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# Active Travel Network Quarterly Report

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## Quarterly Report of the Active Travel Programme Office – Q4 2025, December

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

During this quarter, construction work was commenced on five schemes and three of these were completed. The network currently stands at 38km. Over the next quarter, several projects will be going through the contractor procurement process. When complete, these projects will see the network grow to over 50km. This delivery programme has been prepared in consultation with the National Transport Authority.

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.

## 2. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING Q4 2025

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

During this quarter:

- Construction commenced on the Dodder Greenway – Bridge Street to Londonbridge Road (via Fitzwilliam Quay) scheme in October.
- Eamonn Ceannt Park – Surfacing upgrades of 0.23km were delivered, the park forms part of the Harolds Cross to Ballymount Active Travel Corridor.
- Works to deliver a new layout at Bus Stop 1724, Clontarf Road on 30th October were completed in November.
- Stannaway Park – Surfacing upgrades of 0.15 km were delivered.
- As part of the Trinity to Ballsbridge scheme, the existing 0.32km contra-flow cycle track between the Clare Street and Dawson Street junctions was upgraded.
- The Public Consultation Report and updated design for the Suir Road Junction Upgrade was published in October 2025. An update on the project was given to the South East Area Committee at the meeting in December 2025.
- The Public Consultation Report for the McKee Avenue Roundabout was published in October.

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

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Councillor Briefings

During this quarter, a series of update briefings was delivered to the Elected Members in each of the five administrative areas. Further update briefings will be scheduled in the New Year.

### Community Engagement

As part of ongoing engagement with communities, a number of activities were carried out during this quarter. These include: A meeting with the Older Persons Council, leaflet distribution for the Nassau Street works and two public tours on completed schemes were also conducted.

There was also engagement with Disabled People's Organisations on the Suir Road Junction and the Dodder Greenway (Patrick Doyle Road to Orwell Road)

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

During this quarter, AcTPRO partnered with the Academy of the Near Future on a project called the Sensor Detector. Working with five primary schools, the programme empowers primary students to monitor air pollution and traffic within their community. Students will develop a refined idea to address the issues they have uncovered.

Initial work also began on a project to measure the impact of Active Travel Schemes on the way people move, their health, community life, economic wellbeing and impact on the environment.

### **Newsfeed**

AcTPRO updates are available on [DCC Active Travel Alerts](#), a total of nine 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.

The AcTPRO Communications and Behaviour Change team will continue to use several different channels to maximise delivery of the project messaging.

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)

## **4. Conclusion:**

This quarter particularly focused on quick build projects for delivering improvements. This resulted in four schemes being opened to the public in a very short timeframe.

A key ingredient of Dublin Cities Active Travel Network is its Greenways along the waterways and in parks. With the support of the Parks Department, paths in two parks were completed within the quarter. We would like to build on this success going into next year and beyond.

Some minor revisions to the programme will be made when the funding for 2026 has been officially announced. A further update will be issued to all Elected Members.

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## ANNEXES – DETAILED PROJECT UPDATES

### ANNEXE 1 SCHEMES IN CONSTRUCTION.

#### A1.1 Walking and Cycling in Public Parks

In collaboration with the Parks Department, walking and cycling improvements in parks took off during the quarter with the upgrade of paths in both Eamonn Ceannt Park and Stannaway Park. These completed works delivered 0.38km of upgraded infrastructure.



Stannaway Park



Eamonn Ceannt Park

It is expected to continue the rollout of these upgrades next year, with Liffey Valley Park and California Hills Park identified as locations for improvement works.

#### A1.2 Dodder Greenway – Bridge Street to Londonbridge Road (via Fitzwilliam Quay)

A main contractor was appointed, and work commenced in October. Construction of new porous cycletrack and realigned footpath on embankment has been completed. Construction of new islands along Fitzwilliam Quay has been completed. Planning of road on Fitzwilliam Quay has been completed.

All work except work on Bridge Street junction is expected to be completed by the end of Q4 2025. All works are now scheduled to be completed by the end of Q1 of 2026.

