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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Objective of the Scheme

The aim of the BusConnects programme is to transform Cork's bus system, with the Sustainable Transport Corridor project providing dedicated bus lanes / bus priority and cycle facilities on the busiest bus corridors in and out of the city centre. The proposed sustainable transport corridors are fundamental to realising the ambition of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, developed in connection with Cork City Council and Cork County Council, to increase the number of people using public transport in Cork fourfold by 2040 and expand the numbers cycling and walking by 33%.

This report focuses on Sustainable Transport Corridor G which runs from Togher to the City.

1.2 Purpose of the Non-Statutory Public Consultation

The statement below sets out the purpose of the public consultation, as presented on the BusConnects website as part of the 1st Non-Statutory Public Consultation in June 2022:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has announced details of its proposals to create a sustainable public transport network across the Cork Metropolitan Area. The first round of public consultation regarding proposals to deliver 12 new Sustainable Transport Corridors (STCs) as part of the BusConnects Cork project, gets under way today. The plans include approximately 93 km of bus lane/ bus priority and 112 km of cycle facilities across the city.

The proposed STCs are fundamental to realising the ambition of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (CMATS), developed in connection with Cork City Council and Cork County Council, to increase the number of people using public transport in Cork fourfold by 2040 and expand the numbers cycling and walking by 33%. BusConnects Cork will also be essential to achieve Cork's objective to become one of Europe's first climate neutral cities by 2030, under the EU's Cities Mission programme, which has selected Cork as one of 100 cities who will lead the way on climate action and smart cities across Europe.

The 12 proposed STCs are:

- 1. Dunkettle to City*
- 2. Mayfield to City*
- 3. Blackpool to City*
- 4. Hollyhill to City*
- 5. Ballincollig to City*
- 6. Bishopstown to City*
- 7. Togher to City*
- 8. Airport Road to City*
- 9. Maryborough Hill to City*
- 10. Mahon to City*
- 11. Kinsale Road to Douglas*

12. Sunday's Well to Hollyhill

These corridors will seek to transform the public transport network into a more efficient, sustainable model to help meet anticipated growth and future demand in the region. Investing in a sustainable future for Cork is vital for supporting the city's growth over the coming two decades while accelerating the journey to a net-zero future.

STCs will benefit the Cork Metropolitan Area in the following ways:

- *Improve the public transport network*
- *Make the bus system operate more efficiently by reducing bus journey times and increasing punctuality and reliability*
- *Encourage more people to walk and cycle by enhancing infrastructure*
- *Create a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians*
- *Create a more sustainable and liveable city*

1.3 Public Consultation Process for BusConnects

Consultation on the BusConnects Sustainable Transport Corridor Project ran from the 30th June 2022 until the 3rd October 2022. The emerging preferred routes within this consultation have been listed below;

- A. Dunkettle to City;
- B. Mayfield to City;
- C. Blackpool to City;
- D. Hollyhill to City;
- E. Ballincollig to City;
- F. Bishopstown to City;
- G. Togher to City;**
- H. Airport Road to City;
- I. Maryborough to City;
- J. Mahon to City;
- K. Kinsale Road to Douglas; and
- L. Sundays Well to Hollyhill

Each of the emerging preferred routes can be seen below in Figure 1 with the Togher to City route designated as Sustainable Transport Corridor G.

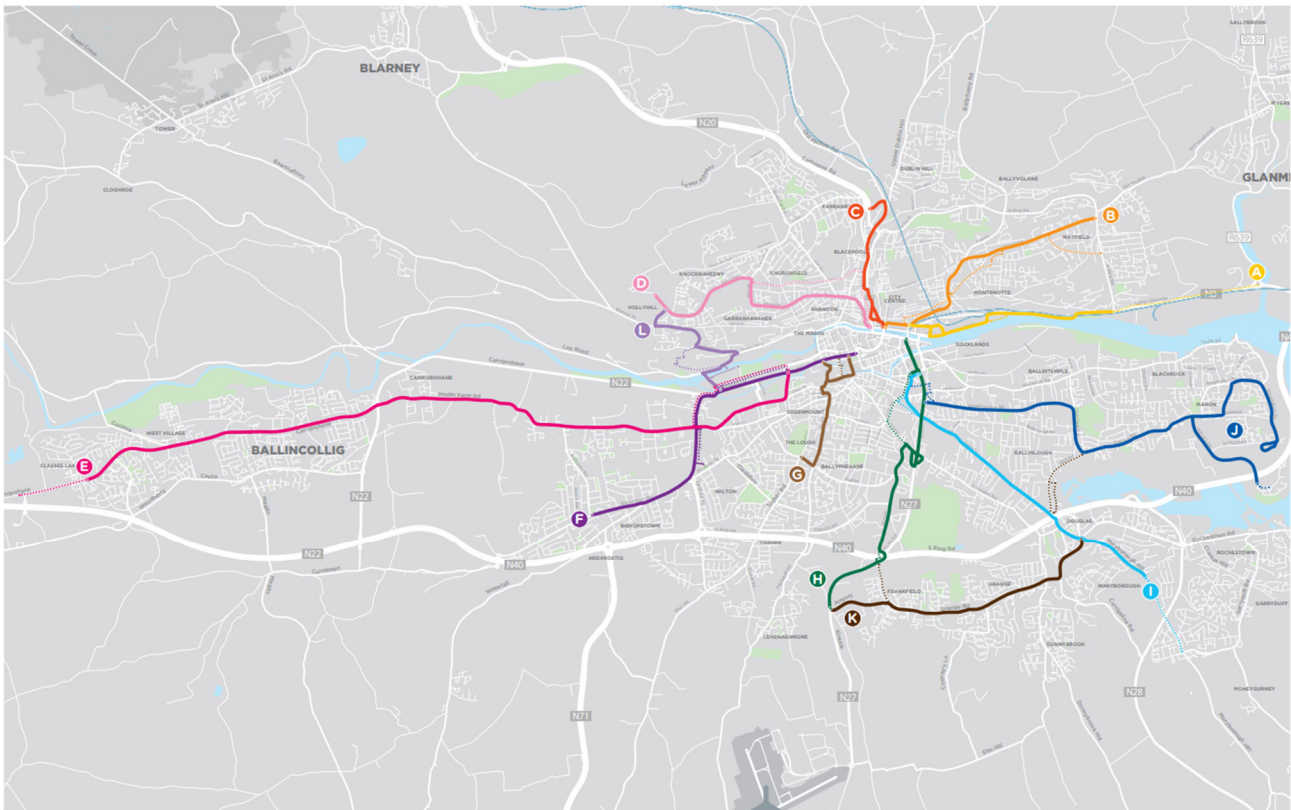


Figure 1: Radial Sustainable Transport Corridors Emerging Preferred Routes.

1.4 Information Provided in Public Consultation

The Public Consultation brochure provided information about the proposals and details on how to take part in the public consultation. A public advertising campaign for the public consultation ran across multiple platforms including print, radio, online, on social media, and on buses during the consultation period. Additional information was provided on the official BusConnects website:

<https://busconnects.ie/cork/>

The additional supporting information on the website included:

- Togher to City Sustainable Transport Corridor – Draft Feasibility Study and Options Assessment Report – Route Options Assessment Report incl. Appendices.
- Togher to City Draft Alternative Traffic Routes.

1.5 Submissions Received

There were 93 submissions received relating to the Togher to City Sustainable Transport Corridor. These submissions ranged from individual submissions by residents, commuters and local representatives, to detailed proposals from public bodies, various associations and private sector businesses. In addition to this, 474 submissions were also received that referred to multiple sustainable transport corridors.

1.6 Principal Issues Raised

The submissions received cover a wide spectrum of views. The majority of the submissions raised concerns about the scheme, or elements therein. A limited number of the submissions were positively supportive of the scheme while many expressed qualified support. Some submissions identified positives within the scheme, while challenging other elements of the overall scheme.

The principal issues raised included:

1. Vulnerable Road User Safety;
2. Traffic Disruption due to Traffic Diversions / Increased Traffic;
3. Proposed Land Acquisition;
4. Environmental Impacts;
5. Supportive of Scheme;
6. Loss of Parking;
7. Inadequacies in Consultation Process;
8. Alternative Solutions;
9. Bus Network / Infrastructure; and
10. Miscellaneous Issues

2. Introduction

Consultation on the Togher to City Sustainable Transport Corridor Emerging Preferred Route ran for a period of thirteen weeks, between the 30th June 2022 and the 03rd October 2022.

Every property owner potentially affected by the proposals was notified by post issued on the 30th June and a one-to-one meeting was offered in each case.

Public Information Events were held at the following locations:

- Nemo Rangers GAA Club, Wednesday 27th July 2022
- Nemo Rangers GAA Club, Thursday 28th July 2022

A Community Forum Event was held at the following location:

- Nemo Rangers GAA Club, Monday 19th September 2022

Copies of the Sustainable Transport Corridor Emerging Preferred Route Brochure were available to the public at the Public Information Events, could be sent by post on request and was available for downloading from the BusConnects website. Relevant background technical reports were also available for downloading from the BusConnects website.

The public were invited to make written submissions relating to the emerging preferred route consultation brochure. The public were invited to make written submissions relating to the Emerging Preferred Route consultation brochure. Submissions could be made by post or online via:

<https://consult.nationaltransport.ie>.

3. Issues Raised in the Submissions

The review of the submissions commenced in October 2022 once the consultation period had closed. The NTA received 93 submissions for the Togher to City emerging preferred route, from 30th June 2022 and the 03rd October 2022. Most entries were digital (online at the NTA consultation portal or by email), however, some paper bound entries were posted to the NTA or submitted on the day of the public consultation event.

All 93 of the submissions received by the NTA were reviewed, along with the 474 general submissions. The issues raised were categorised, summarised and analysed. A total of 10 main issues were identified during this review process.

Table 1: Frequency of comments raised through the Submissions.

Issue	Frequency of Comments
Vulnerable Road User Safety;	19
Traffic Disruption due to Traffic Diversions / Increased Traffic;	15
Proposed Land Acquisition;	12
Environmental Impacts;	31
Supportive of Scheme;	7
Loss of Parking;	56
Inadequacies in Consultation Process;	7
Alternative Solutions;	30
Bus Network / Infrastructure;	26
Miscellaneous Issues	38
General Submissions Relating to Multiple Corridors	474

Appendix A provides in-depth listing of the various issues raised that were specific to STC G and a response to same. Appendix B provides listings and responses to submissions that related to multiple STCs.

4. Summary of The Main Issues Raised

This report identifies the key issues raised in the public consultation process. The Authority will seek to establish the validity of the concerns, the potential consequences for the project, and how best to address the issue and /or mitigate the impacts.

While a variety of matters were raised in the submissions, the key issues related to the project are as follows:

1. Vulnerable Road User Safety;
2. Traffic Disruption due to Traffic Diversions / Increased Traffic;
3. Proposed Land Acquisition;
4. Environmental Impacts;
5. Supportive of Scheme;
6. Loss of Parking;
7. Inadequacies in Consultation Process;
8. Alternative Solutions;
9. Bus Network / Infrastructure; and
10. Miscellaneous Issues

The nature of the issue, and the NTA response to it, is covered in the following sections.

4.1 Issue 1: Vulnerable Road User Safety

A number of submissions raised concerns for vulnerable road users, in particular cyclists and pedestrians. Many of these were related to residents reversing out of their driveways onto the main road across a cycle track and a bus lane to access the central lane designated for cars.

Concerns were raised for vulnerable road user safety, in particular that of children in the vicinity of Greenmount National School. Submissions stated that student drop off would be more difficult having to exit the vehicle into a bus lane or cycle track.

A number of submissions raised concerns over the positioning of bus stops and potential safety issues with their proposed location.

Some submissions raised safety concerns for vulnerable road users at a number of junctions including Proby's Quay Junction, Pearse Road / Pouladuff Road junction, Noonan Road / Gregg Road junction, and Gregg Road / Gillabbey junction. Submissions expressed concerns around the lack of continuity of cycle facilities at these locations.

