

To Each Member
Waterford Metropolitan District Council

June 2021

Footpath Programme 2021

Last year it was agreed to make a four year provision of €800,000 per annum over a four year period to undertake a footpath repair and upgrade programme across the City and County in order to address a significant level of defects that have arisen in recent years.

2021 will see the first phase of this programme and it is initially proposed in this phase to prioritise repairs on those footpaths on the following basis –

- Footpaths where the Council has experienced levels of public liability claims arising from trip and fall accidents
- Footpaths that have been badly damaged due to tree roots breaking through the path
- Footpaths that are visually in a very poor condition and where we have had numerous reps from the Members and the public
- Dishing of footpaths to enable wheelchair access at junctions

The initial priority list is on the attached schedule (1) and it is proposed to proceed to carry out these works commencing this summer and running through into the first half of 2022.

A further priority list will be created in early 2022 and brought to Council for consideration at that time.

In addition to this list, normal repair work and urgent works will continue to be delivered as part of the Road Works Programme.

This investment in footpath infrastructure also needs to be viewed in the context of a very significant level of investment in footpaths and cycle lanes in the Metropolitan Area under the Active Travel Programme.

In this context I am attaching on schedule 2 a list of some of those projects in the Metropolitan Area which are due to be delivered this year and this represents year 1 of a 5 year commitment from the National Transport Authority which will see significant increases in expenditure in active travel projects over the next 5 years. In addition to those outlined on Schedule 2, there is also a multi-million Euro funding commitment from the NTA in the current year to develop a range of cycling infrastructure measures (primarily in the City area) which will for example see commencement of the Bilberry to City Centre Greenway extension in the current year, detailed design for the WIT to City Centre cycle route, bus priority measures, design of cycle infrastructure measures for the Inner Ring Road, Dunmore Road and others and the design / tendering for a greenway between Ballindud and Tramore.

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SCHEDULE 1							
Metropolitan Area - Proposed Footpath Repair Programme 20							
District	Area	Description of location of proposed works	Details of Schemes	Length (M)	Width (M)	Area (Sq M)	Budget Cost
Metro East	Dunmore East	Ard Na Coille	Road parallel to Housing Estate	140	2.0	280	€28,000
Metro East	Dunmore East	Cuckaloo Hill (narrow path)	Repair patches of macadam footpath	150	2.0	300	€36,000
Metro East	Dunmore East	Woodview Housing Estate	Estate on Killea Road - poor condition paths internally	130	1.5	195	€19,500
Metro East	Dunmore East	Killea Road - widening required	Widen road and footpath - repair section of footpath	200	2.0	400	€48,000
Metro East	Dunmore East	Glenville Terrace Dunmore East	Footpath to Strand area (Killea Road)	130	3.0	390	€39,000
Metro East	Cheekpoint	Cheekpoint - The Mount Road	Footpath towards the River	150	2.0	300	€30,000
							€200,500
Metro West	Tramore	Sweetbriar	Various Section	185	2.0	370	€44,400
Metro West	Tramore	Credit Union	Small area to repair	15	2.0	30	€3,600
Metro West	Tramore	Branch Road	Small area to repair	20	1.5	30	€3,600
Metro West	Tramore	Pond Road x 2	2 Small Sections to repair	78	1.5	117	€14,040
Metro West	Tramore	Riversdale Park X 2	2 Large Areas	247	1.6	395	€47,424
Metro West	Tramore	Tramore Heights	Various Locations	76	2.0	152	€18,240
Metro West	Tramore	Kennedy Park	Various Locations	230	1.5	345	€41,400
Metro West	Tramore	Main Street	Small area to repair	70	1.5	105	€12,600
Metro West	Tramore	Roselawn	Various Locations				€185,304
Metro City	City	Hillview Oak Drive	4-5 Sections	60	1.2	72	€8,640
Metro City	City	St Pauls School/Belevedere Avenue	Alley way and in front of school	300	2.5	750	€90,000
Metro City	City	Rear Entrance to Garda Barracks	Badly Broken footpath	10	2	20	€2,400
Metro City	City	Ballytruckle Road	Macadam Footpath worn and sinking. PL Claim	190	1.2	228	€27,360
Metro City	City	Various Locations where PL Claims	Approximately 8 locations where PL claims against Council City West	50	2	100	€15,000
Metro City	City	Ballybeg	Number of locations with dangerous footpaths (6 Currently)	30	2.2	66	€9,900
Metro City	City	5 Number locations with trips	Maypark Lane	50	2	100	€12,000
Metro City	City	Templars Hall	Numerous locations of trees pushing up footpaths	100	2	200	€24,000
Metro City	City	Johnstown inbound	Cracked and perished Footpath	300	1.5	450	€54,000
Metro City	City	Cherrymount, Askley Crescent	7 locations of dangerous covers and trees roots	28	2	57	€6,816
Metro City	City	Chapel Lane	Broken alleyway with different materials Number of reps from Councillors)	40	3	120	€18,000
Metro City	City	Glenville	Footpath Perished. No of councillor reps on this.	140	1.5	210	€31,500
Metro City	City	Grange Park	Broken Footpath	10	2	20	€2,400
Metro City	City	Johns Park	No's 375, 231/236	77	1.2	92	€13,860
Metro City	City	Farren Park	No 1 to 6 / 13-16	130	2	260	€31,200
Metro City	City	Earls Court	No Drop Kerbs	140	2	280	€56,000
							€403,076
			TOTAL Proposed Spend 2021 - 2022				€788,880