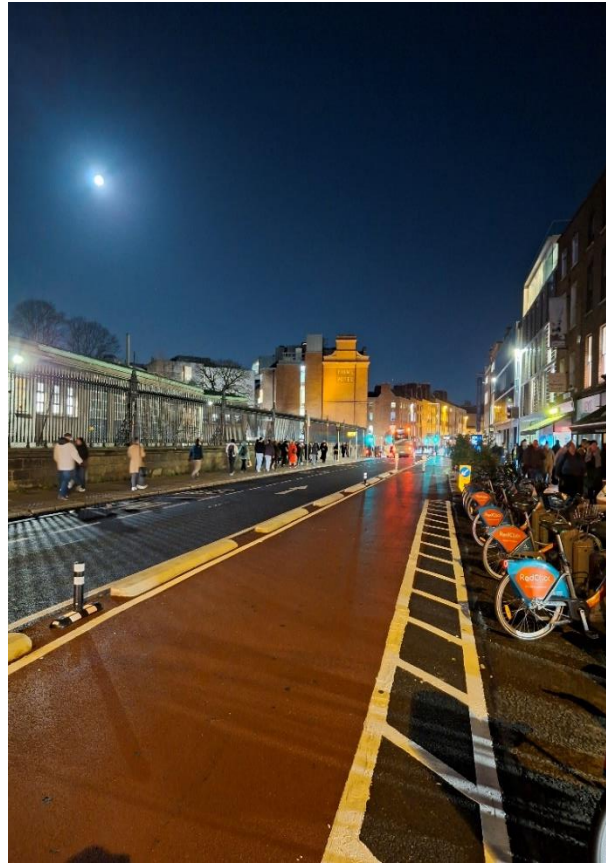


*New porous red cycle track. Planed out Road and new traffic islands, Fitzwilliam Quay*

### **A1.3 Trinity to Ballsbridge (Permanent)**

As part of this project, the **Nassau Street Cycle Lane Upgrade** project saw the upgrade of the existing 325m contra-flow cycle track between the Clare Street and Dawson Street junctions. The works included the installation of red asphalt surfacing, cycle signal equipment, cycle friendly gully gratings and protective kerbing. The cycle track has been widened to allow for future two-way cycle traffic.

Road Maintenance Division also carried out road surface renewal during this period.

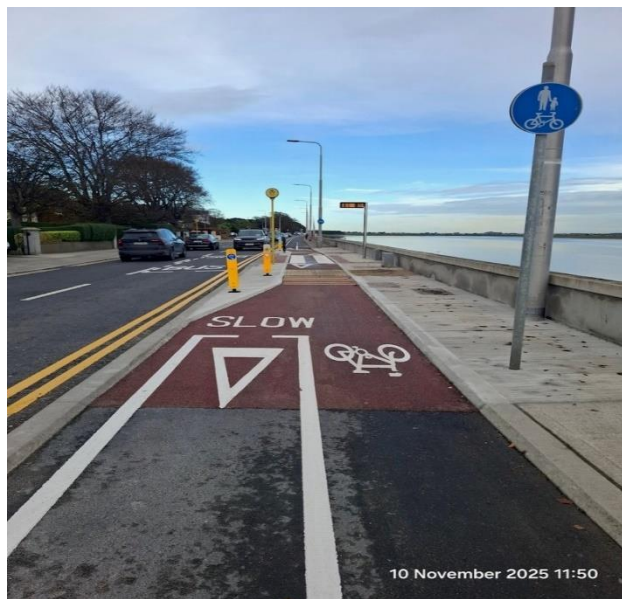


*Upgraded contra flow cycle lane on Nassau Street*

#### **A1.4 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.

In order to segregate the cycle-track and footpath and to provide a landing zone to accommodate bus boarding and alighting work commenced on a new layout on 30th October and was completed on 8<sup>th</sup> November. The new layout provides a dedicated space for pedestrians and bus users with a delineated route for cyclists past the bus landing zone.



*New layout at Bus Stop 1724*

### A1.5 Kilmainham to Thomas Street (Interim Works)

All buff colouring on Marrowbone Lane, Forbes Lane and James Walk has been completed. Due to inclement weather, a small amount of red surfacing work remains outstanding. Additionally, a small number of road markings are outstanding.