Some submissions expressed concerns that the proposed removal of car parking spaces would lead to longer walks from alternative car parking and potential personal security issues.

Concerns were also raised in relation to the safety of passengers boarding or alighting buses, and in particular the need to cross a cycle track to access the footpath and bus stop.

NTA Response to Issue 1

Vulnerable road user safety has been a primary driver for the Preferred Route Option (PRO) scheme design. General enhancements are proposed to all junctions along the route to provide a safer environment for all road users but in particular pedestrians and cyclists. These measures include:

- provision of new and upgraded signalised pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities along the route to include tactile paving;
- new mid-block pedestrian crossings in appropriate locations including at bus stop locations;
- increased footpath widths in some locations where widths are currently substandard;
- segregated cycle facilities where practicable;
- addition of tactile paving at all uncontrolled crossing points;
- careful consideration of interaction of cycle facilities with bus stops. Design details have been developed in collaboration with disability groups.

A review of bus stop locations has been carried out as part of the design development for the scheme. This exercise was carried out to optimise the performance of the bus services on the STC by reducing the journey time of the bus service, increasing the walking catchment of the bus stops and ensuring that key trip attractors located along the route are sufficiently covered within the catchment of bus services. This review was undertaken on the basis of a number of best practice guiding principles including consistent spacing of bus stops, locating stops in close proximity to junctions and pedestrian crossings, and spatial requirements for bus shelters and other stop infrastructure.

The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. In particular, Vulnerable Road User safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.

4.2 Issue 2: Traffic disruption due to Traffic Diversions / Increased Traffic

Many residents expressed their concern about the potential increase in traffic and congestion on residential roads due to the proposed traffic management measures. In particular, the removal of the left turn on Bishop Street towards Gillabbey Street was noted as a concern.

Some submission stated that the closing off the area north of Convent Place, Crosses Green from Wandesford Quay would impact on vehicular movement around the area. Concerns were also raised that the project could potentially exacerbate current safety issues on these roads as well as increasing car journey lengths and emissions.

Submissions raised concerns in relation to the proposed bus gate on Bishops Street, and that the removal of a through route for general traffic would cause traffic issues in the surrounding area, particularly on Sharman Crawford Street. Increased congestion issues at school collection times was also stated as a concern.

NTA Response to Issue 2

These proposed traffic management measures, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce through commuter traffic. A comprehensive traffic management plan (e.g. suite of turn bans, directional signage strategy) will be developed to manage traffic on the road network including measures to mitigate impacts of traffic rerouting onto residential streets.

It is acknowledged that some of the proposed measures will result in restrictions on movement of private car to and from the city. However, alternative routes will remain available to all destinations in the city.

The precise impacts of the scheme on the surrounding road network, outside of the main STC route, will be further assessed as part of the traffic modelling exercise to be undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, with appropriate treatment and or mitigation measures provided where necessary.

The potential environmental impacts of the proposed scheme, including air quality, will be fully assessed as part of the EIA process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in its assessment of the scheme.

4.3 Issue 3: Proposed Land Acquisition

Many residents were concerned about the extent of land acquisition required to deliver the scheme. Particular concerns included the possible loss of aesthetic amenity, reduction in driveways and parking areas, reduction in property value, reduction in safe access, privacy and security, and potential impacts on boundaries.

Submissions raised specific concerns in relation to the proposed acquisition of private land along Pouladuff Road, Pearse Road and Green Street.

Many residents were concerned that proposals may directly impact the value of their homes. The direct impact included vehicle restrictions, possible increase of traffic volumes on residential roads, potential loss of parking, potential loss of trees and gardens etc.

NTA Response to Issue 3

Following review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of sections along the route have been assessed and amended as part of the design development, many of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties. Within the Preferred Route Option (PRO) proposal amendments have been made on certain key sections referred to in the submissions, with the following key design developments:

- The corridor now commences on Pouladuff Road, just north of the junction with Pearse Road, removing the impact on properties at the Pearse Road/Pouladuff Road junction.
- The proposed inbound bus lane on Pouladuff Road between Pearse Road and Nuns Walk is no longer proposed, therefore removing the need for land acquisition from properties in this area. Bus priority will now be provided by an inbound bus gate which will be in operation at AM Peak hours only.
- Footpath widening along Pouladuff Road has been limited to areas where no land acquisition is necessary thereby removing the impact on properties in a number of locations along Pouladuff Road.

It is noted that land acquisition is only proposed where it is considered absolutely necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses.

In total, the PRO proposals have reduced the number of properties impacted by approximately 31 properties and reduced the extent of impact on 1 property.

Where potential land acquisition is envisaged, the NTA will engage readily with landowners potentially impacted by the proposed scheme. This engagement process will seek to agree measures, whether financial and/or physical, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme.

Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls.

4.4 Issue 4: Environmental Impacts

A number of submissions raised concerns that the removal of trees might negatively impact air quality, increase noise pollution and detract from the visual amenity of the area. Many were also concerned about the impact that the removal of trees would have on wildlife in the area.

Residents raised concerns about the potential loss of trees at St. Finbarr's Cathedral on Bishop Street.

Specific concerns were raised in a number of submissions relating to the removal of Cherry Blossom trees on Pearse Road and Connolly Road.

Some residents raised concerns about the removal of green areas, stating that this would decrease the safe places for children to play on.

NTA response to Issue 4

The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage and planting in the urban landscape. However, this is being balanced against the requirement to provide sustainable means of moving people around the city-region. Hence, the NTA is committed to sustainable transport, and also to appropriate planting in the urban realm for visual and environmental purposes.

It is noted that the current proposals for STC G no longer require the removal of any on-street trees.

Notwithstanding this, at the next design stage, the NTA will acquire the services of an expert arboriculturist to assess the trees on the STC. The impact on trees will be accurately quantified during this design stage, and a replanting strategy developed that seeks to plant a greater number of trees than would be removed.

The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully assessed as part of the EIA process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in its assessment of the scheme.

4.5 Issue 5: Supportive of the Scheme

A number of submissions noted support for the scheme. Some of the specific items supported include:

- General support was noted for measures which prioritised the movement of buses, cyclists and pedestrians, even if this results in impacts on the movement of cars. Specifically, support was noted for the Proby's Quay and Crosses Green junction, general public realm improvements and use of bus priority signals.
- General support was received for the attempts to significantly improve pedestrian and cycle facilities.

NTA response to Issue 5

The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

4.6 Issue 6: Loss of parking

Many submissions raised concern over the removal of on-street parking along Pouladuff Road, Green Street, Gregg Road and Noonan Road. These submissions were concerned around the lack of alternative car parking available in the immediate vicinity. It was stated that the removal of on street parking would have negative implications for those with accessibility issues who rely on these parking spaces to access business and retail on Pouladuff Road.

It was also suggested that the reduction in car parking in the area might discourage guests from visiting these areas which could have an impact on local businesses.

Submissions raised concerns in relation to the conversion of Crosses Green into a pedestrian and cycle zone. Concerns were raised by those who live and work in the area, noting that this would impact access to the buildings.

Residents raised concerns in relation to the possible loss of driveways which could make it even more difficult to access their property.

NTA Response to Issue 6

The impact on public parking and loading, particularly within village centre areas, has been reviewed and the PRO proposes to minimise and/or mitigate the impact on local business owners and community members. It is acknowledged that some car parking is being removed in some areas to facilitate more efficient, reliable and safe movement of buses and cyclists. Compensatory parking has been provided where space permits.

On Pouladuff Road, significant changes have been made in order to retain car parking numbers while still achieving the objectives of the scheme. While some existing on street car parking spaces need to be removed to facilitate new bus stops and widening footpaths in some locations, additional parking will be provided in a number of locations including Pouladuff Place, the entrance to the Soundstore and Ardross Estate. Overall the new proposals would result in no net loss in car parking spaces along Pouladuff Road.

Continued use of on-street parking on local side roads and private and public off-street parking would also provide resilience with respect to local parking provision. The interaction of cycle facilities with car parking has been carefully considered in the PRO to ensure the safety of all users with cycle tracks routed around the back of parking bays, which improves the ease of parking.

In relation to Crosses Green, it is noted that vehicular access to private car parking will be retained through this area.

The impact on properties boundaries has been assessed further in terms of how it may affect access arrangements to properties. It is noted that as a principle, where driveways are currently present with car parking, the ability to park at least one car will be retained with the implementation of the scheme. It is noted that as the design progresses, and more detailed topographical survey is available, impacts on driveways and access will continue to be reviewed with changes incorporated if appropriate.

The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be assessed as part of the EIA process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in its assessment of the scheme.

4.7 Issue 7: Inadequacies in Consultation Process

A number of submissions offered an opinion that local residents were not considered in the design process. Many residents also suggested that they should have been directly notified of the plans for the area regardless of whether their property was being directly impacted or not.

Residents were concerned that there was not enough baseline data collected before the design of the bus corridor. Residents expressed disappointment that environmental, cost/benefit, social, economic, safety, traffic, heritage or conservation studies had not yet been undertaken.

NTA Response to Issue 7

This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.

As part of this non-statutory public consultation this STC received 93 submissions, while overall 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been one Community Forum which was held in the Nemo Rangers GAA Club and a public information event that was held over two days in the same venue. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide.

A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide.

While site visits and on-site measurements have been undertaken in developing the design at this stage, detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts.

As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

4.8 Issue 8: Alternative Solutions

A number of submissions suggested that STC G should be extended along Togher Road to Togher or to Lehenaghmore in order to serve this area's population, with some submissions noting the STC Togher to City doesn't go to Togher.

Some submissions suggested that a one way systems should be implemented on Lough Road and Pouladuff Road, with an inbound bus lane on Lough Road and an outbound bus lane on Pouladuff Road.

Other submissions suggested allowing access to cars through bus gates at certain times throughout the day. A number of submissions also suggested that the proposed cycle route along Lough Road should be reinstated and included in this STC proposal, stating that cycling infrastructure would be significantly delayed in Togher if this doesn't go ahead.

Submissions raised a number of suggestions in relation to increased provision of car parking along the route. Suggestions were raised such provision of driveways where there are currently none and converting existing open space into local parking areas.

Some submissions raised suggestions in relation to the provision of a park and ride facility along the route.

NTA Response to Issue 8

Following a review of the public consultation submissions, the scheme was reviewed to see if alternative solutions could be adopted along the route that would address the issues raised and still meet the objectives of the scheme. This included options suggested by the public during the consultation. A summary of the main changes made are listed below:

- The corridor now commences on Pouladuff Road, just north of the junction with Pearse Road removing the impact on properties at the Pearse Road/Pouladuff Road junction.
- The proposed inbound bus lane on Pouladuff Road between Pearse Road and Nuns Walk is no longer proposed, therefore removing the need for land acquisition from properties in this area and reducing the impact on car parking. Bus priority will now be provided by an inbound bus gate which will be in operation at AM Peak hours only.
- Footpath widening along Pouladuff Road has been limited to areas where no land acquisition is necessary thereby removing the impact on properties in a number of locations along Pouladuff Road

In relation to the extents of the proposed scheme, it is noted that while the infrastructure proposals terminate just north of the junction with Pearse Road, buses will continue to serve areas beyond this including Togher and Lehenaghmore (proposed routes 4 and 5 in the new bus network proposals).

4.9 Issue 9: Bus Network / Infrastructure

A number of submissions raised concerns in relation to the routing of the proposed STC along Pouladuff Road, with many expressing a preference for retention of the existing route along Lough Road. Concerns were raised that the new route would require longer walks to get to bus stops and increase accessibility issues for elderly or people with disabilities.

Submissions raised concerns in relation to the proposed closure of Crosses Green to general traffic. Particular concerns were raised around issues for those who live and work in the area, with the proposals impacting on their accessibility. Concerns were also raised that the removal of through traffic would create an environment for antisocial behaviour.

