

More Ambition Required

One of the things that the pandemic has shown us, is that despite the weather in Ireland we are willing to stay active and engaged in the outdoors. From the Irishtown Nature Reserve, and the Liffey Boardwalk to the rising numbers of cyclists and use of civic spaces when pedestrianised during the summer. People in the Greater Dublin Area have the ambition to make the most of their city if the resources and services allow.

Dubliners are looking to live in neighbourhoods that provide all the day-to-day resources as well as opportunities for social connection, cultural activities and serendipity. They no longer want to live anonymously, they want to be resilient, vibrant communities. However Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 lacks the ambition and vision that is required to bring these vibrant communities to life. The projects suggested lack any real urgency and motivation to make substantial change. The problems we are facing are not in the future, they are right now and as such we must take action now.

Cycling

The roads are often not safe for cyclists. Cycling is an efficient and affordable way to move through the city. Make cycling the most appealing option for people by supporting segregated cycle lanes, easier access to public transport with bicycles and the expansion of connected greenways.

Pedestrianisation

The city centre should be free of cars at weekends and its pedestrianisation should be incentivised at weekends. Intergenerational pedestrian planning needs to be included in the proposal. Neoliberal urbanism should be reined in and disadvantaged, and minority groups should be prioritised to create a living city.

Public Transport

Public transport should be free at weekends, for children and students. This would reduce carbon emissions and air pollution, ease the pressures on disadvantaged households and, considering flaws in the current fare-based system exposed by the pandemic, create a more resilient funding model for the future.

Transport reporting data needs to link to google and be reliable.

Building on the infrastructure already available, there is a need for more light rail and heavy rail to link the city together. The bus connect is working but not for everyone. People who don't have reliable transport will revert to their car every time. How can we change these people's habits if we aren't providing the resources?

There needs to be a clearer plan in relation to late night transport. Making transport available for those working at night needs to ensure that its safe to use and also that where and when a user alights that their safety is still maintained.

Enforcement

Enforce the rules of the road. Promote safe driving and safe parking. Parking in cycling lanes Monday to Sunday should be illegal and where possible basic cycle safety infrastructure like bollards should be introduced.