### A1.6 Royal Canal Greenway Phase 3 (RCGP3)

This 2.1km stretch of greenway was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr. Ray McAdam in the presence of former Minister of Finance Paschal Donohoe, Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll, Cllr. Janet Horner and John Tolan of Waterways Ireland on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Local elected representatives and representatives from the National Transport Authority, Waterways Ireland, Iarnród Éireann, the Works Contractor (Jons Civil Engineering), the Designer (O'Connor Sutton Cronin Consulting Engineers) and Dublin City Council's project team were in attendance, as well as local school children and members of the local community.

As the scheme is now substantially complete, there was limited activity on site during this quarter, particularly during October and November as the Works Contractor's staff transferred to the emergency reconstruction of George's Dock Bridge. However, snagging works resumed in late November and are ongoing.



*Plaque unveiling by former Minister Donohoe and Lord Mayor McAdam at Lock 3 footbridge on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September*

The scheme is divided into four sections:

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

Seven new trees were planted on the site of the construction compound adjacent to the former Spain's warehouse, to the rear of Saint Ignatius Road, in early December 2025. Outstanding shared space signage on Binns Bridge was also installed at this time.



*Tree planting at former construction compound*

In the first quarter of 2026, a section of defective towpath surface near the former Spain's warehouse will be planed off and re-laid. This will require a towpath closure, which will be announced in advance of the works.

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

Works to lower the jetty at Portland Lock apartments commenced in late November and are almost complete. Relocation of the access gate to the planter box beside the apartments was completed in early December, as was replacement of the non-native laurel bushes in the planters with native holly bushes. The installation of additional railings close to Binns Bridge is ongoing.

Portland Place Park has been vacated by the Works Contractor and the hoarding, with the exception of the access gates at the end of Portland Street North, are being removed. DCC Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services Division are currently progressing a design for the refurbishment of the park.



*Lowered jetty and Binns Bridge ramp planter with native holly bushes*

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

Gates were installed beneath the Bloody Sunday Bridge ramp in October and the addition of anti-climb spikes above these gates is ongoing.

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

Snagging works to the tactile paving on Charleville Mall, on foot of road safety audit recommendations, was completed in late November. Installation of a new cycle counter in the carriageway outside Charleville Mall Library is ongoing and is expected to be operational in January 2026.

### **A1.7 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 and is commissioned in July. The interim scheme provides 0.65km of one-way protected cycleway on Ranelagh Road. Some minor snagging works are outstanding.

### **A1.8      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.

Snagging works were carried out in this quarter, the works are commissioned, with some (temperature dependent High Friction Surfacing) and minor snagging to be finished early in 2026.

### **A1.9      Clontarf to City Centre (C2CC)**

On the **Clontarf to City Centre**, most snagging works have been undertaken since Substantial Completion in October 2024. Some further snags (at localised locations) shall be undertaken early in 2026 with final remaining works due to be undertaken within the Defects period of the Scheme (October 2026) e.g. snags to sections of the carriageway are expected mid-2026.

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

There are 12 projects that have been prioritised for design in order to get them to construction in 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 Dodder Greenway – Milltown Road

The Detailed design for this scheme is well progressed, with tender documentation preparation underway and preparations for governance reviews have commenced. 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 February 2026 with Construction planned to Start in Summer 2026.

### A2.3 Dodder Greenway – Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road

The scheme is currently in design. A Ground investigation contractor has commenced on site and is scheduled to finish the second stage of the works in January 2026. Extensive engagement with DL RCC and NTA regarding Junction designs at Clonskeagh Road and Donnybrook Road has been undertaken. An emerging preferred

option has been identified for both major junctions. Further engagement with NTA Bus Connects is required for the Junctions on Donnybrook Road. The scheme is planned to move to detailed design following the completion of the detailed design of the Milltown Road scheme, January 2026. Tenders to be published in Summer 2026.

#### **A2.4 Finglas Area Roundabouts Scheme**

A non-statutory public consultation for the McKee Avenue Roundabout was held from 5th August to 1st September 2025 and the Public Consultation Report published in October 2025 the preliminary design and detailed design for McKee Avenue has been completed. The project has now progressed to the tender preparation stage. Delivery of the scheme is under review following the grant of planning for Finglas LUAS.