NTA Response to Issue 9

A key objective of the scheme is to provide public transport access to as many people as possible in Cork. In this area, the presence of the Lough reduces the effective catchment of a bus service running along the Lough Road. As a result the Pouladuff Road was selected as the optimum route that serves more people and better meets the scheme objectives.

In relation to Crosses Green, it is noted that vehicular access to private car parking will be retained through this area. Considerations in relation to antisocial behaviour and creation of a secure environment will be taken account of at the next design stage as part of the urban landscape design.

4.10 Issue 10: Miscellaneous Issues

Some residents were concerned about the need for the scheme, suggesting that the financial cost was not worth the journey time savings. Submissions also expressed the opinion that there would be little uptake in cycling along the route.

Submissions raised concerns that construction works along the proposed route will put properties at risk, noting that this is a high risk area for subsidence and sink holes.

Concerns were raised in relation to the business impact of the proposed bus corridor along Pouladuff Road and Lough Road.

Concerns were raised in relation to loading for businesses on South Main Street, noting that the loading bay is often occupied by parked cars.

NTA Response to Issue 10

The potential impacts and benefits of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified and assessed as part of the EIA process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in its assessment of the scheme.

In relation to potential impacts on businesses along Pouladuff Road, significant changes have been made in order to retain car parking numbers while still achieving the objectives of the scheme. While some existing on street car parking spaces need to be removed to facilitate new bus stops and widening footpaths in some locations, additional parking will be provided in a number of locations including Pouladuff Place, the entrance to the Soundstore and Ardross Estate. Overall the new proposals would result in no net loss in car parking spaces along Pouladuff Road. It is therefore not expected that there will be any negative impact on business along Pouladuff Road. The potential impacts of the proposed scheme on local businesses will be fully assessed as part of the EIA process.

With regard to concerns around potential subsidence, geotechnical studies will be undertaken at the next design stage to assess the ground conditions along the route and eliminate the possibility of subsidence.

Appendix A

Responses to Submissions on STC G

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Submission Reference	Statement	NTA Response
NTA-C9-13	Parking is already a nightmare. Can't fit two cars up the street at the same time so for this to be used as a bus corridor means you'll have to remove on street parking for the entire street as well as probably cut the footpaths by the school. In essence, demand for parking is massively increasing and this plans to cut the little supply there is	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-14	parking on green street will be prohibited and to mitigate the problem alternative parking will be providing along the corridor.The issue is where is this extra parking in this area.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-14	There is a possible land acquisition on Green street but knowing that location it won't be suffice in space to cover the cars from pouladuff and green street looking for parking.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-22	Extend Route G along the Togher Road to serve this area's population.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-132	The plan also seems to put huge limitations on private traffic access to the route. If so where is the traffic going to go and how are people going to cross from southside to northside and vice verse.	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-132	I am strongly against the proposed Togher route along Pouladuff road. I question if planners have even travelled this route. There is a suggestion of moving the current on street parking.....to where?.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-217	I'm failing to understand why we can't operate a one way system going up Pouladuff Road and down the Lough Road or vice versa.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-217	I wish to submit my objection to removal of 214 parking spaces on the proposed G bus corridor..	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-217	I wish to submit my objection to the removal of my garden I dont want my front door leading straight onto a footpath especially across from a busy pub and bookmakers	This objection is noted.
NTA-C9-217	I don't want to close my blinds in my front windows for privacy and have zero light coming in.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-217	I will not feel safe and it will have a detrimental effect on my mental health	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-219	I support the proposed corridor G from Togher to the city centre The 203 bus that currently serves the area is frequently late, stuck in traffic. This propsted servcie would be a major improvment	Please refer to section 4.5
NTA-C9-346	Why is a huge area of population excluded from BusConnects. Togher, Lehenaghmore, Lehenaghbeg, Mattew Hill, Sarsfield Road, Glasheen all have large populations and with that major issues with traffic. Can we please be included.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-369	I think it would be hugely beneficial to extend STC G (Togher to city) up to Lehenaghmore.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-418	This will eliminate parking on Pearse Road. Where are residents supposed to park if this route goes ahead? This is completely unfeasible for a road and should not go ahead as currently planned.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-439	I think the route should not be changed as there are a lot of elderly people that rely on the 214 along the Lough.	Please refer to Section 4.9

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NTA-C9-439	Also pouladuff road is just as narrow as the lough road and it's very busy and dangerous by greenmount school.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-451	It would be beneficial to see route G extended further in the Togher road, to Togher Cross.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-451	I think this is an ambitious and necessary body of work.	Please refer to section 4.5
NTA-C9-489	If the area was surveyed, it would have been apparent that this particular area of the route is not a traffic blackspot, bus's are running in this area for years without any problems, the only hold up would be at the traffic lights, as for a cycle lane, if you got 10/15 cyclists a day on this route it would be a lot and a cycle lane is not going to change this figure. I have lived in this area all my life and these are facts. I have driven in this area for 25 years without any issues. What ye are proposing is to disrupt the lives of thousands of residents and waste millions of tax payers money and there will be no gain for anyone. Ye really need to survey this route before any of the proposed works go ahead, it is the least that ye could do	Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts.
NTA-C9-508	A more practical, and sensible option, given the ancient city we live in with its narrow streets, is keeping an orbital route - not two way where there currently isn't two way bus routes. Keep the buses small 20 to 30 seater and not use double deckers. Increase the frequency of these small buses that suit our narrow streets. Thus saving millions of euros, and not devastating people's lives. The implications of these suggested changes are extremely negatively far reaching for the vast majority of people and small business owners too.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-508	It's appallingly bad for the elderly/disabled who need others to drop them off and pick them up at their homes, and at care centres which are also very badly effected. Those with some remaining drive ways, will have great difficulty getting in and out of their driveways with bus and bike lanes and congestion. This is a recipe for many disasterous accidents. Parking is currently difficult enough , and now this is suggesting residents parking, be pushed out further into the surrounding areas, causing nothing less than havoc and where there is not enough space at all.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-508	The extent of green areas being removed will have an impact on people's mental health and into the coming generations.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-508	Bus stop locations especially at greenmount school is a danger and totally inappropriate. Some residents will have their gardens removed and stepping out of their houses onto a bus/bike lane. This is totally unacceptable for all but especially the elderly, the disabled and children.	Please refer to Section 4.1

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NTA-C9-531	<p>It is proposed to have a new bus stop be located outside the Lough Community Centre it is not clear the reason for the proposed CPO of the land unless it is for a new bus shelter.</p> <p>If this is the case, we would ask that this proposal does not proceed as the community centre is listed on the “Record of Protected Structures” to protect the structure which is of special Architectural, Historical, Archaeological, Cultural and Social interest.</p> <p>We feel that the positioning of a bus shelter outside the community centre would obstruct the view of the building.</p>	<p>The potential CPO in this area is required to facilitate the optimum location for the bus shelter which maximises footpath width. The area identified is an open space surrounded by bollards with some public infrastructure already located on these grounds (electrical cabinets, telegraph pole). The status of the building is noted. The impact of the proposal on the the visual character of the building is something that will be assessed in detail at the next design stage and as part of the EIAR to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval.</p>
NTA-C9-531	<p>Whilst we understand the need to remove on-street parking to facilitate the proposed bus corridor we feel that the proposed loss of 204 on-street spaces is excessive particularly when the present parking of vehicles adds a natural traffic calming measure.</p> <p>The proposed CPO of lands on the route will result in some properties losing their driveway or a portion of it which may result in vehicles not been able to fit into what remains and therefore having to look for alternative parking in what will be a greatly reduced parking area.</p> <p>The proposed new parking spaces to be provided is totally inadequate.</p>	<p>Please refer to Section 4.6</p>
NTA-C9-531	<p>We would ask that before a new inbound bus stop is located nearly opposite the Roselawn/ Deerpark Road junction that due consideration be given to the school warden crossing that operates in that vicinity.</p> <p>The school warden will require a clear view of the road and while the bus pulls in any overtaking traffic may cause a danger to the school warden and therefore the school children.</p>	<p>The concern is noted and will be considered in the ongoing development of the scheme design.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 4.1</p>
NTA-C9-545	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. send the bus in Lough Road and out Pouladuff Road. 2. Make Pouladuff and Lough Roads a one way system for all traffic. 3. and I think this is the best solution. Leave everything as is, and put on smaller buses, 28/33 seaters, as the large double decker buses are not full during the day anyway. 	<p>Please refer to Section 4.8</p>
NTA-C9-545	<p>Firstly, the proposal suggests removing the bus which is a very important lifeline to The Lough Road area and moving it to Pouladuff Road.</p>	<p>Please refer to Section 4.9</p>

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NTA-C9-545	Secondly, the proposal intends to remove 204 parking spaces from outside people's homes, which will include the removal of disabled parking spaces also. 38 homes stand to lose the gardens/drive-ins or part of.	Please refer to Section 4.3 and 4.6
NTA-C9-568	The removal of roadside residential parking for residents that have been living in their homes ,some for 70 years without consultation or due consideration to facilitate bikelanes.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-568	The proposal to remove parts of or full gardens of people that have lived in their homes for decades under a CPO is beyond belief. The proposal to remove green areas outside peoples homes and fell trees that have lined the walk way towards the lough for years is wrong ,considering the state of the planet today.	Please refer to section 4.3 and 4.4.
NTA-C9-587	Parking will be gone, where are we to park? Nowhere for Home helps to park to call to elderly. Nowhere for Meals and Wheels to pull in. Nowhere to pull in, to run into businesses on Pouladuff Road.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-587	Bus stop at Greenmount School will be a tragic accident waiting to happen. Property under CPO with no regards for the owners safety or mental health.	Please refer to Section 4.1 and 4.3
NTA-C9-636	If the direct route is taken away from togher road a lot of people will be isolated.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-636	it's a residential area where the businesses rely heavily on customers that are making the school runs, going to mass etc.	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-636	The main concern here is the plan to remove so many parking spaces that are essential to the community..for cycle lanes. It will be a disaster at the schools, a disaster for residents and even worse for the local businesses.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-636	there is no safe walkway to the 203 bus from Lehenaghmore to lehenaghbeag that goes to town so that's out of the question for most people.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-654	All ready you can see no one really uses the bicycle lanes from the city they'd rather cycle in front of you.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-654	To removing almost all the parking on Green Street / Pouladuff Rd will be a nightmare.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-654	As it stands the route at present needs only parking on one side of the road and a lot of the houses have off street parking so it doesn't impact them as much and how a 5 minute journey is going to totally change and better the route doesn't make sense.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-662	Please explain how I will get there & home...& no parking when I get home??	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-662	Map 4 What about the 200+ cars?? Cutting down 70+ mature trees?? & upsetting whole community's with purchase orders.... For what exactly? Save the bus maybe 5mins per trip?	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-662	There's A&E department's being closed I'm sure that €600 million could be much better spent.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-692	We as residents are very proud of our beautiful road, which is lined with cherry blossom trees that are decades old and when flowering make the walk way to the Lough even more beautiful. We also have grass verges alongside our concrete paths that in your proposal you wish to remove, have you examined the environmental impact of this on our area by making our area a concrete mass?	Please refer to section 4.4

