

Cycle South Dublin – Year 2 update

Budget and Resources

Expenditure in 2021 €10.9M. Expenditure in 2022 of €15.5M and a Budget of €22.1M for 2023.

Dedicated team of 6 Executive Engineers and Active Travel Officers to project manage each project on the Cycle South Dublin Programme. These are supported by 3 Administration staff in Active Travel.

Public Consultation – improvements in how we interact and consult

The delivery of successful and desirable cycle infrastructure requires input from and knowledge from local people and Councillors. To this end the Council committed to the following levels of public engagement in the design and delivery of Cycle South Dublin (CySD) schemes:

- Face to face meetings
- Direct outreach to businesses, schools, and sports groups
- Focus groups
- Online Consultation portal
- Leaflet drops, on street posters and notices
- Computer generated visualizations, 3D fly throughs, photomontages

We had approximately 1,000 Submissions and Surveys submitted online through the consultation portal over the last 12 months for our Active Travel Schemes.

Project Updates – Significant progress on over 30 projects

Schools Projects – Construction of the Safer to Schools Streets will commence in Q2 2023 at

- St. Lorcan's B.N.S. and St. Brigid's G.N.S., The Oval, Palmerstown.
- Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin and Coláiste Chilliaín, Old Nangor Road, Clondalkin.
- St. Mark's J.N.S. and S.N.S., Springfield, Tallaght.

Part 8 Approvals on

- Wellington Lane Cycle Scheme
- Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway
- Dodder Greenway Firhouse Road/Butterfield Avenue

Significant construction on

- Avonbeg Road
- Grange Road
- Templeville Road
- Dodder Greenway (including Springfield Avenue, Dodder View Road and Dodder Road Lower)

Rapid Deployment Schemes

At the request of the National Transport Authority, we have commenced delivering a series of "Rapid Deployment Schemes", these will help form discrete local networks and will inform future permanent designs for schemes at these locations and elsewhere across the CySD Network. Rapid deployment schemes have been carried out at several locations around the county including on Taylors Lane, Dodsboro, Junctions on the Outer Ring Road, Bothar Katherine Tynan and Cookstown Road.

Cycle South Dublin NOW Schemes – May 2023

No.	15 Routes	22 Projects	Progress
1	Lucan Canal Loop	Lucan Canal Loop	Part 8 approved. Detailed design underway
2	Grand Canal extension	Grand Canal extension	Detailed Design complete.
5	N81	B) Jobstown Junction	Complete.
6	Tallaght Village to Dodder Valley	Tallaght Village to Dodder Valley	Complete.
8	Dodder Greenway	A) Dodder Greenway bridges	Complete
		B to F) Dodder Greenway Links	Complete.
9	Firhouse to Knocklyon	Firhouse to Knocklyon	Public consultations have commenced
10	Wellington Road	Wellington Road	Part 8 approved. Detailed design underway
11	Grange Road	Nutgrove Ave. to St. Enda's Drive	Complete.
12	Tallaght Streets	A) Belgard North Link Road	Complete.
		B) Airton Road Extension	Tender documents to be issued in June.
		C) Public realm and Plaza	Under construction. Due for completion: Q1 2024.
13	Celbridge Link Road	Celbridge Link Road	Complete.
15	N4 to Liffey Valley Shopping Centre and Coldcut Road	B) N4 to Liffey Valley SC and Coldcut Road	Partial delivery of cycle lanes at Liffey valley shopping centre alongside delivery of the Bus Connects interchange
21	Fortunestown Lane	C) Citywest Avenue to junction with Garter Lane (one side)	Complete
27	Castletymon Road	A) Castletymon Road	Detailed Design underway
29	Limekiln and Whitehall Road West	Limekiln and Whitehall Road West	Under construction. Due for completion: Q4 2023.
30	Templeville Road	Templeville Road	Under construction. Due for completion in June.

Cycle South Dublin SOON Schemes – May 2023

No.	14 ROUTES	21 PROJECTS	Progress/Status
3	Corkagh Park to Grand Canal	A) Clondalkin Village to Grand Canal	Funding sought from NTA to accelerate project
		B) Corkagh Park	Construction to commence in 2023
4	Tallaght to Clondalkin Village	Tallaght to Clondalkin Village	Design consultants appointed. Inputting into Clondalkin LAP.
7	Greenhills Road to Dodder Valley	Greenhills Road to Dodder Valley	Complete.
14	Liffey Valley to Lucan	Arc roundabout to Lucan	Funding approved to initiate scheme
19	City West to Rathfarnham	A) N82 to N81 via Magna Avenue, Belfry Green, Fortunestown Road, Jobstown Road and along Whitestown Stream to N81	Consultants to be appointed in Q4 2023
		B) N81 to Whitestown Way via Whitestown stream, Killinarden Way and Firhouse Road West	Consultants to be appointed in Q4 2023
		C) Killinenny Road to its junction with Ballycullen Road	Consultants to be appointed in Q4 2023
		D) St Colmcille Way to Ballyboden Road via Scholarstown Road from Orlagh roundabout to Templeroan roundabout and Ballyboden Way.	Consultants to be appointed in Q4 2023
		E) Ballyboden to Rathfarnham	Consultants to be appointed in Q4 2023
28	Killinarden Park to Oldbawn Road	A) Killinarden Park to Whitestown Way via. Whitestown Ind. Estate.	Construction to commence in Q2 2023
		B) Whitestown Way to Oldbawn Road via. Sean Walsh Park	Construction to commence in Q2 2023
31	Kennelsfort Road	Kennelsfort Road	Under assessment for Rapid Deployment

Walking and Cycling Index

The Walking and Cycling Index is the biggest assessment of walking and cycling in urban areas in the UK and Ireland. 2021 was the first year that walking was included. The Walking and Cycling Index reports every two years. This is the second report from the Dublin Metropolitan Area produced in partnership with the National Transport Authority. SDCC contributes to the NTA statistics and SDCC will use to the statistics and findings to help inform public consultations on future schemes. The next Index will be published later in 2023 and will include reports from regional cities as well as the Dublin Metropolitan Area.

