PUBLIC CONSULTATION

PUBLIC EVENTS

Media Launch
Public Representatives & Stakeholders
Páirc Uí Chaoimh
14 May - 28 June 2019

6 wks Public Consultation
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NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE
RTE, Virgin, 96fm
Irish Examiner, Echo, Irish Times

SUBMISSIONS

171 Total Submissions

Types

@ 165 emails
3 letters
3 event

17 KEY THEMES

- The Need for the Strategy;
- Policy;
- Land-Use Distribution;
- Strategy Development;
- Active Travel;
- Bus;
- Rail;
- Light Rail;
- Parking;

SUBMISSIONS BY CATEGORY

Outcomes 67%
Alternatives 64%
Implementation 61%
Bus 56%
Roads 54%

SUBMISSIONS BY SUB CATEGORY

Network 40%
Implementation 50%
Public Transport 48%
Traffic Management 31%
NTA Office/Personnel 36%
Light Rail Route 29%
The draft Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy was published on the 14th May 2019. Over 170 stakeholders participated in the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy’s first non-statutory public consultation by attending events and making submissions. The consultation period ran for a total of six weeks from 14th May to the 28th June 2019.

**Pre-Consultation Stage**

The NTA engaged extensively with key stakeholders at every stage of the development of the draft Strategy. The purpose of this advance consultation and engagement was to clearly communicate the intention to prepare a draft Transport Strategy, its intended scope and to seek views and opinions on issues that should be considered in its preparation. Stakeholders who contributed to this phase of consultation included:

- Members of Cork City Council;
- Members of Cork County Council;
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland;
- National Transport Authority; and
- Cork National Roads Design Office.

Early engagement with stakeholders is an important aspect of strategic planning. Stakeholder engagement during this phase of the Strategy’s development consisted of a series of steering meetings, technical workshops and presentations.

Our approach to public consultation was a significant step change above the original intention as a result of feedback received from key stakeholders during the pre-consultation process.

**Consultation Publicity**

The draft Strategy and its accompanying documents were published and made available to download on the NTA’s website following the official launch at Paric Uí Chaomh on 14th May 2019.

The publication of the draft received extensive media coverage from a range of national and local media outlets including:

- RTE News (including bulletins at the RTE News Six One);
- Virgin Media (lunchtime and evening bulletin);
- RTE Radio 1 – News at One;
- Irish Examiner;
- Irish Times;
- The Cork Independent;
- Today FM;
- Newstalk FM;
- 96FM;
- The Carrigdhoun Newspaper;
- RedFM; and
- The Journal.ie.

To further ensure that CMATS and its accompanying documents were easily accessible, hard copies were made available to view at the foyers of both Cork City Hall and Cork County Hall for the duration of the consultation period.

The draft Strategy was accompanied by a significant number of Public Consultation documents which the public were encouraged to take away. This document contained a summarised version of the draft Strategy as well as full details on how to make a submission. Hard copies of both reports were also available on request through the dedicated email.

**Public Information Events**

During the consultation period, five public information events were held around the Cork Metropolitan Area at the following locations:

- Cork City – 5th June
- Ballincollig – 6th June
- Little Island – 12th June
- Carrigaline – 13th June
- Blarney – 19th June

A total of 175 people attended these events where senior staff from the NTA and the Project Team, and staff members from Cork City Council and Cork County Council were available to provide answers to specific questions and queries from the public to discuss the contents of the draft Strategy.
Hard copies of the draft Strategy were available for attendees to view, as well as copies of the draft Strategy’s Public Consultation document.

**Key Stakeholder Briefings**

During the consultation period, the Project Team was available to stakeholders outside of the Public Information Events on request. Additional presentations and meetings were held with the following stakeholders:

- Cork Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting;
- City Lead Thinkers Event;
- Transport and Mobility Forum;
- Cork City Council’s Strategic and Economic Development Policy Committee;
- Cork City Council’s Roads and Transportation Policy Committee; and
- Cork Transport and Mobility Forum Café.

**Feedback**

All written feedback received by the project team was acknowledged and recorded. Submissions and observations were sent to the NTA by post, email or submitted at the Public Information Events.

A total of 171 stakeholders made a submission during the six-week consultation period, with some stakeholders making several submissions. These stakeholders ranged from individual residents to lobby groups to government departments.

Throughout the public consultation process, we have presented stakeholder feedback on the project, whether it was positive, negative or neutral. All feedback is reflected within the supporting Public Consultation Report.

The Public Consultation Report presents the feedback on a theme-by-theme basis. 17 key themes and almost 70 sub-themes emerged from the analysis of the 171 submissions.

Careful consideration was given to this feedback and has been integrated into the final Strategy, where appropriate.
FUTURE GROWTH
- Population in Cork in 2011: 290k
- Population in Cork in 2040: 476k
- Daily Demand for Travel:
  - 2011: 830k
  - 2040: 1.3m

DAILY DEMAND FOR TRAVEL
- AM Peak Mode Share 2011 - 2040:
  - Car: 66% 2011, 49.3% 2040
  - Bus: 21% 2011, 21% 2040
  - Light Rail: 2% 2011, 10% 2040
  - Cycling: 1% 2011, 4% 2040

ACCESSIBILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION
- Suburban Rail Catchment:
  - 19% of population
  - 30% of jobs
- Light Rail Catchment:
  - 32% of population
  - 60% of jobs
- Social Inclusion:
  - Up to 10.9% increase in PT mode share for disadvantaged and very disadvantaged areas

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL
- Over a 30 year strategy period:
  - Reduction in 15 fatal casualties
  - Reduction in 68 serious casualties
  - Reduction in 1,700 slight casualties

ECONOMY & COST ESTIMATE
- Present Value of Costs: €2.3bn
- Present Value of Benefits: €5.7bn
- Net Present Value: €3.7bn
- Benefit to Cost Ratio: 2.48

Environmental:
- 46,000 tonnes pa reduction in vehicular emissions
List of Acronyms

AA  Appropriate Assessment  HGV  Heavy Goods Vehicle
AV  Automated Vehicle  ITS  Intelligent Transport System
BSS  Bicycle Sharing Scheme  MaaS  Mobility as a Service
CASP  Cork Area Strategic Plan  MASP  Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan
CCMS  City Centre Movement Strategy  NPO  National Policy Objective
CIT  Cork Institute of Technology  NSO  National Strategic Outcome
CLC  Construction Logistics Centre  NTA  National Transport Authority
CMA  Cork Metropolitan Area  PAG  Project Appraisal Guidelines
CMATS  Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (the Strategy)  PT  Public Transport
CNDR  Cork Northern Distributor Road  PTOD  Public Transport Oriented Development
CNRR  Cork North Ring Road  RSES  Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy
CSIP  Cork Science and Innovation Park  RTPI  Real Time Passenger Information
CSO  Central Statistics Office  SEA  Strategic Environmental Assessment
CUH  Cork University Hospital  SFILT  Strategic Framework for Investment in Landside Transport
DMURS  Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets  SWRM  South West Regional Model
DTTaS  Department for Transport, Tourism and Sport  TII  Transport Infrastructure Ireland
EU  European Union  UCC  University College Cork
EV  Electric Vehicle  UEA  Urban Expansion Area
EVCP  Electric Vehicle Charging Point

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