

SPC Meeting for Transportation and Infrastructure

Held on MS Teams on 21st October, 2020

- Present:** Cllr John O'Leary, Deputy Chair
 Cllr Joe Kelly
 Cllr Joe Conway
 Mr. Jim Farnan
 Ms. Elaine Mullan
 Mr. Thomas Holden
 Ms. Marian Walsh
 Mr. Farid Ahmad Mohamman
- Officials Present:** F. Galvin, DoS
 G. Hynes, Senior Engineer
 B. Stosic, A/Senior Executive Engineer
 M. Goff, A/Senior Executive Engineer
 A. Jacob, Administrative Officer
- Apologies:** Cllr Seamus O'Donnell, Cllr Declan Doocey, Cllr Jody Power (Cllr Jim Griffin was available but could not connect to MS Teams)

Item No.	Decisions Taken	Responsibility/Action
1. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of 27th February 2020 were proposed by Cllr Kelly, seconded by Elaine Mullan and agreed. 	Adopted minutes to be published on website. D. Moore
2. Matters arising and update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active to School was raised for follow up - update deferred to No. 3 on the meeting agenda. 	
3. Active to School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Goff, A/Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation on recent traffic/pedestrian safety measures introduced at Portlaw National School. She outlined the background to the developments and the very proactive role of the School Principal and Board of Management. The meeting agreed that it would be good to engage with other schools to progress similar projects and that this item be included for follow up on the next meeting agenda. 	A. Jacob
4. Issues from Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycleway between Ballindud Roundabout and Sommerville Roundabout, Tramore – F. Galvin reported that an application for funding for a feasibility and design report for a segregated cycle way had been made to the NTA earlier in the summer and funding recently allocated. The Council is in the process of procuring a consultant to undertake the work and it would be hoped to have the report completed in the coming months. The NTA also included this project for capital funding in the cycle network development plan. Creation of one-way system Lombard St./Park Rd./Lr. Newtown – F. Galvin stated that an overall traffic management plan for the Dunmore Road to City centre is to be undertaken in 2021 which will look at options such as this in order to provide effective bus priority and cycle measures on this route. Development Plan 2022-2028 – F. Galvin detailed the draft Development Plan consultation process in relation to Stages 1 to 	

	<p>3. Stage 1 (now closed) involved the Pre-Draft and the preparation of Issues Papers under the various Chapters. He outlined Stages 2 and 3 of the process and the opportunities for submissions by the public and interest groups.</p>	
5. NTA 1000km Cycle Network Prioritisation Plan – Waterford City Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F. Galvin, DOS showed a drawing of the proposed cycle plan which will provide a high quality network across the City. He said that there is ongoing dialogue with the NTA to progress the development of the network over the next 4 years and the design will be finalised in the next month. 	
6. Issues from PPN	<p>The following items were addressed by F. Galvin, DOS -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy living /walking and cycling – items covered under Item No. 3. • Transport for Ireland –Bus Connects. The NTA were due to launch a further consultation process in September 2020 however due to Covid 19 restrictions this has been deferred. It was agreed to follow up this matter with the NTA. • Bus Shelters – the responsibility for the provision of shelters in the City lies with Bus Eireann and with Local Link in the rural areas. Local Link pursue funding for the rural bus link locations directly with the NTA. • Covid 19 Emergency Funding/social distancing measures – the July Stimulus Funding Allocations from NTA and DTTAS were aimed at stimulating the construction industry and the local economy. Over 70 projects were submitted by the Council and were allocated funding. Projects with an emphasis on pedestrian connectivity/safety included footpath widening and repair, traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossings, provision of cycle lanes and road realignment and design. Following discussion it was requested that similar projects be considered in the more populated outlying urban centres and this was noted for future funding applications. 	
7. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic congestion at Ard Scoil Na Mara Tramore – Cllr Kelly raised this issue and asked about solutions to alleviate it. B. Stosic, A/SEE said that new loops and sensors had been installed and this had improved matters generally but that on bad weather days there was a marked increase in traffic with more parents driving children to school. With only one way in/out to the school and the nearby retail developments all contributing to the congestion there is little scope to provide an alternative route without major investment. E. Mullan said that engineering modifications were needed to change public behaviour. 	
Date/time next meeting	<p>The proposed date for the next meeting is 9th December 2020 at 3pm—members were asked to send in any agenda items they wished to raise in advance.</p>	