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**Quarterly Report of the Active Travel Programme Office – Q1 2026, March**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

With the recent completion of the Dodder Greenway – Bridge Street to Londonbridge Road the network now stands at 38.5km. Tendering for a number of projects scheduled for construction in 2026 has commenced.

Five projects that had been scheduled to go to construction in 2026 will be deferred until 2027 due to works restrictions that will be in place on a number of roads and streets in the second half of 2026. In order to maintain momentum, AcTPrO is in the process of identifying alternative projects that can be fast tracked to proceed to construction this year.

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 Q1 2026

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

During this quarter:

- The Dodder Greenway – Bridge Street to Londonbridge Road (via Fitzwilliam Quay) scheme was substantially complete in February 2026.
- The Chapelizod Road to Conyngham Road Active Travel Scheme commenced Non Statutory Public Consultation in February.
- The North Circular Road (Dorset Street to Amien Street) proceeded to construction tender in March 2026.

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

## 3. ONGOING REVIEW OF DELIVERY PROGRAMME

The delays in projects originally scheduled to go to construction in 2026 has opened up opportunities for other projects to be fast tracked.

AcTPrO is now looking at walking and cycling improvements in Liffey Valley Park & War Memorial Gardens, St James Linear Park, Goldenbridge Walk, Lansdowne Valley Park as well as the Bollard Replacement Programme.

## 4. COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Community Engagement

As part of ongoing engagement with communities, a number of activities were carried out during this quarter. These include: A full four week non statutory consultation on the Chapelizod Road to Conyngham Road Active Travel Scheme between the 20th of

February to the 20th of March, two Public Information Meetings were held in the local community.

An information leaflet was also delivered to residents along Gracefield Road and Vernon Avenue informing them of ground works as part of the detailed design for this scheme.

There was also engagement with Disabled People's Organisations on the Chapelizod Road to Conyngham Road Active Travel Scheme.

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

AcTPrO, together with Academy of The Near Future, commenced a behaviour change programme with five primary schools called "The Sensor Inspector". This is an active travel citizen science programme for 5th and 6th class students tracking air pollution and traffic using sensors in their school. The results will be presented in May.

During this quarter, extensive work has been undertaken on engaging with key stakeholders to support the setting up of a data collection strategy for active travel with the objective of measuring the benefits of walking, wheeling and cycling and communicating the results effectively to the public and other stakeholders. Collecting this evidence is essential for Dublin City Council to effectively promote increased take up of active travel. A workshop is scheduled to take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **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 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)

### **Resolution:**

That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No 76/2026.

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# ANNEXES – DETAILED PROJECT UPDATES

## ANNEXE 1 SCHEMES IN CONSTRUCTION.

### A1.1 Dodder Greenway – Bridge Street to Londonbridge Road (via Fitzwilliam Quay)

A main contractor was appointed, and work commenced in October 2025. All works were substantially complete in February 2026, with traffic lights at the new signal controlled junction expected to be commissioned at the start of April.



*New red cycle track along Fitzwilliam Quay and Dodder Park.*

### A1.2 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.

The remaining works to be completed are scheduled for April 2026.

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

As the scheme was substantially completed in September 2025, there was limited activity on site during this quarter (Q1 2026). However, snagging works undertaken in this quarter are as follows:

- An otter pass was installed beneath Binns Bridge in accordance with planning requirements.
- Re-planting works were completed at the raised planter on the Binns Bridge ramp structure.
- Metal railing installation works were completed to the underpass at the Russell St east side ramp structure.

Outstanding snags: A section of buff coloured bituminous wearing course on the southside towpath, opposite the St Ignatius Road access point, is to be replaced by the contractor in the Spring under favourable weather conditions.

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

Some minor snagging works are outstanding. During this quarter, AcTPRO has engaged with local businesses and the Older Persons Council in Ranelagh.

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

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 during Quarter 2 of 2026.