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NTA-C9-692	<p>We as residents have parking out side our homes which you want to remove</p> <p>In your proposal you wish to remove all on street parking, but have made no alternative arrangements for parking.</p> <p>We have elderly / disabled people along our road who make daily hospital trips, we have people who receive the local meals on wheels service, we have people who require home help on a daily basis.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-773	<p>The removal of existing parking spaces without the provision of any new spaces will make it extremely difficulty for car owning residents of Gregg Road and Noonan Road to find suitable parking in the vicinity of their homes..</p> <p>Propose that on Gregg Road inbound cycle lane is not necessary and therefore one side of the parking does not need to be removed. On Noonan Road reduce the width of footpath and only car parking be removed from one side</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-795	<p>There are genuine safety concerns for this area and putting bus connects through this area woudl question the suitability of such roads for heavy traffic</p> <p>I would like to see the following urgent changes made to the road layout.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A pedestrian crossing should be at the end of barrack street/Evergreen St. This should be a one way with a set of pedestrian lights at each junction 2. Fresh Road markings should be painted on the street, parking spaces should be shown 3. The road should be made a one-way street. 4. There should be bollards put on the footpath as drivers are continually driving on the footpaths. 	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-862	<p>The proposed bus lane will remove on street parking on Evergreen St. The residents will seek parking on surrounding streets, where parking is extremely scarce.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-863	<p>It is unclear how much of my garden that will be lost. The reduction would mean the public would be much closer to my house and reduce my privacy. I would feel unsafe with such a measure</p>	Please refer to section 4.3.
NTA-C9-892	<p>Object to the changes as there will be increased congestion with lack of parking and more traffic jams and accidents.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-892	<p>The diversion of cycle lanes from the Kinsale Road roundabout through Evergreen Road is unnecessary and should continue from the roundabout to the Elysian.</p>	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-892	<p>Air quality will not improve due to two lanes of busy traffic remaining in this plan.</p>	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-897	<p>Object to the removal of on street car parking in order to add bus and cycle lane.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-897	<p>It is fact that green space can benefit those who siffer with mental health problems.</p>	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-897	<p>Removal of trees will cause huge disaster wildlife who nest and live in the trees and bushes.</p>	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-897	<p>Construction work in the ballyphehane area could lead to future sink holes.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.10

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NTA-C9-931	<p>Improve the traffic light signals at St. Finbarr's Bridge junction with Washington Street.</p> <p>Allow access to cars through these proposed bus gates at busier traffic times such as between 8am to 10am, 12pm – 2pm and 4pm to 6pm.</p> <p>Traffic signals and/or stop signs for cyclists at Crosses Green junction with Proby's quay.</p> <p>Consideration must be given to the two schools in the area and the increased traffic at school drop off/collection times.</p> <p>As this is a historic part of Cork City and attracts many tourists, we suggest improvements be made to street lighting and improve the environment with more tree planting in the area.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-931	<p>Strongly object to an inbound bus lane on Sharman Crawford St. commencing north of Crawford School of Art and Design. This will add to traffic increase related to bus lanes in the area.</p> <p>There is a secondary school located on this street and at school drop off & collection times parents use this area to collect their children. A bus lane will mean these cars will now park in the line of traffic.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-931	<p>Object to the proposed bus lane on Bishop Street. This reduces this road to one line of traffic at the end section. Without the option to turn left towards Bishop's Palace it is our belief that with no other route available this will cause traffic grid lock.</p> <p>There is a primary school located at this section of Bishop Street. A school collection times parents park in the right-hand lane (they have no choice because parking was removed a number of years ago to facilitate a cycle lane). Also, the proposed changes will create even more restricted access to emergency vehicles, with one line of traffic cars have no where to pull into to let emergency vehicles through.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2 and 4.9
NTA-C9-931	<p>We strongly object to the new bus stop on Sharman Crawford Street. It would appear the from the proposed map that the bus stop will be located opposite the entrance to St. Anne's Day Care and just below the vehicular gates to our office building. For the safety of the children, their parents and our staff we object to the location of the bus stop and suggest it stays at its current location at the widest point of the road.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-931	<p>Object to the closure of traffic to Crosses Green. This roadway provides access to our main building and closing this reduces access for our elderly residents and our employees. Crosses Green area is not safe for walking either day or night and at least a flow of traffic provides some safety.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-931	<p>Object to changes in traffic around Bishop St., Sharman Crawford St., Wandesford Quay, and Crosses Green as there is concern for people who live and work in the four buildings we own there. Access to the city centre, access to hospitals, access to other road routes to county areas will be filtered through a one-way system down Sharman Crawford Street and over St. Finbarr's Bridge. For example, a simple journey from our office to our main building will no longer be possible if Crosses Green becomes a cycle lane only.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-931	<p>Object to bus gates to the north of Bishop's Palace, Bishop Street & at Clarke's Bridge. With car access closed all car traffic will be directed on to Sharman Crawford Street creating traffic grid lock at peak traffic times or at all times into the future.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-931	<p>Strongly object to cycle lane from the Proby's Quay junction through Crosses Lane. This would mean that to access our main building residents and employees would have to cross over two cycle lanes. It is our current experience that with so few cyclists it can be a surprise to see one, startling a driver and cyclists alike, and thereby causing accidents.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-931	<p>At the meeting held on the 19th Sept 2022 Mr. Hugh Creegan, National Transport Authority stated that currently 74% of journeys are made by car, 20% walking, 5% public transport and 1% cycling. We would be curious to know how these percentages would change should all these changes be implemented to our roads.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.7

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NTA-C9-931	Strongly object to the removal of trees in the area. We would hope that no trees from the grounds of St. Finbarr’s Cathedral would be removed to facilitate the bus lane on Bishop Street. From an aesthetics, environmental, historical and wellbeing point this would be completely wrong.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-931	We are happy to note the suggested new signalised junction at Proby’s Quay junction with crosses Green. From school children, elderly residents to tourists there are a lot of people walking in the Bishop Street area and we are happy to see a much-needed safe crossing for pedestrians.	Please refer to section 4.5
NTA-C9-961	Narrower buses could be an option or potentially a one way system.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-961	Object to the removal of green space due to positive impacts green space has on mental health.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-961	The outcome of the proposal does not weigh up to the unnecessary stress on both the community and infrastructure of our town. There has been no consideration for mental wellbeing of residents with removal of green space.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-961	Object to the removal of disabled car parking and the removal of parking outside of the houses of elderly, who require a car for independence and may need parking for carers.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-961	Object to the negative impact the proposal will have on the community such as removal of parking from outside the houses of elderly, who need access to a car or parking for carers, and removal of disabled parking.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1110	The normal logic would be that all road users would learn to share the existing space.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1110	Route G which proposes to switch the Lough Road bus the 214 over to the Pouladuff route which had a 209 bus but it was discontinued due to lack of viability.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1110	Pearse Road was designed by Architects as a boulevard with wide footpaths for safety, a grass verge and cherry blossom trees. The Bus Connect proposal is to fill ‘the boulevard’ with bollards, road signs, and five or six lanes	Pearse Road no longer forms part of the proposed scheme.
NTA-C9-1110	The normal logic would be that all road users would learn to share the existing space.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1110	In recent years millions have been spent on cycleways within the city. The result of this in my opinion is there is very little extra cycle use on the cycleways.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1110	Objection to the removal of mature trees	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1110	Safety concerns for pedestrians given the number of lanes being introduced and potential road width	Please refer to Section 4.1

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NTA-C9-1110	Cycle survey use has not been disclosed	Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for the proposed scheme as part of the planning submission to An Bord Pleanála
NTA-C9-1260	Lough Road needs to have a bus service. The plan would take away this bus service.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1260	There are no existing traffic flow problems on the proposed route G	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1260	There are already 2 paths along the Lough - an inner lane and an outer lane. Why cannot one of those be adapted for use as a cycle path	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1260	Need the trees, gardens and green spaces in the surrounding area to keep the biodiversity in The Lough area alive.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1260	Objection to the removal of trees in The Lough area. Please avoid chopping down so many trees from the corner of the Lough down Pearse Road. Preserve the trees on the Pearse Road	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1260	Implementation of a no idling policy where possible, would reduce emissions with immediate effect.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1260	Would like to see proper consultation from the ground up, with genuine community input. The public consultations I have attended have been disappointing. We were told at the first meeting that the bus route would be removed from Lough Road and in the second meeting that this was not the case. There was no proper information delivered to people's houses. No information was put up at bus stops in our area.	Please refer to Section 4.7
NTA-C9-1260	The main traffic issue on route G is cars speeding which could be managed by cameras/ speed bumps.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1262	Objection to the removal of almost 200 trees. We are acutely aware of rising temperatures in urban areas. Trees help to regulate the temperature	Please refer to section 4.4

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NTA-C9-1276	Concern over where resident's will be able to park their vehicles and also would like to know how local residents are supposed to charge electrical vehicles as promoted by the government.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1276	Objection to the removal of mature trees	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1276	Objection to potential land acquisition	This objection is noted.
NTA-C9-1280	Has existing infrastructure been looked at to merge with plans, for example the river walk along the N40 leading to Togher?	Where the proposed scheme interacts with other planned schemes, the designs will be coordinated.
NTA-C9-1322	Loss of parking is a BIG NO NO. The reality is that people will still have cars and will need those cars to go from A to C and from C to D and from D all the way to Z and back to A again. Many of those car owners do not have driveways and park on the street outside their homes. To offset the loss of parking adequate parking must be provided on a one to one basis (ie. Route G 200+ out 200+ in). The loss of on street parking has also raised the issue of personal safety while walking to/from a parking space that may be a kilometre or more away from one's home. Disabled parking spaces are also a concern.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1353	Cyclists making a left turn from Glendalough Park or carrying straight from Togher Road on to Lough Road, will have to immediately stop and give way to traffic in the lane. This part of the junction should be redesigned so that cyclists no to need to yield and cyclist momentum is preserved.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1353	It is not clear how a cyclist traveling along Bishop Street should make a right turn on to Sharman Crawford Street. It would be advisable to keep right turning cyclists in the cycle track, and then have a traffic light sequence that caters for right turning cyclists.	Details of traffic signal operation will be developed at the next design stage and published as part of the planning submission to An Bord Pleanála
NTA-C9-1353	Cyclists continuing along Bishop Street as it veers to the left would potentially be competing with buses that are also veering left. This is a pinch point and should be designed out by ensuring cyclists and bus movement are allowed at different phases by the traffic lights.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-1353	Cycling infrastructure should be provided to allow cyclists to make a right turn from Barrack Street and connect with the east-bound cycle track.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1353	The Pearse Road/Pouladuff Road junction does not offer sufficient safety to cyclists as on three occasions the cycle track ejects cyclists into the main carriageway requiring cyclists to yield to traffic and creating a pinch point.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-1353	The Noonan Road/Gregg Road and the Gregg Road/Gillabbey Street junction does not offer sufficient safety to cyclists as on a number of occasions the cycle track ejects cyclists into the main carriageway requiring cyclists to yield to traffic and creating a pinch point. This part of the junction should be redesigned.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-1353	The shared space for cyclists and pedestrians at the South Main Street/Barrack Street junction should be removed.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1353	There is insufficient infrastructure in place to facilitate cyclists to make right turns off the cycle track into the side roads along the route. There should be better consideration of right turns through the use of infrastructure such as jug turns.	Please refer to Section 4.8

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NTA-C9-1353	We particularly welcome some high-quality design features which have been included in this scheme, such as the provision of segregated, dedicated infrastructure for the majority of the route.	Please refer to section 4.5
NTA-C9-1393	Objection to the scheme	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1401	Would be very grateful if it stuck to the original route that has been there for many years. Changing this would upset a lot of close family members and elderly people.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-1422	Objection to proposed bus lanes	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1422	Objection to the change of route of Bus 214 in every possible way	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1422	Objection to proposed cycle lanes	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1422	Objection to proposed cycle lanes	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1422	Objection to the removal of green space	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1422	Isolation of people/elderly due to the difficulty of parking for callers/relatives/visitors.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1422	Objection to the removal of mature trees	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1422	Loss of one's property due to a compulsory purchase order being submitted to homeowners	This comment is noted.
NTA-C9-1451	<p>This will be a nightmare for the elderly in our area of the Lough who rely on this bus service to get in and out of town or to go directly to the CUH for appointments.</p> <p>It will mean a long walk to get the bus and a long walk home with their shopping.</p> <p>This will take away their independence. There is no reason to reroute a bus service that has served the people for many years.</p> <p>There is no other bus servicing The Lough so you will be taking away their only option of public transport.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-1463	I am strongly in favour of improving Cork's sustainable transport network.	Please refer to section 4.5
NTA-C9-1478	<p>The disproportionate removal of car parking spaces under this plan.</p> <p>There is no provision for where these cars can relocate for parking or for visitor parking. There will be longer walking distances to car spaces and competition for same.</p> <p>Lack of parking for visitors could lead to social isolation.</p> <p>There has been no spaces allotted for Emergency vehicles such as Ambulances and the Gardaí.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6