SCHEDULE 2

Metropolitan Area - Proposed Active Travel Measures (footpaths & cycle lanes) 2021

District	Area	Description of location of proposed works	Details of Schemes	Budget Cost
Metro East	Dunmore East	Dock Road	Footpath build outs, widening and kerb lines	€50,000
Metro East	Dunmore East	Horsequarter	Footpaths and traffic calming	€28,000
Metro East	Dunmore East	Convent Road to Coxtown	Upgrade and widen footpaths	€60,000
Metro East	Dunmore East	Dock Road - Fishermans Hall	New footpath & pedestrian crossing	€55,000
Metro East	Cheekpoint	Village to National School	Widen footpath	€60,000
Metro East	Cheekpoint	Crooke / Passage East	Design footpath to connect residential areas to school , shop, GAA centre and church	€30,000
				€283,000
Metro West	Tramore	Waterford Road	Footpath and cycleway on approach to town	€105,000
Metro West	Tramore	Pickardstown	New footpath & pedestrian crossing near the two roundabouts	€40,000
Metro West	Tramore	Newtown Glen	Design of new footpath, cyclelane, public lighting	€60,000
Metro West	Tramore	Ring Road	Design segregated cyclelane on full length	€63,000
Metro West	Tramore	Lower Strand Street (Ladies slip to Prom)	Design pedestrian / cycle connection towards Strand Street and town centre	€60,000
Metro West	Tramore	Lower Strand Street (Ladies slip to Gallweys Hill jct)	Provide build outs for outdoor infrastructure	€20,000
Metro West	Tramore		Prepare Active Travel Plan for Tramore	€50,000
				€398,000
Metro City	City	High Street	Widen footpaths, public lighting improvements & street furniture	€75,000
Metro City	City	Little Patrick St	Widen footpaths, drainage works and car parking alterations	€80,000
Metro City	City	O'Connell St	Retractable bollards, parking alterations, signage to provide additional outdoor space	€50,000
Metro City	City	Mall Lane	Retractable bollards, buildouts to provide additional outdoor space	€40,000
Metro City	City	Various locations	New paths to create pedestrian permeability in 3 locations	€100,000
Metro City	City	Glenville / Maypark	New path to link River Suir trail between Glenville and Freshfields	€80,000
				€425,000
			TOTAL Proposed Spend 2021 - 2022	€1,106,000