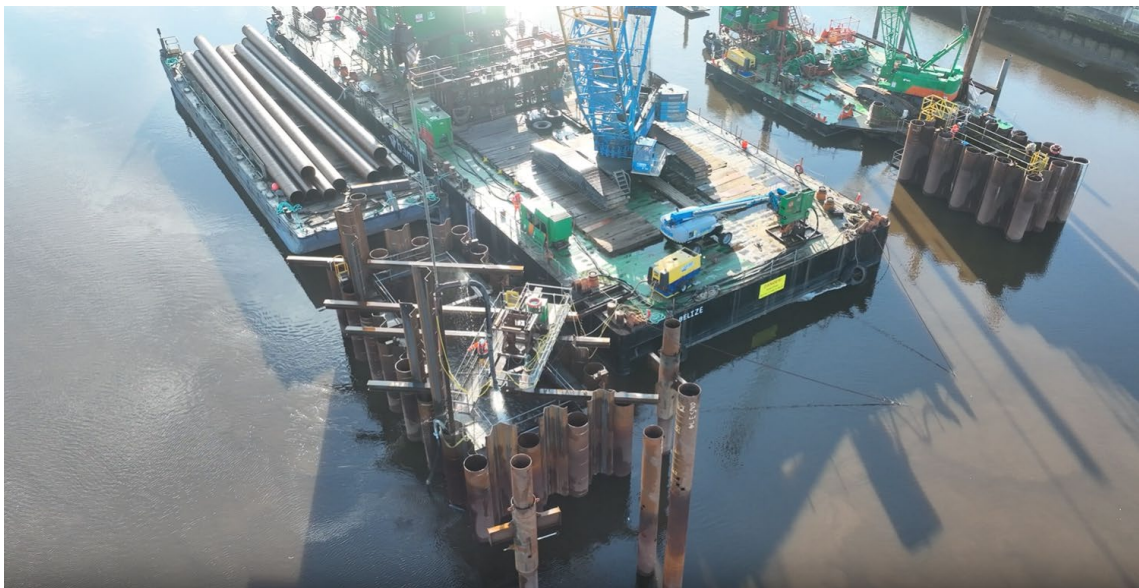


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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD
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1. North Quays

Works are progressing well on the North Quays main contract. For the Sustainable Transport Bridge, the second of four cofferdams has been constructed. The process for dewatering the cofferdams is underway, draining water from within the cofferdams that will create a workspace below water level and permit construction of the concrete pier foundations.



Sustainable Transport Bridge Cofferdam (gridlines D & E) - dewatering process

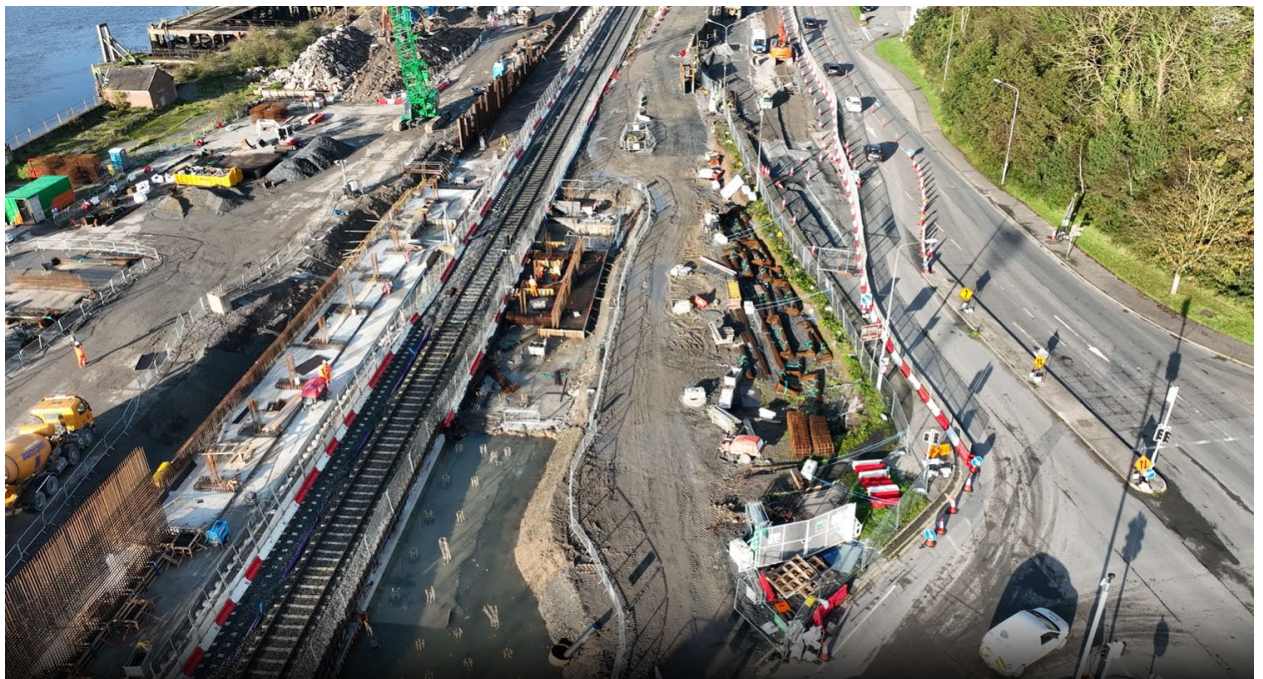


Sheet piling commenced at the Quay Wall on the South Plaza.