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NTA-C9-1478	The removal of mature trees and green verge areas and increased proximity to traffic as a result of the plan. Green spaces help address air pollution. Shade provided by urban trees also reduces energy demand, which contributes to improved air quality. Green space supports general and mental health . The trees ear marked for removal are mature trees and includes some that are over 40 years old. These trees are considered as local landmarks in the area..	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1478	There will be less pedestrian crossing areas as a result of the plan. This will lead to health and safety issues.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-1490	When using the bus to travel to the Lough, many visitors take advantage of the area's amenities. Two coffee shops on the Lough Road profit from visitors who use the bus service to get to the lough. A lot of people use the stops on Lough Road on a daily basis.	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-1495	1. Parking - The majority of houses at the top of Pearse Road have no off-street parking. Where are people who have no alternative supposed to park?	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1495	2. Trees & green areas - Over the years many of the trees have already been cut down on the road. The plan will see the last remaining trees and green areas removed.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1569	The space available on Pouladuff road is clearly inadequate. The proposal will mean that cycling infrastructure from the Togher area will be delayed for significant period of time beyond 2032 unless it is decoupled from The Bus connect proposal. Bike infrastructure should be developed significantly faster This is so in particular with the advent of powered scooters and electric bikes, the use of which which is likely to increase exponentially in the short term.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1646	I strongly support the proposed measures in this subsection of BusConnects Cork to reduce dependency on private motor transportation, democratise public transport and facilitate more active travel in our neighborhoods and city areas.	Please refer to section 4.5
NTA-C9-1658	The proposed cycle route on the Lough Road should be reinstated and included as part of the STC, in accordance with the Cork Cycle Network Plan	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1850	I live on Pearse Road, in a terraced house, with no front garden and on-street parking. The Togher line will run past my front door, and in order to accommodate it all of the on-street parking will be removed, along with the grass verge, the street trees and some of the footpath. The plans states that there will be new off street parking to mitigate for this loss but none is proposed for Togher as far as I can see.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1850	When asked and the community engagement forum where were these 204 people were supposed to but the cars, the reply was, that the bus network would be so good that we wouldn't need a car, ignoring the reality that actually some people do need cars.	Please refer to Section 4.6

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NTA-C9-1850	<p>However, in order to over emphasise the very marginal gains to be achieved it appears the project the uses the slowest possible current journey times to compare with the new times.</p> <p>For example, on the Togher line, the bus journey currently takes “up to 16 minutes” presumably during rush hour. The new bus journey time will be 9 minutes. €50 million euro for the Togher bus route and the new journey will save an estimated 7 minutes? Which isn’t even accurate as if current average journey times were used the savings would be even less. This is an awful lot of taxpayer’s money to waste for a proposed tiny gain and at the expense of all the distress and anxiety it is causing to the residents along the proposed bus route.</p>	<p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. This will include detailed traffic modelling that will accurately quantify improvements to bus journey times. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for the proposed scheme as part of the planning submission to An Bord Pleanála</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>The Togher line alone is going to cost an estimated €50 million for 2km of bus lane, 0.9km of cycle lane, involving the loss of 204 parking spaces, 72 street trees, 38 CPO’s on private property and all of this destruction, disruption and upset for allegedly 7 minutes.</p> <p>Telling me I can get a bus from my house to the city centre and the journey will be 7 minutes quicker than it is now, is not adequate compensation for the destruction of our grass verges, our lovely street trees, our quiet narrow roads and slow traffic neighbourhood.</p> <p>All of the good things about our neighbourhood will be lost, covered in concrete and tarmacadam, destroyed by a wide busy road</p>	<p>This comment is noted</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>These are parts of people’s houses and gardens that are just been taken to be replaced with a giant road.</p> <p>This will have a devastating effect on the quality of people’s lives, to have their homes and their gardens severely affected and property devalued.</p> <p>There are 38 affected properties on the Togher corridor, out of 995 properties across the entire scheme.</p>	<p>Please refer to section 4.3.</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>The plans for the Togher scheme indicate that passengers boarding or alighting the bus will have to cross the bike lane to reach the foot path and bus stop. How can this not be a problem or even a recommended design?</p> <p>It’s an immediate conflict, for people getting on and off busses to be clipped by cyclists, or for cyclist to choose not to use the bike lake because of this possibility.</p> <p>If a cyclist hits a pedestrian, or a driver hits a cyclist, we will call it an accident and people make mistakes.</p> <p>But the failure of city planners and road designers to protect vulnerable road users is not a mistake.</p> <p>It’s incompetence or indifference or some blind allegiance that is constantly given to the primacy of the car. Why can’t there be designated cycling roads and designated bus roads.</p>	<p>Please refer to Section 4.1</p>

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NTA-C9-1850	The project does not provide any traffic studies for Cork on the bus connects website, to support their estimated time savings associated with the new bus route.	Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. These will be published as part of the planning application submitted to An Bord Pleanála for the proposed scheme.
NTA-C9-1862	<p>My opposition is based on the negative impact that this proposed scheme would have on the operation of the service that we offer and to the community that we serve.</p> <p>My concern is that the impact of this proposal on the northern end of the scheme will have a negative effect on enterprises operating along the route and there is no evidence that the proposal seeks to support the operation of enterprises. We consider that the proposal will not help to realise this ambition.</p> <p>As a small local business paying large rates and a variety of taxes we consider that we are the squeezed middle getting little or no help from government or local authorities.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-1862	This perception of being difficult to access will be exacerbated by the imposition of this proposed scheme and further damaged by the construction of the proposed Events Centre.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1877	<p>The Scheme in general is to propose one lane for cars, one for coaches and one bikes in each way. So in this case means that trees and public car spaces will disappear to enhance facilities for pedestrians.</p> <p>Does anybody really think that multiply the traffic by two and remove mature cherry blossom trees will enhance pedestrians?</p>	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-1877	<p>The Plan, instead restricting traffic in an area close to city centre, in my opinion will promote to drive through.</p> <p>Remove car spaces could help people starting to use other commuting methods, but this is just for the residents in Pearse Road, what would happen with people from surroundings, for them will be easier to take the car.</p>	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-1877	<p>With the scheme proposed, you are asking to residents to lose their car spaces and they will not be able to use the road, because the new public spaces will be in other areas.</p> <p>By other hand this public parkings are not clearly proposed where they will be and the amount of them. Anyway, it looks like there will be one close to Greenmount school.</p> <p>My doubt is who will be able to park there because if anyone can, it could be possible that people from surroundings will drive through Pearse Road and park to leave kids at school and use the facilities. Is this engaging residents to the plan?</p> <p>Locals will not be able to use the road even for a drop lane but the rest of people will.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1877	I hope you will take in consideration and people can see some changes in your scheme and Pearse Road Cherry trees staying in.	Please refer to section 4.4

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NTA-C9-1877	In overall, there are a lot of possibilities and solutions that you could provided, as one way systems, low speed roads, but any of them are applied in this scheme for Pearse Road.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-1893	Crosses Green Quay is a vital exit from Southbank car park which has circa 50 car spaces. Crosses Green quay is already an attraction for anti social behaviour which is to some extent reduced by the passive security of motorists using the street.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-1893	Southbank is already a pedestrian link for people wishing to get from the St Finbarres area to the City Center and creating a second pedestrian link parallel to Southbank is unnecessary and will only lead to an increase in use for antisocial purposes.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-1957	The 214 route should not be removed as it connects Wilton and Togher to many schools, businesses, the city centre and UCC. It is a hugely popular route and heavily relied on by the elderly and students/staff of many educational institutions and of course to CUH.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-1980	<p>We expect that there will be considerable motor traffic remaining on Donovan’s Rd as a result of the bus gates on College Rd and at St. Finbarr’s Cathedral (STC G).</p> <p>As according to the present plans for the Bandfield bus gate, all this north-going traffic would have to turn east into Western Rd and Mardyke St in order to eventually travel West, we are wondering if ‘draining’ this traffic directly west onto Western Rd (through the proposed bus gate) would be more beneficial than adding it to the bus corridor on Western Rd (east) and compromise bus priority there.</p> <p>Pouladuff Rd/Green St and Lough Rd are two thoroughfare routes for car traffic into the western part of city centre, using Bishop St – Sharman Crawford St and Clark’s Br or Finbarr’s Br.</p> <p>As this route will be blocked by the proposed bus gate at St. Finbarr’s Cathedral, remaining traffic towards the Washington St area would have to divert either through Dean St/Barrack St (both unsuitable for larger volumes) or through St. Finbarr’s Rd-College Rd and Donovan’s Rd or Magazine Rd-Highfield Ave-Gaol Walk respectively.</p> <p>we see a substantial risk that the bus gate will push extra motor traffic to the immediate surroundings of UCC Campus (Donovan’s Rd/Gaol Walk)</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-1980	We notice that there are no maps provided for the planned cycling infrastructure along the Lough Rd, which is an important access route to eastern parts of the Campus.	BusConnects does not propose any cycling infrastructure along the Lough Road.
NTA-C9-2024	<p>I have been contacted by residents very concerned about the removal of the old 214 route, and the reconfiguration imagined.</p> <p>The current 214 links Togher to Coláiste Eamon Rís, St. Al’s, Presentation etc and also very importantly, to UCC.</p> <p>It has also been stated to me that the proposed city centre drop off point at City Hall is just not practical for older people with reduced mobility.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-2024	<p>Ballypnehane is one of the most successful local authority housing projects in the country, it is an exemplar of planning and while not perfect, it is substantially a well planned area.</p> <p>Central to this, is the current layout and appearance of the main thoroughfare.</p> <p>For example the Cherry Blossoms trees are very highly regarded in the community and have been been for some time. They are iconic to some extent.</p> <p>It would cause enormous distress to the community if these were to be destroyed, notwithstanding, what would be such a senseless loss of a natural source of beauty.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.10

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NTA-C9-2024	As I have stated on previous meetings, there is a need to extend the route that travels via Pouladuff road and Lehenaghbeg, down to the Lehenaghmore side of the hill, when the road works are completed, this will allow Buses to pass and will open up several hundred more houses to bus travel. I would urge you to engage directly with the City Council in relation to this.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2024	As well as losing some of her garden, the parking spaces here and nearby are being removed, therefore the elderly woman will have to walk a distance before she is able to get in to the car, instead of pulling up outside the house, as she might have previously. While we can aim to encourage modal shift in this area, the impact on this community is disproportionate, absorbing 20pc of all parking spaces lost in the entire project. This is impractical and unworkable for such lengthy stretches of road.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2024	The northern end of Pouladuff Road flows into Green Street, in which parking is also going to be removed. Residents in nearby Desmond Square perceive that these residents are being encouraged to go to Desmonds Square where there is a green area, which residents have been told is being taken away or in fact reduced. This green area, is an area that the children play on, is. Residents are unhappy with this, as firstly the square can't take any more cars but there are a lot of young children living here who use the green area, in this square after many years of no children growing up in the area.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2024	I would also suggest that when working on the Noonans Road area that regard be had for the proposals for regeneration of this area, and to work with Cork City Council to take advantage of that, and advance an improved public realm project to complement further regeneration work now and in the future. I note the calls of the Cork Commuter Coalition for using this opportunity generally for quality and imaginative public realm works.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2024	Pearse Road and Pouladuff Roads are the main thoroughfares in Ballyphehane. Residents living on these roads are concerned that the proposed cycle and bus lanes are encroaching on their properties. Many of these houses currently don't have driveways or in fact, any space for driveways. In addition because Pouladuff road and Lough Road are long roads with no roads across them, there isn't much alternatives for parking in adjacent streets.	Please refer to section 4.3.
NTA-C9-2024	There are also concerns on the impact that these proposals will have on residents gardens and trees.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -At top of Noonan's Road relocate proposed cycle lane further south and have it run in behind the on-street parking that should be maintained. -offer residents conversion option of their front gardens to install off-street parking -review wider traffic management measures for alternative options in order to safeguard existing parking. - Open tarmac space between Finbarr's Road and Noonan's Road could readily be converted into a local parking area, and should be in my opinion. - 98 Street could offer north south connectivity between Noonans Road and Gillabbey Street. It is already one way and has almost no traffic (just local). It would easily be converted to a cycleway, with speed limit restrictions to 30kph. It would be much safer as cyclists would not have to mix with buses. 	Please refer to Section 4.8

