

Cormac Devlin TD

Transport & Infrastructure Update



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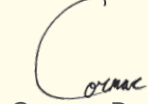
I hope you are keeping well during these difficult times. There have been a number of developments on transport and infrastructure in the area since I was last in contact.

The final Bus Connects proposals have been published. We will have a new service from the Graduate Pub, Killiney via Sallynoggin and Monkstown to the City Centre, which is welcome news. Full details on this and other routes are available inside or via my website.

Council officials are proposing three new cycleways in the county as part of efforts to encourage safe cycling. I will be hosting a special Zoom meeting to allow residents to learn more and have their say on Monday 19th October. You can register for the meeting by emailing cormac@cormacdevlin.ie

As always, if I can be of assistance please get in touch,

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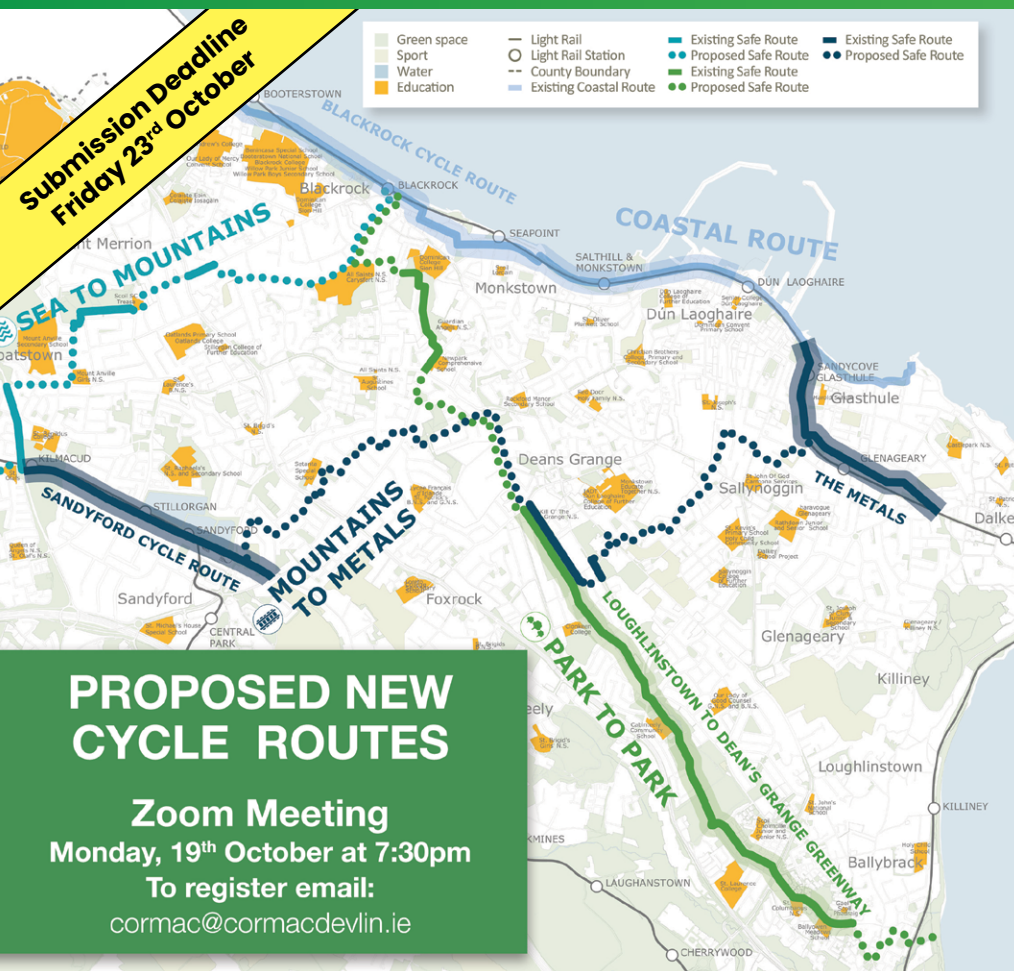
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Mountains to Metals

The **Mountains to Metals Route** proposes to link Sandyford with Dalkey and Dún Laoghaire. Starting at Kilmacud Luas stop, the route runs through Sandyford, Leopardstown Park, Leopardstown Avenue and Rocwood before crossing the N11 at Belmont Terrace.

Officials are proposing a new access point in Ardagh Crescent. The route then goes through the Ardagh estate before linking onto Newtownpark Avenue and joining the **Park to Park Route**. The route branches off at McIntosh Park before crossing lands at the National Rehabilitation Hospital.

Officials are proposing a two-way cycle way on Rochestown Avenue to link it with Sefton. The route will run through Sefton before linking into Sallynoggin Park, O'Rourke Park, Rollins and St Kevin's Villas before joining Glenageary Road Upper.

Officials are proposing to use the existing crossing into Glenageary Woods. The route continues through Holmston Avenue before crossing Glenageary Road into Silchester Park and Crescent and joining the Metals.

