**Cycle South Dublin – Year 3 update**

# Budget and Resources

Expenditure in 2021 €10.9M. Expenditure in 2022 of €15.5M, Expenditure in 2023 of €22.1M and a Budget of €21.9M for 2024. A similar allocation is anticipated in 2025 and the Active Travel Team has developed a matching programme of projects to utilise this grant.

Dedicated team of 5 Executive Engineers and two 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
* Ongoing information vis media channels on project progression

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 is now on round three of the project. Round 1 and Round 2 are largely complete or completed as a trial scheme. Round 3 will commence in 2025 (also see report on South Dublin Safe School Zones)

Round 1,

* St. Lorcan’s B.N.S. and St. Brigid’s G.N.S., The Oval, Palmerstown.
* Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin and Coláiste Chilliain, Old Nangor Road, Clondalkin.
* St. Mark’s J.N.S. and S.N.S., Springfield, Tallaght.
* Bishop Shanahan and Galvin, Templeogue Wood

Round 2,

* Scoil Maelruain SNS and JNS, Old Bawn
* St. Dominics National School, Tallaght
* St. MacDaras Community College, Wellington Lane
* Riverview ETNS (works to commence in a later phase)

Round 3, to commence 2025

* St. Thomas’ JNS, Esker Lucan
* Scoil Áine Naofa, Esker Lucan
* Sacred Heart SNS, Whitestown, Tallaght
* Scoil Naomh Aine, Clondalkin
* St. Colmcille’s SNS, Knocklyon

Part 8 Approvals on

* Castletymon Pathfinder Phase 1b and Phase 2

Section 38, non-statuary consultation

* Tallaght to Clondalkin Active Travel Scheme
* Templeville Road Active Travel Scheme Phase 2

Significant construction ongoing

* D24 Neighbourhood networks
  + Phase 1, Whitestown and Killinarden. Completed.
  + Phase2, Ballycullen Killinniny, Mid construction, to be completed Q2 2025
* Castletymon Road District centre opened in 2024, north section commencing 2025
* Canal loop greenway commencing 2025
* Airton road link Construction Continuing to Q2
* Templeville Road Phase 2
* Dodder Greenway (Butterfield Avenue and Firhouse Road)
* 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:

Old Lucan Road, Old Bawn Ave, Lucan Heights, Whitehall Road, Firhouse Rd, Old Blessington Road, Newcastle Main St, Old Esker Lane, Castle Road near Abbeywood Way, Palmerstown Way / Cloverhill, Tymon North Road, Westbury Ave, Woodlawn Park Drive, Neilstown Drive, Saint James’s Road, Greenhills.

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|  | **Cycle South Dublin NOW Schemes – December 2024** | | |
| **No.** | **15 Routes** | **22 Projects** | **Progress** |
| **1** | **Lucan Canal Loop** | Lucan Canal Loop | Part 8 approved.  Works commencing on Phase 1a Griffeen Valley Park |
| **2** | **Grand Canal extension** | Grand Canal extension | Works anticipated to commence in 2025 |
| **5** | **N81** | B) Jobstown Junction | Complete. |
| **6** | **Tallaght Village to Dodder Valley** | Tallaght Village to Dodder Valley | Complete. |
| **8** | **Dodder Greenway** | Dodder Greenway bridges | Complete |
| Section 1 – 4, Rathfarnham Springfield and Dodder Valley Park, Dodder Road Lower. | Complete.  Dodder Road Lower, Ely’s Arch opened 2024 |
| Section 5 (Butterfield Firhouse) | Under construction, anticipated completion Q2 2025 |
| Kiltipper Ellenborough, | Funding approved to  initiate scheme |
| **9** | **Firhouse to Knocklyon** | Firhouse to Knocklyon | Works (Firhouse Road) anticipated to commence in 2025.  Part 8 relating to Knocklyon Road to Ballyboden to take place in Q2 2025 |
| **10** | **Wellington Road** | Wellington Road | Part 8 approved. Detailed design underway. Works anticipated to commence in Q3 2025 |
| **11** | **Grange Road** | Nutgrove Ave. to St. Enda's Drive | Complete. |
| **12** | **Tallaght Streets** | A) Belgard North Link Road | Complete. |
| B) Airton Road Extension | Works ongoing, completion during summer 2025 |
| C) Public realm and Plaza | Complete. |
| **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**  Pathfinder Scheme | A) Castletymon Road | District centre area complete.  North section, works commencing after Christmas.  South section, detailed Design underway. |
| **29** | **Limekiln and Whitehall Road West** | Limekiln and Whitehall Road West – D12 Bike Bus scheme | Completed and opened in summer 2024 |
| **30** | **Templeville Road** | Templeville Road | Greentrees to Templeville complete.  Templeville to Springfield commencing in Q2 2025 |

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|  | **Cycle South Dublin SOON Schemes – December 2024** | | |
| **No.** | **14 ROUTES** | **21 PROJECTS** | **Progress/Status** |
| **3** | **Corkagh Park to Grand**  **Canal** | A) Clondalkin Village to Grand Canal | Preliminary Design underway |
| B) Corkagh Park | Preliminary Design underway |
| C) Baldonnell extension | Preliminary Design underway |
| **4** | **Tallaght to Clondalkin**  **Village** | Tallaght to Clondalkin Village South of Ballymount Road (Belgard Road and Airton Road) | Section 38 complete, Works to commence in 2025 |
| Tallaght to Clondalkin Village North of Ballymount Road (Newlands Cross and Clondalkin) | Preliminary Design progressing. |
| **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 2025 |
| B) N81 to Whitestown Way via Whitestown stream, Killinarden Way and Firhouse Road West | Consultants to be appointed in 2025 |
| C) Killininny Road to its junction with  Ballycullen Road | Consultants to be appointed in 2025 |
| D) St Colmcille Way to Ballyboden  Road via Scholarstown Road from Orlagh roundabout to Templeroan roundabout and Ballyboden Way. | Consultants to be appointed in 2025 (Scholarstown Road Ballyboden Way included in Knocklyon scheme) |
| E) Ballyboden to Rathfarnham | Consultants to be appointed in 2025 |
| **28** | **Killinarden Park to Oldbawn Road** | A) Killinarden Park to Whitestown Way via. Whitestown Ind. Estate. | Scheme developed to include upgrade to crossings of N81, design commenced December 2024 |
| B) Whitestown Way to Oldbawn Road via. Sean Walsh Park | Scheme developed to include upgrade to crossings of N81, design commenced December 2024 |
| **31** | **Kennelsfort Road** | Kennelsfort Road | Rapid Deployment elements complete |

# 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 progressed significantly with Phase 1 of the D24 scheme complete and Phase 2 nearing its halfway point. Castletymon Road Phase 1 and district Centre were opened in May 2023 and the remaining north and south sections of Castletymon Road will continue to be delivered with works commencing on the north section of Castletymon Road in January 2025.

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, Killinniny 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. 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 palace. Stage two of our Bike Parking roll plan and roll out provided 10 school Bike Shelters, 30 Bike Repair Stations and another 300 Bike Parking Spaces. The council is now preparing tender documents to progress this scheme in 2025 under a specific funding allocation provided by the NTA.

**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 four 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.

**Bike Hub** – In 2025 the Active travel team will be developing a Bike Hub project. The intension of a bike hub is to provide a base for developing and promoting Cycling and Walking through providing training or arranging social active groups to increase participants use of active travel in their day to day lives. The Hub’s core goals are;

* Realise the benefits of Active Travel health and wellbeing
* Support Safe Cycling to School
* Inclusive cycling and cycling without age.