Bridge abutments for vehicular bridge, opposite the Ard Ri entrance

Piling and the laying of foundations at the existing bus station, new train station and bridge structures are also ongoing and progressing well.



Foundations for train station at Rockshire Road Junction

Traffic management measures are in place along Dock Road and operating well. A new road surface and paving have been installed along Sion Row and this process will continue for the current phase of works, i.e., installing sewer and surface water network services followed by resurfacing and paving. Towards the end of November 2023 work will advance westwards, closer to the Art Ri entrance with amended Traffic Management measures implemented.

David Walsh Civil Engineering contractor is progressing on programme (c. 80% complete) for both the Pump Station Enabling Works and the Ferrybank Pump Station relocation contract.

City Centre Regeneration URDF Projects

Barker Place, O'Connell Street (Project L), 'WCQ Place' was officially opened by Cllr. Joe Conway, Mayor of Waterford City & County on Friday 27th October, providing a community and cultural hub. Waterford Integrated Services has moved in and is operating from the premises.



Munster express (Project F), development of a Smart City Technological Facility and Exhibition space. The tender process for the appointment of design consultants will commence before the end of November.

Parade Quay (Project P, Q & R), for housing, public realm and commercial development. The Part 8 will commence once the housing design proposal is confirmed.

3 & 4 Georges Street (Project C) - The design consultants will be appointed this week to project manage and oversee the refurbishment and repurposing of 3 & 4 Georges Street for commercial use.

The Art house & 7&8 Thomas Street (Project J& I) – The tender process for the appointment of consultants to oversee the refurbishment of all three projects is due to commence shortly.

2. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023

Following on from the submission of Measure 1 ORIS applications in September, 3 x Measure 2 applications and 1 x Measure 3 applications were submitted by 27th October. This included a funding application for the upgrade of the steps at Portally Cove on the Dunmore East Coastal Walk under Measure 2.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2022

Enhancement of Open water swim amenities in Dunmore East to include handrail at slipway, ladder to access water, outdoor clothes hooks, knee high tap and signage - Measure 1. Project ongoing.

Waterford Trails

Continuing to engage with Sport Ireland Outdoors and local trail development groups around Waterford regarding ongoing monitoring, maintenance, development and promotion of Waterford's existing recreational trail network. www.visitwaterfordtrails.com

3. Tramore

The following items remain to be completed:

- Works associated with the DMURS Quality/Road Safety Audit are ongoing
- Works for new access/egress barrier for the Tramore Garda Station ongoing

4. Tourism

Water Activity Centre:

Faite Ireland awarded grant assistance of €1.7m for the design, construction and fit out of a Water Activity Centre to be located in Tramore.

Progress is as follows:

Following commentary from Uisce Eireann (UE) as part of the Part 8 process, a new site for the Centre has been forwarded by the design team which will require a new Part 8 process. It is hoped to commence the process in November.

Destination Towns

Since the last meeting, project is now complete apart from the installation of the new 'Wayfinding & Orientation' signage, these works are now scheduled to be completed by the end of November

5. Winterval

Winterval started on Friday November 17th and runs until December 23rd.

Available parking spaces in Waterford City Centre for the festival will be approx. 4000 spaces.

For the festival additional parking spaces were sourced with extra sites located @ SETU, Brooks & RSC.

Without these additional parking spaces and taking into account the spaces lost to the Sustainable Bridge works and Winterval the available parking sites were approx. 3,475 spaces.

Parking details are advertised on the Winterval website. Communications and PR campaigns are scheduled for the festival also.

Parking Breakdown:

| Name | Spaces |
|------------------------|--------|
| Millars Marsh Car Park | 160 |
| Bolton Street Car Park | 130 |

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| Waterside Car Park | 340 |
| Jenkins Lane Car Park | 30 |
| Ballybricken | 100 |
| The Glen | 31 |
| RSC | 300 |
| On Street | 500 |
| Tescos Poleberry | 330 |
| Railway Square Car Park | 200 |
| Clock Tower Car Park | 100 |
| City Square Car Park | 490 |
| Thomas Hill Car Park | 80 |
| The Glen Multistorey Car Park | 225 |
| Hypercentre Shopping Centre | 210 |
| Merchants Quay Car Park | 200 |
| Clyde Wharf Car Park | 195 |
| Exchange Street | 54 |
| Newtown Road Parking | 50 |
| Old Brooks Site Car Park | 275 |
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| Total | 4000 |