The Jamestown Roundabout preferred option will provide a signalised junction. The Preliminary design work for this junction is scheduled to re-commence in Q1 2026.

#### **A2.5 Finglas Village Improvement Scheme**

The Detailed Design is nearing completion, with certain elements still being refined in collaboration with DCC Departments. Progress has also been made on the tender pack preparation this quarter, with the aim of issuing the tender in Q1 2026. The start of construction works is scheduled for Summer 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.

#### **A2.6 Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre**

The draft tender pack delivered in December, laying the groundwork for procurement. The Construction Tender is scheduled for completion in early 2026, with site works anticipated to begin in July 2026.

This quarter, work has centred on advancing the Detailed Design, which is actively progressing with input from both internal DCC departments and external stakeholders. Particular attention has been given to the designs for Eglinton Rd./Milltown Rd. and Bus Stop Islands.

#### **A2.7 Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Suir Road Junction**

The Public Consultation Report and updated design for the scheme was published in October 2025. An update on the project was given to the South East Area Committee at the meeting in December 2025.

Over the last quarter the design team have been progressing with detailed design and preparation of tender documents. The scheme is scheduled to go out to tender in Spring 2026 with construction commencing in Summer 2026 pending NTA approval.

The upgrade of Suir Road/ Davitt Road, Slievenamon Road/ Dolphin Road junction will improve safety for all modes of transport travelling through the junction. Significant numbers of pedestrians, cyclists and commuters on buses and the Luas red line travel through it every day. It will provide new crossing facilities for pedestrians and protected cycletracks and crossings for cyclists. It will reduce delays for all traffic travelling through the junction with priority for buses travelling between Slievenamon Road and Suir Road.



Suir Road Junction current layout



Suir Road Junction proposed layout

## A2.8 North Circular Road – Dorset Street to Amiens Street

Over the last quarter the design team has developed the detailed design and tender documents. A Detailed Business Case has been received and is currently being reviewed. The project is expected to proceed to tender stage for Construction Contract by the end of the year subject to NTA approval

The scheme will provide 1.1km of improved walking and cycling facilities as well as the upgrading of the junctions at Belvedere Rd, Fitzgibbon Street, Summerhill and other local side roads. There will be additional greening at side roads and new 'pocket parks' at the Belvedere Place junction. Six no. bus stops are being provided as part of NTA's proposed Orbital bus route.



Artist's impression of North Circular Road – Looking east from Dorset Street Lower junction.

### **A2.9 Coolock to Clontarf – Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue**

A tender for Site Investigation was issued in November 2025 to undertake slit trenches and cores on the pavement. It is aimed to have the Site Investigation Contractor on site in Jan/ Feb 2026.

A Conservation & Archaeology Report has been received and is undergoing an internal peer review.

A Detailed Business Case is currently being prepared. It is expected that the project will proceed to tender stage early in 2026 pending NTA approval.

The design team are developing the detailed design and tender documents for the Construction Contract. Engagement with various internal DCC departments such as Traffic, Parks, PL, Drainage on specific details of the design is ongoing. A Road Safety Audit/ Stage 2 has been undertaken and is completed.

The proposed route will deliver walking and cycling improvements along the 2.6 km route Scheme will provide one-way cycletracks on Gracefield Road and a two-way cycletrack on the western side along Brookwood Avenue, Sybil Hill Road, and Vernon Avenue

### **A2.10 Conyngham Road to Chapelizod Village**

Over this quarter, the design team have developed the preliminary design and continue to undertake stakeholder engagements with various internal DCC departments such as Traffic, Drainage (SuDs) and Parks.

A Road Safety Audit Stage 1 is currently underway. Environmental Consultants have been appointed to undertake AA & EIA screenings.

The design team continue to engage with the OPW with regards to the new bridge over the River Liffey from Chapelizod Road to the War Memorial Gardens, to ensure that both projects are aligned.