Sea to Mountains

The **Sea to Mountains Route** proposes to link east - west across the County. Starting at Blackrock Dart Station, it will run along Bath Place, linking into the centre of Blackrock Village, before crossing to **George's Avenue where a contraflow cycle lane is proposed.**

The route will then run along Avoca Avenue. **Officials are proposing to make Avoca Avenue one-way at Avoca Park.** The route will continue along Avoca Avenue to Priory Avenue and Woodlands Park to Mount Merrion Avenue before crossing the N11.

It will then continue through Mount Merrion, Deerpark, Mount Anville Park, Lower Kilmacud Road and Eden Road where it is proposed to adjust the junction. From there it will continue to Drummartin Road, Benildus Road, Balally Drive and on to the Slangraver Greenway.

Park to Park Cycle Route

The **Park to Park Route** proposes to link north - south across the County. Starting at Blackrock DART station the route will follow the **Sea to Mountains Route** to the roundabout at Carysfort National School before running into Rockfield Park and exiting at Castlebyrne Park. It will then go up Newtownpark Avenue before crossing at Rowanbyrne.

From there it is **proposed to extend the protected cycle track to Mount Albany and to adjust the junction with Rowanbyrne.**

The route will continue along Mount Albany and Springhill Avenue where it will exit at Deansgrange Road and join the **Mountains to Metals Route**. The route will then run along Deansgrange Road.

Officials are proposing to make Deansgrange Road one-way (north to south). Northbound traffic and buses would be re-directed up Kill Lane to Baker's Corner and then down Abbey Road to the Stradbroke roundabout.

The route will cross Deansgrange Road at the junction of Kill Lane before entering Clonkeen Linear Park.

The route then follows Clonkeen Park before joining the Loughlinstown to Deansgrange Greenway which runs through Kilbogget Park and follows the cycle track to Shanganagh Road.

Officials are proposing to adjust the roundabout at Cromlech Fields. The route will then enter Bayview and link to the coast.

Bus Connects Update – Final Proposal Published

The National Transport Authority have published their finalised proposals for bus routes in Dublin. Full details are available at busconnects.ie.

The first version saw the abolition of the 4, 7A, 111 and peak-time commuter bus routes from Dalkey in addition to a reduction in frequencies on other routes.

The final plan is a significant victory for residents in this area. The 4 is being retained and will run from the Graduate, Killiney, via Sallynoggin and Monkstown to the Stradbroke roundabout before following the current 4 route.

They are also proposing new services in the area like the S8 and L25 which will add much needed connectivity to the Blackrock-Monkstown area.



Bus Connects Public Meeting 2018

However, some issues remain including the abolition of the 111 and insufficient frequencies on the 59 and 7A routes.

I will be pressing the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to ensure that there is increased frequency on these routes. Bus Connects will be rolled out in phases, starting with the orbital S-routes.

Bike to Work Scheme Expanded

The popular Bike to Work Scheme has been expanded as part of the Government's July Stimulus plan.

Employees can now avail of up to €1,250 for regular bicycles and €1,500 for electric bicycles.

The scheme can now be accessed every four years.

I will be asking the Minister for Finance to consider extending the tax credit to professionals, the self-employed and other people in Budget 2021.

Check out biketowork.ie or revenue.ie for more details.

KEY IMPROVEMENTS:

The NTA accepted their numbering scheme was confusing and have amended it:

S - Orbital Routes

L - Local Routes

P - Peak-time Routes

B4 (replaces 4) running from the Graduate, via Sallynoggin following the existing 4 route from Stradbroke roundabout, every 10-15 min.

