

## BUS CONNECTS DUBLIN

Computer Generated Image of the proposed redesign of streets (Source; NTA)

Illustration of typical neighbourhood street



Existing



BusConnects Dublin is a major investment programme to improve public transport in the Dublin region. It aims to change the current bus system in Dublin through a 10-year programme of integrated actions to deliver a more reliable and improved bus system for more people. Due to the rising congestion levels from traffic in the Dublin region, a sustainable transport approach is needed. A bus is the most used form of public transport in Ireland. Due to its regional coverage and its flexibility, the bus system is and will continue to be, the main form of public transport for most people across the Dublin region.

BusConnects will provide 230 km of continuous bus lanes and 200km of cycle lanes. BusConnects is an essential measure in addressing Dublin's traffic problem and to meet our future sustainable transport needs. BusConnects will reduce travel time and there will be an increase in frequency.

The proposal is facing opposition from members of the public along these routes as there will be several changes required. One of the main arguments used by the public against the BusConnects project is the need to remove numerous trees along the proposed bus corridors. However, the National Transport Authority has ensured the public they will replant every tree which would need to be removed. There is little unused space along these busy roads, it will be necessary to use parts of front gardens and land in front of buildings to allow for bus and cycle lanes to be provided. This would require rebuilding new garden walls a short distance back from the existing road

boundary.

By creating more priority for buses and cycling there will need to be changes to traffic movement on the streets. Several changes include; some roads may become one-way, new bus-only sections will be introduced and, in some places, general traffic will have to take new routes in and out of the city. These changes would require some construction work including; widening roads, and building bus and cycle lanes. As roads are widened to allow travel through residential and business areas there will be a need to reduce the amount of on-street parking to accommodate the new layout.

Every measure is being taken to minimise the disruption caused. This project will be a long-term project in Dublin with a phased development planned to carry out the proposal. The developers are reassuring the public that this development will improve public transport in Dublin. The developers are also keeping the public informed of what the proposed plans are.

An Bord Pleanála will decide the future of BusConnects, they will consider the developers and the public views and make a decision on the development ensuring all aspects have been tested and considered by the developer.