snagging is expected to be finished in October 2025.

A1.6 Dodder Greenway – Bridge Street to Londonbridge Road (ie Fitzwilliam Quay)

A procurement process is complete, and a main contractor has been appointed, aiming to commence works in October, with civil works completed by Q2 of 2026. A leaflet is being produced and will be distributed to elected representatives in advance of works commencing on site.



Figure 8 –Artists impression showing the new 2 two cycle track, and the removal of parking.

A1.7 Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC)

On the **Clontarf to City Centre**, the majority of snagging works have been undertaken since Substantial Completion in October 2024. Some further snags (at localised locations) shall be undertaken in October and November 2025 with final remaining works due to be undertaken within the Defects period of the Scheme (October 2026). The Scheme appears to be well utilised by cyclists, pedestrians and bus users alike.

A1.8 Bus Stop 1724, Clontarf Road

Bus Stop 1724 is located on the inbound side of Clontarf Road between Mount Prospect Avenue and Dollymount Avenue. The stop serves the 130 bus route.

At present the bus platform consists of a shared space with the cycle-track and footway combined. It is planned in October / November 2025 to provide segregation of the cycle-track and footpath and a landing zone to accommodate bus boarding and alighting.

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

The preliminary design was completed in this quarter, and the project has progressed to detailed design stage. The non-statutory public consultation concluded on 5th July, and the Public Consultation Report is being finalised.

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.



Figure 10 - Photomontage image 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. The delivery approach for the scheme is currently undergoing review.

A2.3 Dodder Greenway – Milltown Road

The Detailed design for this scheme is being progressed, there have been significant additions to the scope of the project, including upgrades to public lighting, inclusion of DDC Telecomms ducting, future proofing DCC Traffic Fibre ducting, these required a redesign of the High Voltage ESB ducting that is being included as part of the active travel scheme in collaboration with Eirgrid and ESB networks. The revised Tender Publishing target is January 2026 with Construction planned to Start in Summer 2026.

A2.4 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 following the completion of the detailed design of the Milltown Road scheme, end 2025, with tenders to be published in June 2026 and construction starting in late 2026.

A2.5 Finglas Area Roundabouts Scheme

A non-statutory public consultation for the McKee Avenue Roundabout was held from 5th August to 1st September 2025. The Public Consultation Report is currently in preparation. The preliminary design for McKee Avenue has been completed. The project has now progressed to the detailed design stage.

The design of the Jamestown Roundabout to provide a signalised junction is scheduled to resume next year.

A2.6 Finglas Village Improvement Scheme

The Detailed Design is being finalised, certain elements are still being refined in collaboration with other DCC Departments, ensuring technical completeness. Tender pack preparation was progressed this quarter, with a target to go to tender by December 2025. The Construction start date is scheduled for June 2026.

The Public Consultation Report was Published in May 2025, reflecting community feedback and stakeholder input. Released alongside the report were updated scheme drawings, incorporating refinements based on consultation outcomes.

A2.7 Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre

This quarter work has focused on the Detailed Design which is actively underway, incorporating feedback from both internal DCC departments and external stakeholders. Designs for Eglinton Rd./Milltown Rd. and Bus stop Islands and Marlborough Rd./Sandford Rd. have been a focus this quarter. Preparation of the tender pack has begun, setting the stage for procurement. The completion of the Construction Tender is targeted for is for December 2025. Site Works are expected to begin in July 2026.

A2.8 Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Suir Road Junction

Over the last quarter the updated preliminary design and public consultation report for the Suir Road/ Davitt Road/ Dolphin Road Junction Upgrade were finalised. The environmental reports, conservation and archaeology reports were also completed. They are currently undergoing a Peer Review before being published which is expected in the coming month.

The design team are progressing with detailed design and preparation of tender documents. The scheme is scheduled to go out to tender later in 2025 with construction commencing in Q2 2026 pending NTA approval.

A2.9 North Circular Road – Dorset Street to Amiens Street

Over the last quarter the preliminary design was finalised and approved by the NTA. Details of the scheme and the Public Consultation report were published on the DCC website in July 2025. Information leaflets were circulated to residents and businesses notifying them of a public information event which took place on 3rd July 2025 in the Croke Park Hotel, Jones' Road, Dublin 3 with approximately 30 attending. Some adjustments have been made to the design at the junctions of Sherrad Street Lower and Emmet Street reflecting community feedback and stakeholder input. Conservation and Archaeology reports have been undertaken which are being peer reviewed. The design team are progressing with detailed design and tender documents, and it's expected to proceed to tender stage for Construction Contract at the end of the year.