Pathfinder Project

The Department of Transport (DoT) established the Sustainable Mobility Policy (SMP) group in May 2022 to identify potential pathfinder projects set within the themes from the DoT Sustainable Mobility Action Plan. SDCC has represented the Local Authority sector on the SMP Leadership Group and the SMP Delivery Team. A total of 35 pathfinder projects were identified nationally. The D24 Neighbourhood network and the Castletymon projects were identified by SDCC for inclusion in the pathfinder programme, these were approved by the DoT and amalgamated under a single pathfinder project approval. Delivery of the phases of the SDCC pathfinder project will be phased with final completion anticipated by 2026, works have already commenced in Castletymon.

The D24 Neighbourhood Cycle Network is an interim cycle scheme which aims to quickly implement a comprehensive and connected network of protected cycle facilities, suitable for cyclists of all ages and abilities, in the D24 area. At 11km long, it will be the largest neighbourhood cycle scheme in the country and forms part of the Cycle South Dublin strategy. The network will consist of the provision of protected cycle facilities on the following roads: Killinarden Heights and Way, Whitestown Way, Kiltipper Way, Firhouse Rd West, Killinny Road, Ballycullen Road, Ballycullen Drive and Avenue.

The Castletymon scheme will include the development of Castletymon as a 10-min neighbourhood via walking and cycling infrastructure, with public realm improvements. Both projects will connect into the existing cycle facilities in the area, such as the Dodder Valley cycle scheme creating an overall enhanced walking and cycling network. They will also complement future SDCC cycle schemes being progressed separately e.g., Killinarden Park and Citywest to Rathfarnham Cycle Scheme.

The Active Travel Admin Team was setup in May 2021, with 3 staff. The primary function of the Active Travel Admin team is to work alongside the project engineers to help with public consultations, financial management and administrative support across all Active Travel Projects and the Cycle South Dublin Scheme. Alongside this, the team has managed several smaller projects such as the development of an Active Travel Website and Bike Parking Rollout to increase the number of bike parking spaces across the SDCC area. They have also worked on developing a project management document which is used to guide the process on a project from project initiation to project completion for active travel schemes. The Active Travel Admin Team also work on the promotion of all our schemes across social media, with relevant stakeholders and members of the local communities. Finally, the Active Travel Admin team also run Bike week which is an annual event that helps promote cycling across South Dublin County Council.

Active Travel Website Development – We are the first local authority to put together a website for Active Travel as a one stop website to showcase everything we are doing in Active Travel and this website will include the Cycle South Dublin Programme and all the routes we are developing. It contains GIS maps, what Active Travel is and the benefits of active travel. It includes our programme of works on District Centres and Villages/School Streets programme and links to our consultation room for all projects. We will continue to upload a selection of photos of our schemes and some drone footage of projects, such as the Dodder Greenway. The website can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/active-travel/>

Bike Parking Rollout – SDCC received funding from the NTA for Bike Parking and opened our applications in the summer of 2021 to Schools and Sports Clubs, a contractor was appointed in November 2021 to manufacture Bike Racks. At the start of January 2022, we began the process of supplying and installing Bike Stands across South Dublin County Council based on the applications received. To date we have installed Bike Stands in over 40 sports clubs/Schools and 5 public parks across Tallaght, Knocklyon, Templeogue, Rathfarnham, Bohernabreena, Clondalkin and Lucan. We have created over 450 new bike parking spaces and have seen the uptake in cycling increase at a lot of these locations where there were no facilities previously in place. Stage two of our Bike Parking roll plan and roll out has started in 2023 with 10 Bike Shelters now installed, there will be 30 Bike Repair Stations and another 300 Bike Parking Spaces across the full year. These will be installed at locations such as Firhouse Community College, Coláiste Eanna, Ballyroan, St Mac Dara's College Templeogue, Loreto High School Beaufort Rathfarnham, Schools in Clondalkin and a list right across SDCC that we will allocate out to our installers.

Active Travel Communications and Engagement Strategy – Active Travel schemes are normally delivered using the powers available under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, or under the Part 8 process (outlined in the Planning and Development Regulations). SDCC Active Travel run a 4 week Non statutory consultation period for Section 38 schemes. Many Part 8 Schemes will also undergo non-statutory consultations in addition to the statutory consultations required by the Regulations. We firstly engage councillors through either an informal briefing or a briefing at an ACM. We then carry out careful stakeholder mapping for the area the Active Travel Scheme is planned for and identify all the relevant business, resident associations, schools, clubs, and groups in that area we need to consult with. We then contact all these stakeholders and invite them to consultation meetings either in person/ online and outline the scheme to them taking onboard their feedback which is used to inform the overall scheme. We also use South Dublin's County Council social media to advertise the Active Travel Scheme is out for consultation and provide regular updates as the scheme progresses.

We have some exciting plans for later in 2023 with a series of Active Travel Roadshows which we plan to bring to the public with a focus on a particular topic every few months such as,

- Benefits of Active Travel health and wellbeing
- Safe Cycling to School
- Inclusive cycling and cycling without age.