## **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 has reached a preferred option. The required flood modelling for the proposed bridge is underway, the results of this will facilitate further engagement with the OPW and DCC Flood Alleviate Scheme. The project team is continuing to engage with DCC Parks 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 are scheduled to commence early in 2026 subject to NTA approval.

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

The portobello to Blackhorse Bridge project is a 4.4 km Pedestrian & Cycle Route linking La Touche Bridge Portobello to Blackhorse Bridge at Tyrconnell Rd. It will provide a continuous and segregated cycle route with connectivity to local roads, schools and sports clubs.

The project is currently at the Concept Development and Option Selection stage. And is priority project in the Active Travel Programme Office delivery programme 2024-2028

Progress made in 2025

- Draft Emerging Preferred Route identified
- Engaged with the NTA on modifying the BusConnects junction design
- Completed a traffic impact assessment
- Completed a BusConnects impact assessment

NTA are currently reviewing the impact on BusConnects

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

The project will deliver 4.3km of walking and cycling measures from the junction of Navan Road/ Cabra Road to New Cross College, Cappagh Road at the border with Fingal County Council.

The Project is to be delivered in two Phases:

Phase 1 - Ratoath Road [Cabra Cross junction to Kilshane Road]- 3.0Km

Phase 2 - Ratoath Road & Cappagh Road [Kilshane Road to Heathfield Drive]- 1.3km

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. The Preliminary Design, Preliminary Design Report and Preliminary Business Case for Phase 1 project are currently being finalised and are to be submitted to NTA in Jan 2026 for approval. This will allow the project to progress to Detailed Design and the publishing of the updated design and report on the outcome of the public consultation process.

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

During this quarter, the preliminary design progressed, and the design team continued engagement with a range of stakeholders. Design challenges include coordinating three junctions that intersect with two different Bus Connects Projects, including the Blanchardstown to City Centre and Ballymun/Finglas Projects.

The design requires a variety of cycling infrastructure solutions due to various constraints on Cabra & Dalymount Road such as parking, bus lanes, Luas bridge etc.

Over the last quarter parking studies were commissioned and Heritage, Archaeology and Arboriculture impact assessment completed.

### **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 Tonleegge Road and the Kilbarrack Road as the final phase.

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

This scheme will provide a 2.5km walking & cycling route from St Patricks Villas and Bridge Street in Ringsend, along Ringsend Road, Pearse Street & College Street to Westmoreland Street.

During this quarter the design team have refined the preferred option following further stakeholder feedback. It is proposed to complete the Feasibility & Options Stage and then proceed to Preliminary Design and Public Consultation in 2026

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

Over the last quarter work the design team have been finalising the preliminary design, the Preliminary business case and the Preliminary Design report. The environmental reports, conservation reports have been completed and are undergoing an internal DCC review. A Road Safety Audit Stage 1 is complete. It is expected to proceed to non- statutory Public Consultation in the first quarter of 2026.

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

This Scheme extends for 600 metres from the junction of Vernon Avenue and Seafield Road to the Clontarf Road seafront. It will improve the public realm, provide safer crossings, walking and cycling facilities and improved connectivity, it aims to create more community spaces and improve urban landscapes and habitats. 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. It is proposed to proceed to Public Consultation in Q1 2026 subject to NTA approval.

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

Over the last Quarter the design team have been 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.

#### **A3.12 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.

#### **A3.13 Chesterfield Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme**

The feasibility and options selection reports have been finalized and are due to be approved by the steering group by the end of 2025. The environmental screening reports have been prepared and are undergoing peer review. Preliminary design is expected to begin in the next quarter. In 2026 the preliminary design will be progressed to enable the public consultation process.

#### **A3.14 Royal Canal Phase 4**

The An Bord Pleanála decision on the Environment Impact Assessment Screening is still pending, therefore this project remains on hold.

Ground investigations for the railway underpass have been scheduled with Irish Rail for Q1 2026.

#### **A3.15 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.

#### **A3.16 Camac Greenway (Lansdowne Park)**

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

#### **A3.17 Charlemont to City Centre**

The project is at Feasibility & Options Selection Stage and will form part of the 2024-2028 delivery programme. The objective of this project is to continue the active travel connection from the Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Scheme to the city Centre