A2.10 Coolock to Clontarf – Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue

This scheme will provide a one-way cycletrack on each side along Gracefield Road and a two-way cycle track on the western side from Gracefield Rd/ Brookwood Ave junction to just beyond Vernon Ave/ Seafield Rd junction. Over the Summer the design team progressed with the design and engagement with various internal DCC departments such as Traffic, Parks, PL, Drainage on specific details of the design. The design team also appointed a Conservation & Archaeology Consultant following a procurement process. Tender documents for Construction Contract are also being developed and it's expected to proceed to tender stage at the end of the year.

A2.11 Conyngham Road to Chapelizod Village

Feasibility and Options selection stage on this scheme was completed over this quarter. The design team are currently developing the preliminary design and undertaking stakeholder engagements with various internal DCC departments such as Traffic, Drainage (SuDs) and Parks. Conservation and Archaeology Consultants have completed an assessment of the route, and the report is currently undergoing peer review.

The design team have had meetings with the OPW and their Contractors with regards to the new bridge over the River Liffey from Chapelizod Road to the War Memorial Gardens, to ensure that both projects align.

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. DCC are engaging with the Flood Alleviation Team, DCC Parks, and the OPW to achieve the best design for the bridge in this sensitive location. 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. With the Objective to identify and evaluate potential route options that best support active travel (walking, cycling, wheeling etc.) between Finglas and Killester, this would include route feasibility reviews.

A3.3 Kimmage Road to Clogher Road

This scheme will provide 1.5km of new walking and cycling infrastructure connecting Kimmage Road to Sundrive Road / Eamonn Ceannt Park. The design and planning for the scheme is scheduled to commence later in 2025.

A3.4 Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello)

The feasibility and options selection reports are currently being finalised. Preliminary design is expected to begin in the next quarter.

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 there have been further reviews and adjustments to the design in conjunction with Consultant Arborist and the Parks Department to mitigate impact on trees. Conservation and Archaeology assessment were undertaken, and the reports are being peer reviewed. There has been further engagement with key stakeholders such as Reach Deaf Village. Photomontages are being prepared to support engagement and communications on the scheme. The Preliminary Design Report and Preliminary Business Case for the project are also being prepared.

A3.6 Dalymount to Cabra Cross

During this quarter, the preliminary design progressed, and the design team engaged with a range of stakeholders including Traffic, Parking enforcement, Irish Rail and NTA bus teams.

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

Over the last quarter there have been further reviews and adjustments to the design in conjunction with Consultant Arborist and the Parks Department to mitigate impact on trees. The Preliminary Design Report and Preliminary Business Case for the project are being prepared. 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. A Public Information Event will take place to inform residents and businesses about the project. This scheme is proposed to be delivered in three phases with Oscar Traynor Road first, then Tonlegee Road and the Kilbarrack Road as the final phase.

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 design team developed further amendments to the design following stakeholder feedback.

A3.9 Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Permanent Scheme

The scheme was Peer reviewed by the NTA in July 2025 and following feedback some further adjustments made to the design. The preliminary design along with Preliminary business case and Preliminary Design report are being finalised the environmental reports, conservation and archaeology reports have been completed and are currently undergoing an internal DCC review. It is expected to proceed to non- statutory Public Consultation in the next quarter.

A3.10 Vernon Avenue to Clontarf Road

The feasibility and options selection report was completed in June 2025 and approved by the NTA to proceed to preliminary design. The draft preliminary design is being developed and is being discussed with internal stakeholders.

A3.11 East Wall to North Wall Road

Over the last Quarter the design team have being progressing with option selection and engaging with stakeholders such as Traffic Department and Bus teams and this will continue over the next quarter in order to identify an emerging preferred option.

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 have been finalized. The environmental screening reports have been prepared and are undergoing peer review. Preliminary design is expected to begin in the next quarter.

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.

A3.17 Camac Greenway (Lansdowne Park)

The design and planning for the Camac Greenway through Lansdowne Valley Park is scheduled to commence in 2026.