

Transport Strategic Policy Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on ZOOM Platform, at 9.30 am on the 19th May, 2020 hosted by Uinsinn Finn, Senior Engineer, in Council Chamber, City Hall, Galway

Present: Cllr. Eddie Hoare, Chairman
Cllr. Alan Cheevers
Cllr. Clodagh Higgins
Cllr. Mike Cubbard
Cllr. Noel Larkin
Cllr. Peter Keane
Ms. Elaine Brick, Business / Commercial Sector
Mr. Paul O'Donnell, Community Network
Mr. Shane Foran, Community Network

In Attendance: Ms. Ruth McNally, Director of Services, GCC
Mr. Uinsinn Finn, Senior Engineer, GCC
Mr. Jimmy Callan, Senior Executive Engineer, GCC
Mr. Colm O'Riordan, Senior Executive Engineer, GCC
Mr. Brendan Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer, GCC
Mr. Michael Lally, Executive Engineer, GCC
Ms. Anne Ruane, Administrative Officer, GCC
Ms. Arlene Finn, Administrative Officer, GCC
Ms. Martina Golding, Clerical Officer, GCC

Apologies: Cllr. Colette Connolly
Mr. Pat Hardiman, Irish Congress of Trade Unions

No.	Item
	<p>Chairman Cllr. Eddie Hoare welcomed members and officials to the meeting which was being held in the City Council Chamber and on the Zoom platform. The Chair gave guidelines on protocol of tele conferencing, which included, a restriction on length of time of meetings of up to 2 hours. The Chair advised that one member of the public has requested to attend, however, under current guidelines this could not be accommodated.</p> <p>Members were advised that 3 presentation were on the agenda for the meeting.</p>
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Transport SPC Meeting:-</u></p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. N. Larkin and seconded by Mr. S. Foran, minutes of the Transportation SPC meeting held on 21st January, 2020, were taken as read, adopted and signed.</p> <p>Members agreed the following matters of accuracy with regards to the minutes of the 21st January, 2020:-</p> <p>Mr. S. Foran asked for reference to underpass and access to Doughiska and Ardaun development be recorded in minutes. Mr. U. Finn stated that it had been included in the presentation made and would be recorded in minutes.</p>

2.	<p><u>Matters arising:-</u></p> <p>Mr. P. O'Donnell sought clarification in relation to presentations not being forwarded to members prior to the SPC meeting and asked that this be recorded.</p> <p>Members were advised that presentation were not completed when the agenda was being forwarded and it was agreed that they would be circulated after the meeting.</p> <p>The Director confirmed that presentations were updates to the members which could also be made verbally. Statutory documents and reports would be circulated in advance.</p>
3.	<p><u>(a) Galway City Centre Pedestrian Area Rehabilitation:- (copy circulated).</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The members welcomed the presentation on the City Centre Pedestrian Area Rehabilitation which was given by Mr. Jimmy Callan, Senior Executive Engineer. The presentation gave a progress update on phase 3 of the overall Pedestrian Area Rehabilitation. Phase 3 works commenced in February and works are due to be completed at the end of May, 2020. Bollard Replacement Contract to the Pedestrianised Zone in the City Centre commenced on the 7th January 2020 and works are substantially complete. The presentation also gave an indication of the program of works planned for 2020 in Phase 4 and 5 of the Pedestrian Rehabilitation Project. <p>The members raised the following points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop Street is the natural cycling route to secondary schools in the West side of the city. Request that the route should be kept open as an option to accommodate the students. • If consideration was given to deep clean Shop Street, High Street and Quay Street during the COVID 19, if not then this was a lost opportunity lost. <p><u>In response the members were advised as follows.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to change the time of loading on Shop Street to 9.00 am. • Signs would be erected advising that Shop Street is a pedestrianised zoned and cycling would not be permitted. • The cleaning of the Pedestrianised zone comes under the remit of the Environment Department, it was agreed to pass this request on to this Department. • Final surface of the pedestrian zone has yet to be finalised
	<p><u>(b) City Bus Shelter Upgrades:-</u></p> <p>Mr. B. Gallagher, Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation on the upgrade of bus shelters in Galway City. It was noted that the provision of accessible bus stops is a key priority for Galway City and is consistent with the City Development Plan and the Galway Transport Study.</p>

	<p>Work commenced on Phase 1 for the provision of 13 shelters in early March 2020 but works were paused due to the government restrictions in response to the Coronavirus. Works re commenced in May by Contractor working on behalf of Galway City Council. Works are being funded by the NTA. Following the presentation a number of queries were raised and replied to by Brendan Gallagher and Uinsinn Finn.</p>
	<p><u>(c) Implementation of Galway Cycling Strategy.</u></p> <p><i>A joint presentation was given on the Cycling Infrastructure Projects by Uinsinn Finn, Senior Engineer, Michael Lally, Executive Engineer, Arlene Finn, Administrative Officer and Colm O’Riordan, Senior Executive Engineer.</i></p> <p>Mr. U. Finn’s presentation was on policy including EU Cycling Strategy, National Cycling Policy Framework, Galway Transport Strategy, and Galway City Council Development Plan 2017-2023.</p> <p>Ms. A. Finn gave presentation on Behavioural Change Initiatives in Galway Transport Study including Bike Week, Mobility Week, and engagement with schools. An update on ‘School Street’ was given – this is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times.</p> <p>Mr. M. Lally gave a brief overview for transport projects and cycle facilities, which included project appraisal and project management overview, design standards for 7 categories and road function and road width, cycle lanes facilities and speed.</p> <p>Presentation by Mr. C. O’Riordan on progress update on URDF/NTA cycling routes was deferred to next meeting due to time restraints.</p> <p>Questions on cycling to be taken in Any Other Business.</p>
4.	<p><u>Update on URDF Applications:-</u></p> <p>Update on URDF Applications to be emailed to the SPC Committee after meeting.</p>
5.	<p><u>Any Other Business:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a number of queries on the Pilot Cycle lane at Salthill, Mr. Uinsinn Finn advised that these matters raised were under consideration by the City Mobility team. The team were currently carrying out walking audits at certain locations around the city to identify issues re congestion on footpaths etc. Once audit was complete a programme of priority areas and works would be looked at. It was noted that priority works would be funded by the NTA. • The Status of Light Rail scheme contained in the City Development Plan was queried.

It was noted that concerns were raised at a Community Network meeting - in relation to the requirement for more active engagement with stakeholders in relation to the Kirwin Roundabout.

- LIS Works – continue with submissions through Ms. Catherine Hall, Clerical Officer.

Cllr. E. Hoare thanked Uinsinn Finn for hosting the meeting and thanked all for their participation. A date of the 25th August for the next Transport SPC meeting was raised and the Chair agreed to discuss same with the Director of Transport.