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

On the **Clontarf to City Centre**, the remaining snagging works are due to be undertaken within the Defects period of the Scheme (October 2026).

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

### **A2.1    North Circular Road – Dorset Street Lower to Amiens Street**

The tender for the scheme was published in late March, with the Works Contractor to be appointed by the Summer 2026, 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

### **A2.2    Finglas Village Improvement Scheme**

The Detailed Design is now close to completion, with final reviews and approvals underway. The project is undergoing final Project Governance Approvals required prior to the publication of tender documents. It is expected the scheme will go to tender in April 2026. Construction works are planned to commence in Summer 2026.

### **A2.3    Coolock to Clontarf – Gracefield Road to Vernon Avenue**

A Site Investigation Contractor was appointed in January 2026 to carry out slit trenches and cores on the pavement. The works are expected to be undertaken March/ April 2026. A leaflet will be distributed to the residents along the route in advance of works commencing.

Over the last quarter the design team have finalised the detailed design, while preparation of tender documents is nearing completion. The design and documents were issued to the NTA for review and approval. Pending NTA approval, the scheme is scheduled to go out to tender in Q2 2026 with construction commencing in Summer 2026.

The proposed route will deliver walking and cycling improvements along the 2.6 km route. The 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. The updated design for the scheme has been published on the Active Travel webpage for the project.

### **A2.4    Conyngham Road to Chapelizod Village**

The scheme design was published on 20th February 2026 with non – statutory public consultation undertaken for four weeks until 20th March 2026. Information leaflets were distributed to almost 3,700 households along the route.

Two Public Information Events took place on Monday 2nd March in Chapelizod Scout Hall and Tuesday 10th March in the Ashling Hotel, Conyngham Road. Over 200 submissions have been received to date. The design team are currently reviewing the submissions and where appropriate the design will be amended. This is expected to be published along with the Public Consultation report in Summer 2026.

The Chapelizod Road & Conyngham Road Walking and Cycling Scheme will deliver a 3.1km walking and cycling route along Chapelizod Road and Conyngham Road from the Chesterfield Avenue/Conyngham Road junction to Chapelizod Village.



Artist's impression of proposed two-way cycletrack on Conyngham Road

### **A2.5 Camac Greenway (Lansdowne Park)**

The project team are working collaboratively with DCC Parks and have finalised a project scope to engage a design team to develop the Camac Greenway through Lansdowne Valley Park. Design work is to start imminently on the scheme.

### **A2.6 Fitzwilliam Cycle Route**

The Active Travel Programme Office has received limited funding to commence construction of the permanent Fitzwilliam cycle Route in 2026. The first phase of the project is expected to commence work on site in Q3 2026. The works will focus on improving the pedestrian facilities at the junction of Fitzwilliam Square South/Fitzwilliam Square East and the junction of Fitzwilliam Square North/Fitzwilliam Square East.

### **A2.7 Liffey Valley Park (OPW Bridge Connectivity)**

The project team are in the process of finalising a project scope to engage a design team to develop a greenway through Liffey Valley Park and the War Memorial Gardens in advance of the opening of the proposed Commemorative Bridge across the River Liffey, connecting Chapelizod Road with the War Memorial Gardens. Design work is to start imminently on the scheme.

### **A2.8 Bollard Replacement Programme.**

The South Circular Road, from Con Colbert Road Junction to Sallys Bridge, the design of a permanent scheme to replace bollards along the route has been completed.

Tender documents are being prepared for publication in April 2026, subject to Project Governance Approvals.

### **A2.9 Dodder Greenway – Milltown Road**

There had been collaboration in the overall design of the scheme with ESB Networks and Eirgrid in order to incorporate the HV ducting required as part of, Powering Up Dublin.

ESB Networks and Eirgrid advised in February that they would no longer be moving forward with the inclusion of the HV ducting as part of the Milltown Road Active Travel project. The removal of the HV ducts required the redesign of the drainage, DDC Telecoms ducting, Traffic Fibre ducting and the road pavement designs. Detailed design is now expected to be complete at the end of April 2026 with construction starting in Q3 2026.