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NTA-C9-2030	<p>I strongly object to the proposed removal of local resident parking.</p> <p>A significant percentage of the properties in the neighbourhood surrounding corridor G do not have the luxury of off-street parking, and therefore depend on parking being available on-street.</p> <p>This is particularly so in comparison to other more recent residential areas where the residential estate has designed parking to be facilitated off-street within the respective properties curtilage.</p> <p>The availability of on-street parking in my neighbourhood over recent years has been significantly reduced by the ever-growing demand of parking from students attending UCC,</p> <p>It is my opinion that the extent of the removal of parking cannot be justified in terms of the benefits and would have a huge impact on the day-to-day activities of local residents.</p> <p>The loss of parking on Noonan's Road (approx. 18 spaces), and Gregg Road (approx. 18 spaces) is significant, due to the high utilisation of these spaces. There is no way that current parking should be removed/relocated significant distances away. I strongly object to these proposals & I would implore your team to reconsider.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2030	I did not see much information by way of surveys (parking, pedestrian and cycle surveys etc), traffic modelling, cost benefit analysis as part of the documentation and feel its unfair that I am asked for an opinion in the absence of critical information.	Please refer to Section 4.7
NTA-C9-2031	<p>2. The biggest problem in this area that I can see is the removal of almost all on street parking 204 spaces to be exact while only providing 21 spaces. There are a lot of old houses with only street parking available to them. This will have a terrible effect on the elderly and people with disabilities if their family members or caters cannot visit them without parking a long distance away.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2031	1. I first want to say i feel that the NTA handled letting people know very badly as only people who were to get CPOs were the only ones informed of the NTAs plans(anyone else found out by word of mouth unless you're local councillor held a meeting to inform people which some did.	Please refer to Section 4.7
NTA-C9-2031	3. This is a high risk area for subsidence and sinkholes- this risk will be increased for most of us by the construction process that will have to take place in the area.	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-2032	I have traced out the route many times and I cannot see how someone can exit the car park on Crosses Green outside my office and exit the city... without going all the way out Western Road.	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-2154	Will bus gate at St Finbarr's provoke rat runs through Dean St, Barrack St, Douglas St, or further north through Deerpark Rd/ Patrick Rd to Summerhill Sth to get to City Centre? Further, all traffic that didn't divert further south will have to access city centre or Western Rd via Bandon Rd, Finbarr's Rd (very tight corner), College Rd (east) and Donovan's Rd, adding to traffic load there, including the Sustainable Transport priority corridor on Western Rd (east).	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-2154	One-way arrangements around Noonan Rd / Gregg Rd contradict one-ways shown in Map G04.	The traffic management arrangements presented on the scheme drawings are correct.

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NTA-C9-2214	Lights could be placed at this junction to improve road safety for all road users without any need to widen either Wilton Road or Wilton Gardens. Residents would support the existing bus lane being a 24 hour bus lane with proper signage and frequent policing. It is currently only a part-time bus lane with a lack of clear signage creating uncertainty for safely accessing or exiting Wilton Gardens.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2214	Introducing more buses will be expensive in the short term but will certainly be cheaper than a massive series of land-grabs and legal and construction costs. One immediate solution which would help all over the city would be if country buses would be more flexible and pick up passengers within the city limits. So, a bus coming from West Cork would be available to pick passengers on the way into the city, lots of us would be very grateful to be dropped at South Mall instead of Patrick Street. And, the route from Skibbereen or Dunmanway would become more viable and sustainable, sometimes there are only a couple of passengers on these routes and it is difficult to see how they can survive economically at some times of the year. Both the city and rural services are largely run by Bus Éireann so the money would stay within the same company. This would be especially useful at peak time when passengers waiting on the Wilton Road and further along the route into town are denied access because the city bus is already full to capacity. More people could be accommodated on buses if the drivers took time to ask passengers already on the bus to move upstairs or to the back of the bus. Perhaps a pre-recorded announcement could take care of this. More bus shelters would make the bus more popular too.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2214	Residents are concerned that the proposed changes will bring traffic noise and pollution closure to Wilton Gardens.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2229	The loss of parking space, which will reduce access of residents, visitors both professional and others, and this is my elderly mother's home, and access and egress of service providers is a critical consideration for continued quality of life.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2251	The submission states that the proposed bus stops near the junction of Pouladuff Road and Deerpark Road (Map 4) should be supplemented with an additional stop on the eastern arm of the junction to facilitate interchange between routes 4 and 23 of the Cork New Bus Network in both directions.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2251	The submission states that additional bus stops should be placed on Pouladuff Road near the junction with Pearse Road (Map2) to facilitate interchange between routes 4 and 5 of the Cork New Bus Network.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2281	The proposed works are impactful of a significant number of properties and local features. We support full consideration of all comments received from local residents along these routes.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2433	Objection to bus corridor and cycle lanes on Pouladuff Road as it will impact on the removal of parking spaces.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1806	Parking on the Pearse road for residents will be impossible and even those of us that have private driveways	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-1806	The value of the homes in Pearse road will be reduced for many reasons.	Please refer to section 4.3.
NTA-C9-2433	Pouladuff Road is tight in space - I can't see any reasons to change cars and lorries up and down all day no problem.	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-2410	loss of car parking due to cycle track	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2410	objection towards cycle track on the Pearse road due to elderly neighbours being subjected to bikes	The revised proposals do not include any interventions on Pearse Road.

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NTA-C9-2411	an addition of a bus lane on the pearse road with the existing traffic will lead to excess noise pollution for residents removal of green area should not be removed as it is a safe place for young residents to play	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2412	there will be over 200 pouladuff residents impacted by the removal of parking if parking is removed the meals on wheels service to elderly residents will be severally impacted parking for the doctors surgery will be removed lack of wheelchair parking impact on delivery drivers parking	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2412	devaluation of property due to the removal of car parking spaces	Please refer to section 4.3.
NTA-C9-2412	the removal of the green area will have impact on many residential properties	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2413	utilise the green spaces to improve loss of parking	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2414	removal of bus route means the new bus route is too far of a distance from the house.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2415	loss of front garden for children to play within. loss of parking and an impact on safety due to land being removed and the road being adjacent to her front door	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2416	isolation of pouladuff residents due to lack of parking	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2416	loss of trees and green space due to widening of roads	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2417	objection towards the removal of 214 bus service elderly residents rely deeply on this service for bank, social and hospital necessities	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2418	loss of 204 car parking spaces on pouladuff road	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2419	loss of 204 car parking spaces on pouladuff road causing an impact on quality of life	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2419	loss of over 70 mature trees impacting quality of life and wildlife	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2419	risk of subsidence due to digging up roads adjacent to houses built in the 1900's	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-2420	NTA have failed to consider the demographic of the area. Over 37% of the population of the Greenmount/Ballyphehane area are over 65 years of age. With the removal of these car parking spaces the elderly population will be disadvantaged, limiting the effectiveness of programmes like Home Help and Meals On Wheels. Elderly and disable people may have to carry their groceries long distances if they are forced to park hundres of metres from their homes.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2420	The proposal that the bus lane will stop suddenly and begin again further down the route, and that only some of this route would have dedicated cycle lanes is farcical, when there is a viable alternative, for both a cycle lane and bus lane in the Lough Road. This road is a viable route that has worked for many years, there is no need to change this route.	Please refer to Section 4.9

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NTA-C9-2420	<p>The cost of this proposed route from Lough Road to Pouladuff Rd/Pearse Rd is extraordinary for a 0.8km journey that may take up 10 minutes off the journey time.</p> <p>As a taxpayer, I feel that this is not value for money.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-2420	Residents not only will they have to contend with the noise, pollution and disruption that could cause by these works, they will also be worrying about their houses and their safety.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2420	The removal of these spaces is going to force the residents to park hundreds of meters from their homes.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2420	<p>The brochure itself has several mistakes, including the claim of certain "existing trees to be retained" that are in people's back gardens, over 10 metres from the proposed route.</p> <p>This looks to be a slapdash plan that was thrown together by people who have never visited the city.</p>	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2420	<p>NTA don't seem to be interested in residents' opinions about their own neighbourhoods. Only people who may receive a compulsory purchase order were even informed that this route was being proposed.</p> <p>Communication has been poor, at best, which suggests that the NTA is not even interested in hearing from us, the people who live in these neighborhoods.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.7
NTA-C9-2420	Subsidence is a major issue in Cork city, particularly in the south of the city where there are many older houses that do not have modern foundations.	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-2420	Greenmount National School (Green Street) is on the road approaching the brow of the hill. It is already difficult to see cars approaching over the hill and if there were to be buses going up and down that road dozens of times a day, there will be an accident.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-2421	<p>With the removal of these car parking spaces the elderly population will be disadvantaged, limiting the effectiveness of programmes like Home Help and Meals On Wheels.</p> <p>Elderly and disabled people may have to carry their groceries long distances if they are forced to park hundreds of metres from their homes.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2421	<p>The cost of the works and the proposed scale is immense compared to the length of the route. For a 2km journey, the chaos that will be caused for years is totally out of proportion. There is already a viable bus route down Lough Road.</p> <p>The removal of over 70 trees, 204 parking spaces, the digging up of road and the cost of millions of euros is quite excessive for a possible journey time saving of 10 minutes.</p>	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2421	The removal of an estimated 204 parking spaces is going to seriously impact quality of life in the area.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2421	<p>The removal of these spaces is going to force the residents to park hundreds of meters from their homes.</p> <p>Parking is already at capacity in the area and the removal of those parking spaces will make the situation much worse.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2422	This road is so busy with traffic every morning there are big queues of traffic on the road.	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-2422	We do not want disabled parking to be removed.	Please refer to Section 4.6. It is noted that where disabled parking is currently provided, this will be retained in its current location or immediately nearby.

