



## **Minutes of Board Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 13 September 2018**

**At 2.30pm in NTA Offices**

**Present:** Mr Fred Barry (Chairperson), Ms Anne Graham (CEO), Mr Hugh Creegan (Deputy CEO), Mr Pat Mangan, Mr Owen Keegan (CEO, Dublin City Council), Ms Ann Fitzgerald, Dr Berna Grist, Ms Sinead Walsh, Mr Kevin Kelly.

**Apologies:** Mr Frank O'Connor.

**Staff in attendance:** Mr Philip L'Estrange, Director, Finance & Corporate Services / Board Secretary; Ms Jackie Mullen (Head of Corporate Services); Karl Seeber (Minutes).

**Staff in attendance:** Ms Michelle Doyle, Partner and Ms Karen Collins (McCann Fitzgerald) for Item 2; Mr Aidan Foley, Mr Peter Walsh, Mr Paolo Carbone (Transport Infrastructure Ireland), Mr Neil Cowie, Ms Raquel Navarro (Jacobs / IDOM) for Item 3.

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The Chairperson noted that the purpose of the meeting was to facilitate a Board discussion on two detailed issues on which the Board will be asked to make decisions in due course.

### **1. Declarations of Interest**

None of the Board members present indicated any conflicts of interest with respect to matters due to be discussed at the meeting.

### **2. Irish Ferries' cancellation of 'WB Yeats' Sailings**

Ms Doyle and Ms Collins joined the meeting.

The Chief Executive noted that a detailed documentation had been circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting. Accordingly, she briefly summarised the statutory role of the Authority and the matters on which the Board would have to make decisions in due course.

During the discussion that followed, the Chief Executive and the representatives of McCann Fitzgerald responded to questions and issues raised by Board members.

The Chairperson noted that it is anticipated that the matter will come before the Board for decision in October. He thanked the representatives of McCann Fitzgerald for their attendance and they then left the meeting.

### 3. MetroLink

The representatives of Transport Infrastructure Ireland and consultants Jacobs / IDOM joined the meeting.

Mr Creegan noted that NTA / Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) had undertaken a public consultation on the emerging preferred route for MetroLink earlier this year. In all, more than 7,500 submissions were received before the closing date during May.

The emerging preferred route is currently being reviewed by NTA / TII and consultants Jacobs / IDOM in the light of the detailed issues raised in the submissions received. It is intended that the NTA and TII will publish a revised preferred route for MetroLink later this year. A further public consultation process will be undertaken at that point.

The TII and Jacobs/IDOM representatives then updated the Board on the work currently underway on the development of alternatives to the emerging preferred route in some areas, public consultation issues and recommendations, Green line tie-in update, community severance and consideration of alternative capacity solutions.

During the discussion that followed, the TII and Jacobs / IDOM representatives and Mr Creegan responded to questions raised by Board members on the key issues identified and agreed to take into account some specific points made and issues raised during the discussion. It was noted that the Board will need to approve the publication of the revised preferred route for the purposes of public consultation.

The Chairperson thanked the TII representatives of TII and Jacobs / IDOM for their attendance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_