### **A2.10 Dodder Greenway – Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road**

The scheme is planned to move to detailed design following the completion of the detailed design of the Milltown Road scheme in April 2026. The first phase of Ground investigations began on site in December 2025, the second phase was delayed due to issues with the Ground Investigation contractor. A new Ground Investigation Contractor commenced works on site on March 18<sup>th</sup> and were completed on 27<sup>th</sup> of March. Extensive engagement with DLRCC and NTA regarding Junction designs at Clonskeagh Road and Donnybrook Road has been undertaken. Further engagement with NTA Bus Connects is required for the Junctions on Donnybrook Road. It is anticipated that Tenders will be published in Summer 2026.

### **A2.11 Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Suir Road Junction**

Over the last quarter the design team have progressed with the detailed design and preparation of tender documents. There has also been further engagement with key stakeholders and the local community. The tender pack for construction of the scheme is to be submitted this month to the NTA for review. The scheme is scheduled to proceed to tender in Q2 2026.

### **A2.12 South City Loop – National Children’s Hospital**

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 Detailed design for this project has been completed and the tender documents prepared. The Public Consultation Report for the non-statutory public consultation concluded on 5<sup>th</sup> July was published and is available for download on the DCC Active Travel website.

The delivery of the scheme will be deferred.

### **A2.13 Finglas Area Roundabouts Scheme**

The Jamestown Roundabout preferred option will provide a signalised junction. The Preliminary design work for this junction has re-commenced in Q1 2026. This phase is

expected to be completed in Q2 2026. The public consultation and statutory process requirements for the project will be reviewed during this phase.

Following the approval of the railway order for Finglas Luas by An Coimisiún Pleanála in October 2025, it has been decided not to progress with the installation of the two pedestrian crossings at the St Margaret's Road/McKee Avenue Roundabout.

#### **A2.14 Sandyford (Clonskeagh) to City Centre**

Due to the funding constraints for 2026, priority is being given to delivering an upgrade to the Eglinton Road/Milltown Road Junction in 2026. The tender documents are to be revised based on this reduced scope. The remainder of the scheme will be considered for delivery from 2027.

### **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 Coimisiun Pleanála, there are 15 additional schemes currently in the early stages of design development. These projects are expected to proceed to construction from 2027 onwards.

#### **A3.1     Ratoath Road & Cappagh Road (Cabra to Blanchardstown)**

During this quarter the preliminary design of the section from Westwood to the Fingal County boundary was undertaken and this is scheduled for completion this April. The preliminary design of the section from Cabra Cross to Westwood is complete. The overall scheme design will be submitted to the NTA for approval this April.

Once the review is complete and approval received from the NTA, the updated designs and Public Consultation Report will be published. In addition, consideration will be given to phasing the implementation of the scheme. A Public Information Event will take place at this time and preparation for this event has commenced.

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.

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

During this quarter, designs were progressed to facilitate tie ins to the BusConnects corridors at the Ballymun Road junction and at the Malahide Road junction. These have been submitted to the NTA to facilitate coordination in the delivery of the two core bus corridors and the Finglas to Killester scheme.

The Finglas to Killester Active Travel Scheme is currently progressing through the Concept Development and Options Selection phase. The primary objective of this stage is to identify and assess feasible route options that best facilitate active travel modes, including walking, cycling, and wheeling between Finglas and Killester.

#### **A3.3     Grand Canal Greenway (Blackhorse to Portobello)**

The Emerging Preferred Option was submitted to the NTA in March for approval. The submission included a proposal to fast track the implementation of an upgrade to the Dolphins Barn junction.

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.