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NTA-C9-2422	We do not want our property, garden or wall taken away.	This comment is noted.
NTA-C9-2665	Your plan to improve the bus service is quite wrong, there is nothing wrong with the present bus service.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-2665	Your plan to have a bus lane only traffic and bike lane is not improving the area. It will turn a quiet area into a no people zone.	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-2665	Object to changes to the Pearse Road Ballypehane Cork City. You are taking away my right to park outside my property. I find walking hard at the best of times, your plan is taking away my liberty to live in my own property in my own area.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2666	There are 24 children attending ASD units in the school and most travel to school (escorted) in a taxi. They come from different areas of the city and the proposed BusConnects changes will not make their journey any easier. These plans are purporting to improve quality of life.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2666	Making the section along Bishop Street a bus gate may facilitate buses but it will make it very difficult for those resident and working in the area. For many of these, it is not feasible to use public transport. People travel to the city by car due to family needs and work commitments. The proposal to introduce this bus gate will result in traffic congestion along Dean Street, Barrack Street and lower Sharman Crawford Street.	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-2666	<p>The proposed prohibition of the left hand turn in the outbound direction on Bishop Street towards Gillabbey Street will increase the traffic along Sharmon Crawford Street. Also those needing to travel in the direction of the south ring road, the Lough, Glasheen etc will have their journey elongated. A trip of 5 minutes could end up being one of the 30 minutes. This excess will result in more fuel being used, surely this is contrary to the basis of the proposed changes.</p> <p>The proposal to close the area north of Convent Place, Crosses Green from Wandesfort Quay to through traffic will affect the school's parent body as they attempt to bring their children to school. Similar to above, eliminating this access route has the potential to add to people's travelling time.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-2666	Have any of the people who devised these proposals ever cycled around Cork City? Cork is built on many hills. To access the north or south side of the city requires that one is able to cycle up steep hills.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2666	At a recent public forum (Nemo Rangers 19th September) the representative stated that parents' ease of access to the school was within the remit of the Board of Management and the Department of Education. This response to people's genuine concern was at best disingenuous and at worst deeply disrespectful.	Please refer to Section 4.7
NTA-C9-2667	<p>We do not agree that the bus service along the Lough should be discontinued. The current bus service serves a wide population along the Lough Road and around the Lough itself. People use the bus service who do not live in the area, just to visit the Lough. New student and social housing is being built very close to the Lough. This expanding population would access the existing bus route. Planners state that students in this area do not need cars because of bus routes and yet this takes away a bus route which everyone can use.</p> <p>Bus service gives access to the Lough Church. It goes directly to Cork University Hospital, Wilton Shopping Centre, local secondary schools in one direction and to town and Glanmire in the other. It is a very useful route.</p> <p>The rainy weather in Ireland means that bus stops should be as near as possible to where people live. Pouladuff Road already has a bus service.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-2667	The no left turn at St Finbarrs Cathedral makes no sense. The no left turn will cause traffic congestion from that junction all the way down to Western Road and along. The road is already a traffic problem. Cars will have a much longer journey which will waste fuel, contrary to net zero goals.	Please refer to Section 4.2

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NTA-C9-2667	There is great concern about the fact that the bus service does not generally serve those who work outside of normal hours, the disabled who cannot get on the buses and delivery services such as meals on wheels. The suggested removal of so much parking on so many roads in the area could have a damaging effect on everyday life for many residents.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2667	There are very few green areas in Cork City. The suggestion that so many trees need to be removed to facilitate Route G will further degrade the biodiversity of the area and the hinterland which surrounds the Lough (which is a nature reserve) and on which much of its wildlife depends. Surely each tree should be considered on a case by case basis as the sheer number of trees which are proposed to be removed seems to be out of proportion to the stated pro-environmental goals of the Bus Connect plan. Mature trees are so much more valuable to the environment than newly planted ones.	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2667	We saw no evidence in the presentation of consultation with bus drivers on the route. Surely they are the ones who will know where the main pinch points are and they could put forward solutions?	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2667	<p>The presentation of BusConnect is very unclear. At a public meeting on 8th September, people seemed to think that the Route G will only go from Pouladuff Road to the city centre. The 'tie in with existing' means nothing to most people: does it mean that route G is the only change to the existing 214 bus from Togher to the City? Will the 214 continue as is save for the suggested route change via Pouladuff Road? The printed presentation does not explain how the new system would tie in with existing route 214 and 203. The maps only show the new routes. The existing routes, which will be continued, could have been shown on the map in the same colour.</p> <p>The consultation process has been very disappointing. The publicity of the proposals was very badly handled - some of us attended a public meeting and only directly affected property owners have been contacted. The failure to deliver door to door information by the company engaged to do it was a huge omission. There were no signs at the bus stops and the press were not permitted at public consultations. This does not give us confidence that the consultation is intended to really listen to our concerns.</p>	<p>The infrastructure proposals presented in this consultation propose bus priority infrastructure along the busiest sections of the bus network. Bus services will therefore continue to serve areas not included within the areas covered by the proposed scheme.</p> <p>Please refer to Section 4.7</p>
NTA-C9-2788	I think it would be hugely beneficial to extend STC G (Togher to city) up to Lehenaghmore.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2811	I wish to advise that the route as indicated is not from Togher but from the Lough and not benefit the proper extent of togher at all I would suggest that you look at the new Cork City Development Plan to get an understanding of the future development in terms of new housing and sustainable transport links from the most Southern end of Togher (located in Lehenaghmore) and how this needs to connect with the City Centre. Your map as per Route G needs to extend out to the far end of Lehenaghbeg and route back down into Togher Village in accordance with the City Council's Plan's to develop new footpaths to support future housing developments in the area.	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2824	I am resident on Pearse Road by the Lough where the new proposed bus corridor is set to run through. What are we supposed to do about parking if this plan goes ahead?	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2830	<p>The proposed route to Togher does not go to Togher, it goes to Pouladuff.</p> <p>A whole suburb is therefore cut off from having the option of travelling by bus/bike.</p> <p>There's a proposed new development in Deanrock as referenced here: https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/buildings-and-property/architectural-projects/housing-projects-1.html</p> <p>Are the people living here not to have access to bus and cycle lanes?</p>	Please refer to Section 4.9

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NTA-C9-2834	<p>The bus route" 203" was moved in recent years to accommodate students of CSN, taking the bus away from localised streets and this has caused a great effect on the ageing populations living in the area.</p> <p>I was wondering will bus Connect take the points put a cross relating to European policy that gov signed up too seriously. That promises to deliver on issues of transport for older people in there area, in this case Ballyphehane in South Cork City.</p> <p>That had there bus route moved to suit CSN 2nd level. This is a big problem. Most older people of this area are over 70 years old and do not drive.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-2842	The loss of the 214 service along the Lough Road is a cause of concern locally	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-2842	Can the busstop be moved closer to St Aloysius Secondary school?	Please refer to Section 4.1 and 4.8
NTA-C9-2842	P40 – Loading and unloading for businesses along south main street is a significant issue. There needs to be better enforcement of illegal parking. Often loading areas are full and vans cannot find a place to pull in to make deliveries.	Please refer to Section 4.10
NTA-C9-2842	P38 – I would support the retention of the contraflow cyclelane on Bishops St.	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2842	Could consideration be given to tiered parking for small spaces for businesses.	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2842	Could consideration be given to park and ride for this area along the Pouladuff Road	Please refer to Section 4.8
NTA-C9-2843	<p>Objections to corridor G relating to tree (cherry) removal along Pearse/Connolly roads - as I said at the meeting - were somewhat misguided as over head power lines had largely destroyed/mutilated the once exceptional annual Spring display of Cherry Blossom</p> <p>Perhaps, you could talk to the other utility providers to seek their co-operation in under-grounding the power and telephone lines, re-planting the route with a new avenue of cherries, and offering to plant a tree of their choice as was the case originally.</p>	Please refer to section 4.4
NTA-C9-2923	Conversations with bus drivers may perhaps be more appropriate and get their views as to preferred outcomes..	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2923	Spending money on intersections has value	Please refer to section 4.5
NTA-C9-2923	<p>The route in question originally continued upto the current RockBar on Gilabbey St., turned upto Lough Road and continued outwards. There is no parking issues or resident home acquisition elements if reverted too.</p> <p>Moving buses into congested areas with existing historic restrictions eg..Green St./PouladuffRd/Greenmount School/Roselawn/ Gould St. Is questionable.</p>	Please refer to Section 4.9
NTA-C9-2923	Optional cycle lanes are welcomed. However, nobody riding a bicycle is going to turn right on at the intersection of Togher Rd., and Pearse and then cycle in the Pouladuff road....	This comment is noted
NTA-C9-2923	Opposition to the removal of parking. People's homes both on this route and surrounding parks will be effected as alternative parking will become an issue	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2923	Opposition to potential land acquisition	This comment is noted.
NTA-C9-2938	I appreciate if you can minimise the effects on persons using the car parking in Crosses Green in particular people coming to and from the south side of the city.	Please refer to Section 4.6

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NTA-C9-2950	We will have more traffic on the Pouladuff Road, the buses coming from Togher and the usual traffic going home from work in the city plus airport traffic.	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-2950	All the cars that are going to be taken off the Pouladuff Road.. Where are they supposed to go Is it parks like Marian Park are going to be used as car parks. I don't think this is fair on residents. The council should be building car parks for residents of the road	Please refer to Section 4.6
NTA-C9-2976	It's proposed to place a bus stop just above my crossing on Green St. It will affect my visability of the oncoming traffic, if the changes go ahead.	Please refer to Section 4.1
NTA-C9-2041	There needs to be more thought given as to how cars can access and exit the area. Bishop St is blocked by a bus gate, Wood St is now blocked, Crosses Green is a pedestrian zone, Clarkes Bridge is blocked by a bus gate, parts of Washington Street are one way. Why has Wood Street been made a dead end? I see no reason for it that is linked to STC F.	Please refer to Section 4.2
NTA-C9-2939	my above property at Green Street is showing under (possible land acquisition).which I am not happy with and I am strongly objection to, because firstly my above Tenant who has a long lease for more than 30 years would have to give up his long established business and secondly I would have to forfeit my annual income which is part of my retirement plan so this would be a huge financial burden for me and my long standing Tenant.	Please refer to section 4.3.

Appendix B

Responses to Submissions Common to Multiple STC's

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NTA-C9-1	Bus routes for Dublin Pike area really does need to be improved. Ideally having the bus stop located near the Blackman Pub.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-4	I would like to see a constant bus connection between Kent Train Station , Bus Station ,Cork Airport Terminal .	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-5	If the bus connects plan is to 'add' to these existing services then this is fine, however this is not at all clear looking at the plans.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-8	This proposed new bus routes are awful. I currently have access to a poor but operational bus service 207 and 207A buses.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-9	The new bus corridors for Cork are great, but we badly needs a service from Carrigaline to Mahon.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The Sustainable Transport Corridors are the busiest routes into and out of the City. Buses will continue to travel on other routes.
NTA-C9-10	unique name which is displayed at the bus stop automated announcements announcing in clear English and Irish the next stop a display inside each bus displaying the name of the next stop and the terminus User-friendly maps displaying the names of each bus stop need to be provided	This statement proposes measures to enhance the passenger experience. This consolation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-15	There should be shuttle buses covering areas outside of the towns. For example, the Bishopstown or Cork Airport route should include having shuttle buses based in areas such as Ballinhassig. These shuttle buses would create sustainable development by allowing people to get rid of their cars and use the shuttle buses instead, as there are no buses in the areas of Ballygarvan or Ballinhassig.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-18	Would like to cycle from Glanmire to MTU, and can do this in 45 minutes, but do not feel safe with the current infrastructure, and would likely not feel safe (and not cycle) unless cycle lanes were appropriately segregated.	The proposals involve the provision of cycling infrastructure on Sustainable Transport Corridors many of which align with a trip from Glanmire to MTU. Some of this trip is outside the scope of this project.
NTA-C9-18	Happy with current bus from Glanmire to City Centre for personal use. Work in MTU. Cannot see bus from Glanmire to MTU beating car (20 minutes when leave at appropriate time).	The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-21	Requests extension to public consultation deadline and criticises approach.	The deadline for submissions was extended.

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NTA-C9-24	No bus service from Ballyvolane to CUH or Ballincollig. No bus service from Ballyvolane to Glanmire.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-25	A bus from ringaskiddy to ballincollig via ballygarvan -airport -forge hill-togher-wilton-CIT will benefit people coming for hospital appointments, students in CIT and a connection for travelling to airport, business parks, companies in ringaskiddy etc.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-27	Objects to routing proposed 2A bus service (replacing 214) along Church Hill road in Glanmire. Concerned with safety due to Church Hill roads alignment and gradients.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-42	When using sustainable transport, people inevitably are using their feet at the start/end of their journeys and therefore the pedestrian network needs to be well-connected, attractive, and comfortable. The following must be provided; frequent pedestrian crossings with drop kerbs, footpaths must be an appropriate width, footpaths should be attractive with smooth non-cracked surfaces, occasional planting, and places to rest	Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths, and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided.
NTA-C9-42	I commend the proposals in improving the sustainable transport network across Cork. It is a detriment to the city that most people still rely on private transport to access what is a fairly compact city and getting people out of their cars and happily using buses/cycles/their feet/etc would be huge improvement to the quality of the overall experience of the city, not to mention air pollution levels, general health and wellbeing and also on people's personal wallets (as long as public transport is priced correctly to be affordable and not prohibitive).	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-49	The proposed new routes are removing many of the mature trees in and around Cork City. Do you plan to replant the same number of trees with the construction of the new bus and cycle routes? And do you plan to replace these trees with smaller semi-mature trees rather than young saplings?	The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees. However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.
NTA-C9-50	Many current bus routes on quieter roads have been removed. By encouraging passengers to take alternate routes which are typically busier than others, can you ensure they will not be delayed due to traffic and higher passenger volumes?	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.