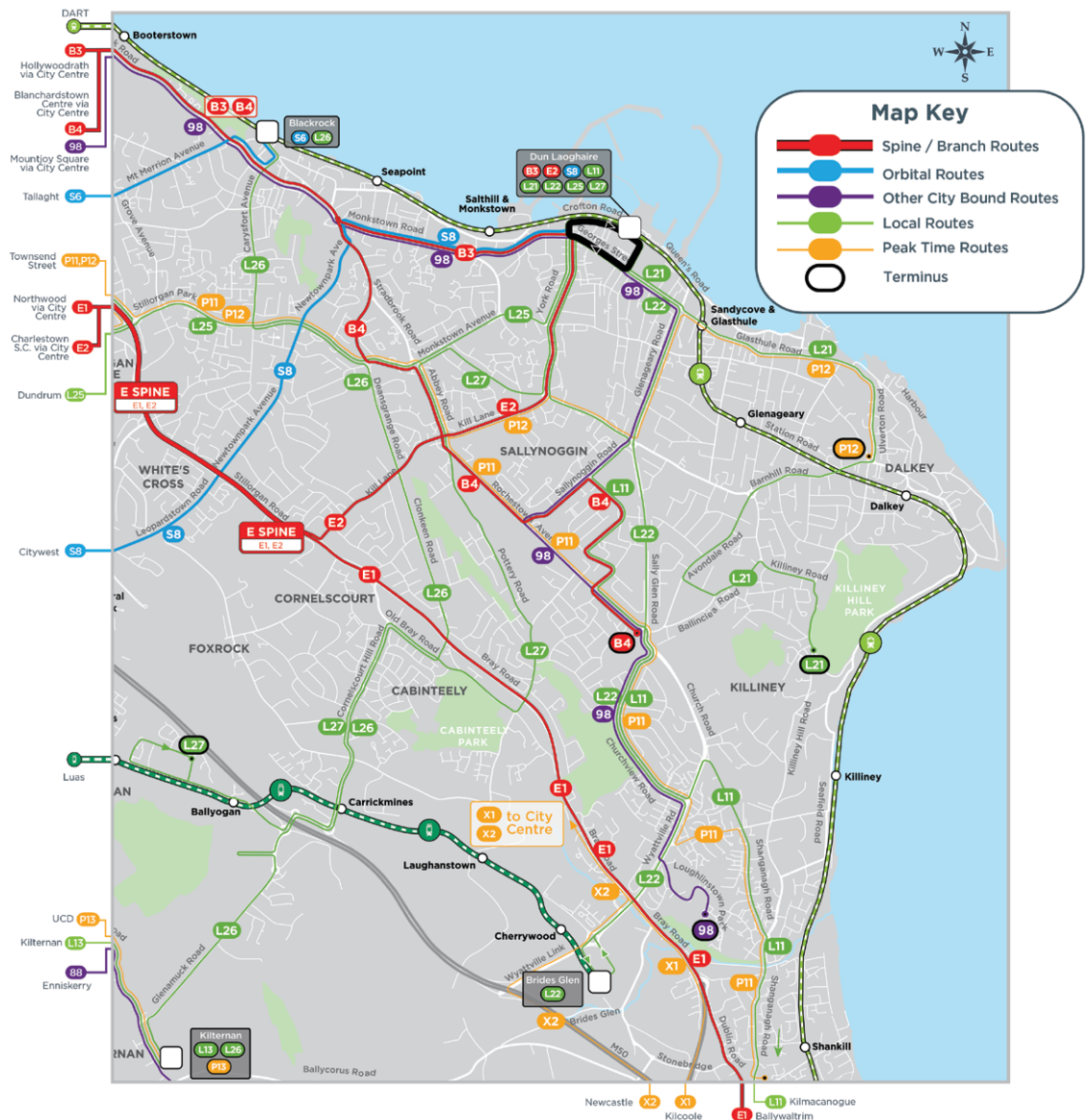
S8 running from Dún Laoghaire via Monkstown Road & Newtownpark Avenue to Sandymount, every 20 min.

S6 running from Blackrock, UCD, Dundrum, Rathfarnham and Tallaght, every 10-15min.

L25 (new service) running from Dún Laoghaire, via Monkstown Avenue, Stillorgan Park Road to Dundrum Luas, every 10-15 min.

L26 (replaces 84) running from Blackrock, via Carysfort Avenue, Cornelscourt & Carrickmines Luas and on to Kiltarnan, every 30 min.

Full details are available at busconnects.ie



LUAS Extension to Bray and DART Plus

Dún Laoghaire is set to benefit from improvements in public transport with DART Plus and Bus Connects. However, we have yet to see progress on the LUAS upgrade, in particular the extension to Bray.

The extension of the LUAS to Bray has been planned for over a decade and it was included in the National Transport Authority's 2016 Transport Strategy for Dublin.

Large-scale developments are currently taking place or planned in the Cabinteely, Carrickmines, Cherrywood, Woodbrook-Shankill, Old Connaught and North Bray areas.

Up to 50,000 people will be living and working along this corridor by 2030.

Any delay to projects like the LUAS extension to Bray or the construction of Woodbrook DART station will put serious pressure on the road network in the area.

The LUAS link to Bray was envisaged as a high-frequency, high-capacity link between Bray and the key employment areas of Sandyford, Dundrum and Cherrywood.

Projects like this are critical if we are to meet our Climate Action goals and reduce congestion on our roads.



I raised the issue with the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan asking him to press the NTA to make progress on this important project.

The National Development Plan is due to be reviewed next year, I will be calling for the LUAS extension to Bray to be fast-tracked so it can be constructed alongside development in the area.

European Parliament Update from Barry Andrews MEP

The EU has developed a web platform called Re-Open EU which will provide up-to-date travel information about EU countries. It is expected to launch this month. It will include a colour mapping system co-ordinated across the EU (green, red, orange and grey) which will give people a clear indication of travel risks.

The lack of co-ordination across the Union has been confusing for travellers and has compounded the pressures being experienced by those working in aviation and in tourism.

By 2050, it is estimated that 85% of Europeans will be living in urban areas. Significant EU funding and loans will be available to support local transport initiatives as part the new EU budget. I would encourage Dublin local authorities to explore these possibilities urgently.

In addition, the €5B Brexit adjustment fund will provide the Irish Government with an opportunity to apply for funding for ports and airports. I raised this issue with Michel Barnier at a recent meeting in the European Parliament.



Fianna Fáil MEPs Billy Kelleher and Barry Andrews meeting Michel Barnier ahead of a Brexit briefing

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