#### **A3.4     Kilbarrack Road to Oscar Traynor Road (Bayside to Donaghmede)**

In Q1 2026 the updated design drawings along with the Preliminary Design Report and Preliminary Business Case were submitted to the NTA for review. Once the review is complete and approval received, the updated designs and Public Consultation Report

will be published. A Public Information Event will take place at this time and preparation for this event has commenced.

The draft Conservation & Archaeology Assessment Report has been received and issued to DCC Conservation & Archaeology Division for review & comment. Meetings with the Santry River Restoration & Greenway teams are ongoing to agree the connections between the two schemes

Consideration is being given to delivering this scheme in three phases: Oscar Traynor Rd, Tonlegee Rd and Kilbarrack Rd.

### **A3.5 Dodder Greenway – Dodder Walk to Orwell Road**

There was no progress made during the quarter as design resources are currently focused on the Milltown Road scheme and the Donnybrook Road to Clonskeagh Road scheme.

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.

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

A Parking Survey was carried out on Cabra Road, and the results are being analysed. A Heritage and Conservation assessment was also completed and issued to DCC Conservation for review and comment.

Design Consultants are developing a draft design option for the Cabra Cross Junction i.e the connection between Cabra Road/ Ratoath Road and the Blanchardstown to City Centre Bus Connects Project. The options are to be discussed with DCC Traffic and Bus Connects teams.

### **A3.7 Kilmainham to Thomas Street – Permanent Scheme**

During Q1 2026 the design team finalised the preliminary design, the Preliminary business case and the Preliminary Design report and issued to the NTA for review. 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 later in 2026. It is anticipated that this scheme will be implemented on a phased basis and is pending agreement with the NTA. A bat survey is to be undertaken along St James Linear Park and which is planned to commence in Q2 2026.

### **A3.8 Vernon Avenue to Clontarf Road**

During this quarter the preliminary design was completed and submitted to the NTA for approval.

This Scheme extends for 600 metres from the junction of Vernon Avenue and Seafield Road to the Clontarf Road seafront. It will provide safer crossings, walking and cycling facilities and improved connectivity, it aims to create more community spaces and create public realm opportunities.

### **A3.9 East Wall to North Wall Road**

During this quarter the project team have continued to engage with stakeholders such as Traffic Department and Bus teams, and this will continue over the next quarter to identify an emerging preferred option.

### **A3.10 Kimmage Road to Clogher Road**

There was no progress this quarter. The commencement of the design and planning for the scheme is now re-scheduled for 2027 subject to NTA approval and allocation of funding. This scheme will provide 1.5km of new walking and cycling infrastructure connecting Kimmage Road to Sundrive Road / Eamonn Ceannt Park.

### **A3.11 Chesterfield Avenue Walking & Cycling Scheme**

The feasibility and options selection reports have been finalised and are approved by the project steering group. The environmental screening reports have been prepared, and a further review of the screening reports will be required after the Preliminary design. The Preliminary design has commenced and is expected to be completed in the next quarter. The public consultation and statutory process requirements for the project will be reviewed during this phase.

### **A3.12 Ringsend to City Centre**

There was no progress on the scheme in this quarter. This scheme will provide a 2.5km walking & cycling route from St Patrick's Villas and Bridge Street in Ringsend, along Ringsend Road, Pearse Street & College Street to Westmoreland Street.

The design team have continued work on the preferred option following further engagement with Bus teams, and other projects that are linking to the Active Travel scheme. It is proposed to complete the Feasibility & Options Stage and then proceed to Preliminary Design and Public Consultation in 2026.

### **A3.13 Royal Canal Phase 4**

Ground investigations at the proposed railway underpass location were carried out on site in February 2026 under the supervision of Irish Rail.

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

### **A3.14 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.

### **A3.15 Charlemont to City Centre**

The draft Feasibility & Options Selection report has been completed and is currently undergoing internal review. The objective of this project is to continue the active travel connection from the Sandyford Clonskeagh to Charlemont Scheme to the city Centre commence in 2026.

### **A3.16 S2S Clontarf Baths**

There was no progress this quarter.