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NTA-C9-50	Passengers will have to either walk to our destination (which may not be manageable in certain situations) or walk to another bus stop and wait for a second bus to take us the rest of the way. Can you guarantee passengers will not be delayed due to increased walking distance to their destination or by connecting buses being delayed, as many are now?	The provision of bus priority infrastructure will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-55	busses leaving stops before the time advertised, the realtime indicators on the bus stops in the city - always wrong.	The provision of bus priority infrastructure will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-58	Can I please ask that effort is put into the reliance of the bus services before making any decisions on what the infrastructure changes should be.	The provision of bus priority infrastructure will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-59	from Cork to Little Island to the existing route 223 to increase the frequencies in the morning and evening when it is very busy(7-9 and 4-6).	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-71	<p>Your documents are not accessible to those with disabilities</p> <p>Even at 200 % zoom the photograph is pixilated and impossible to recognise.</p> <p>Public with a visual impairment are prevented from fully understanding the document</p> <p>The writing on many of the maps is not left to right top to bottom making it impossible for those who cannot turn a screen around to read.</p> <p>Also impossible to access on a smart device as the zoom does now work well and it starts to re-load over and over again.</p> <p>No mention that part of the Douglas Road is one way to general traffic, again this makes the document inaccessible to the general public.</p> <p>What is filtered permeability, again using terminology which is not commonly understood is something which makes the document inaccessible to the general public.</p>	Noted.
NTA-C9-89	In general, I am a big supporter of the Bus Connects plan, particularly the expansion of the cycle lane infrastructure in the city, but there is little point in creating more cycle lanes whilst also ruining the existing ones.	In intention is to improve cycle lanes along the routes of the Sustainable transport Corridors
NTA-C9-90	While I understand the need for bus corridors on street parking is also needed.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-126	<p>There is currently a bus that goes by Courtbrack Foxes Bridge once or twice a day. Due to the development of a number of housing estates, there are a few hundred people living here without alternative transport excluding the bus.</p> <p>Is bus going to continue and is it possible to upgrade this bus as part of the overall project?</p>	This statement is related to the Bus Network Redesign. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-141	The traffic has become extremely heavy in recent years and the road has started to crumble away with the amount of buses, trucks and cars etc that use it.	The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips

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NTA-C9-189	Extend a bus route serving Cork City Centre to the Halfway either via The Viaduct or via Fivemile Bridge and Ballinhassig. This would create opportunities for onward journeys.	This statement is related to the Bus Network Redesign. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-202	I support BusConnects and think it is vital to the development of Cork city	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-203	BusConnects is vital to the development of Cork city	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-204	I fully support the proposals, in particular the segregated cycling infrastructure planned.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-205	Has any consideration given to providing more park and ride facilities	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project.
NTA-C9-206	cannot agree with this proposal due to the disruption of peoples lives	Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys.
NTA-C9-209	I am for the most part in favour of the plans. I recognise the need to improve bus/cycle transport in Cork and support those endeavours however I don't think this should be at the expense of one of the only green spaces in the village.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-212	I fully support these proposals and think they would help overcome the primary barrier to the use of public transport in the city (reliability). I would personally like to see transport corridors extend to the industry hubs outside of the city as well, this would help encourage the use of buses for travelling to and from work. One area where this would benefit is Ringaskiddy.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-213	In general, I support the proposed plans.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-219	While the routes are being finalised, I think that the new ticketing system should be rolled out as soon as possible even on the existing bus routes. It should be made a priority	Noted. The ticketing system is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-227	Maryborough Hill, and the entire scheme is already in the city (as are all Bus Connect schemes). They should be labelled and named Maryborough Hill - City Centre and not Maryborough Hill - City	Noted
NTA-C9-229	Can the bus lanes and cycle lanes be merged?	Best practice indicates dedicated bus and cycle lanes are required.
NTA-C9-229	Can the bus lanes and cycle lanes be merged? could the pedestrian and cycle lanes be combined? It would help maintain the character of the area	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended.
NTA-C9-229	Can the bus lanes and cycle lanes be merged? could the pedestrian and cycle lanes be combined?	Best practice indicates separate bus lanes, cycle lanes and footpaths are necessary on these corridors where possible.

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NTA-C9-229	Can the bus lanes and cycle lanes be merged? could the pedestrian and cycle lanes be combined? - would upset people less	Generally separate lanes are required.
NTA-C9-229	This would prevent the destruction of lots of trees	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-229	could the pedestrian and cycle lanes be combined?	Where possible it is better to provide separate footpaths and cycle lanes.
NTA-C9-229	Can the bus lanes and cycle lanes be merged? could the pedestrian and cycle lanes be combined? greatly reduce the CPO requirements	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-232	The bus connect scheme will be net massively beneficial the community, as a board topic item I am very much in favour.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-233	<p>It would be desirable if there was some kind of orbital bus to link the main facilities in the city centre together.</p> <p>For example the bus office, the railway station, CUH, Mercy Hospital, South infirmary/Victoria hospital, St Finbarr's hospital, St Finbarr's cemetery, UCC, College of commerce , CIT, the social welfare offices, Intreo centre, opera house, event centre? etc.</p> <p>What I am suggesting is that once people have made the journey on the bus into town they could then get on an orbital bus route</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-234	<p>I understand that consultation and contact from authorities has been very poor and that local implications really are not being considered</p> <p>I believe route plans and levels of public consultation should be reviewed and augmented to ensure a fair outcome for all</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-236	<p>In general huge support for any improvement to public transport and infrastructure to the cit</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-243	<p>It is not a people centred design proposal and consultation at this stage is way too late</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-247	I found out about it on Facebook and no official even bothered to inform us first-hand I find it shocking that these plans are being discussed in the summertime when most people are on holiday	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-248	Yet, besides the fact that this proximity would forever alter our way and quality of life, I found out about this on social media instead of being contacted by an official authority with first-hand information I couldn't voice my concerns at the NEMO rangers due to being on holidays - very inappropriate time of the year to be announcing such big plans so quietly - and I was shocked to find out that these plans won't be formally voted in the City Council chamber, meaning that even after our submissions we still have no control over government-led destructive changes that would significantly impact our lives	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-254	There should be more connections between different routes outside the city centre. For the narrow streets, smaller buses should be purchased that are more suited to the narrow hilly streets around Cork city.	This consultation is focused on the Sustainable Transport Corridors which are the busiest routes into and out of the city. Buses will continue to travel on other routes.
NTA-C9-259	If you research you will find that ballyvolane has one of the worst bus services within the city, this corridor would be better use to ensure a better public transport is available for the ballyvolane and Douglas areas.	Noted.
NTA-C9-278	We object strongly to the loss of all on-road parking. There is an ageing population who require Health/Carer/Family visits to assist with daily living.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.

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NTA-C9-278	<p>How can you justify the loss of over 200 trees on one road alone in this day and age? The removal of shelter belts and noise and air pollution barriers together with loss of carbon storage and aesthetics is totally unacceptable and is of enormous concern</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-278	<p>No meaningful consultation has taken place despite the public information events at which your representatives could/would not answer the many questions raised. There is insufficient time provided to establish local groups and elect representatives before the public forums and the closing date for submissions on October 3rd. At this time of year many people are away and the schools are closed. That only leaves the month of September to organise. If you really are serious about Public Consultation you must do more to assist and facilitate public meetings to help form groups, elect representatives etc.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-278	<p>Please provide the following (or where they can be obtained): *Constraints Study Report *Environmental Protection Statement *Traffic Survey *Projected Benefits *Study of Alternatives *Specific proposal to deal with the increased traffic via Belair and Wallaces Avenue and the increased volume at the junction of the Boreenmanna Road/South Link.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-280	They just got a 53 page booklet of maps which was not at all individualised to them so they had to go through it to find their house and discovered the huge implications for their family.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-281	They just got booklet of maps which was not individualised to them and discovered the huge implications for their family after reviewing it	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-284	The planning and consultative process in this country is absolutely deplorable. People in far away places making decisions without consulting local elected representatives is simply undemocratic.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-286	Further consultation needs to be given to the residents that do not have access to the internet. Residents of the area have not been consulted or given proper information.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-287	There has been little publicity or information distributed within the locality by NTA via post or other media channels	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-289	The lack of consultation of residents is bewildering. Many of the residents of St. Luke's are elderly and have been left frightened and confused by the total lack of transparency in this consultation process and the absence of information.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-290	Over half of the submissions already made (and in some areas over two-thirds), think this Plan is worse than what presently exists in the area	Noted
NTA-C9-294	The Cork bus plan refers to the time for a peak bus trip comparing to an off peak buses trip and concludes the difference is the potential improvement However this does not take into account that the time difference can be due to the bus stopping, collecting passengers and starting at every bus stop in peak times versus occasional stops at off peak time	Noted.
NTA-C9-299	I just wanted to support route 2a going beside the ballinglanna estate If the aim is to cut car travel and promote public transport this would open it up to approx 1200 people who are now reliant on cars as there is no safe way to walk to a bus stop.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.

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NTA-C9-303	All of this could be avoided if the bus lanes and cycle lanes could be amalgamated in the plans	Best practice recommends separate bus lanes and cycle lanes on these routes.
NTA-C9-304	At a minimum, the proposed bus and cycle lanes could be amalgamated	Best practice recommends separate bus lanes and cycle lanes on these routes.
NTA-C9-308	Better to combine the bus and cycle lanes to minimise the initial carbon emission required by the proposals.	Best practice recommends separate bus lanes and cycle lanes on these routes.
NTA-C9-308	All these plans involve vast amounts of new concrete. The CO2 impact of construction will take years to offset.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-312	<p>Route 7 - this looks to be much improved to the existing 216 route, particularly increasing the frequency from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes on a Sunday My only concern is more traffic will be diverted from Douglas Road to South Douglas Road, which may cause delays on this route.</p> <p>Route 14 - great that there will be a more frequent connection from Douglas to Mahon, and now being able to get to Little Island from the south side.</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-317	<p>Ballinlough bus route 215 is currently twice an hour & is never on time. What is Bus Eireann reasoning for only 2 buses an hour for a very busy route with some many residents & workings in the Mahon Point Area? New bus route for 215 is now going to be bus route 20. Improving the once an hour planned route needs to be at least twice an hour & on time & more then twice an hour during the peak times, at least 3 times an hour.</p> <p>New route 1, 1A, 1B on Boreenmanna Road is now going to improve greatly New Route for Crosshaven/Myrtleville/Fountainstown is now going to be 40, 40A & 40B. The local residents of Crosshaven/Myrtleville/Fountainstown would find this quite annoying in terms of changing the bus, reduced times of the new routes, tourists will not be bothered to visit Camden Fort & the beaches.</p> <p>Route 16 & 53 - Both from a tourist point of view & residents in the Blarney & Cloghroe both new timetables are quite shocking due to limited times & trying to get to & from work</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.

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NTA-C9-321	This plan has no regard for existing restrictions on road parking. It disregards the needs of a mainly elderly population who need to park close to their home. I strongly object to this proposal.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-324	I would like to say that I am fully supportive of the development of a better functioning transport system.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-325	Bus Connects should be investing in security on their bus and educating the younger generation on a sustainable future by using buses or cycling.	This statement relates to safety on buses and educating younger people about sustainable transport. This consultation is focused on infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-327	Blarney bypass is not computed into the plan. The issue of traffic from the western side of the city and for north-south traffic and vice versa needs to be solved	Blarney is outside the scope of this consultation which is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-328	I largely support the current transport corridors. I think they will be an excellent foundation for a more sustainable city In my opinion a huge amount of the delays and difficulties I faced on this commute were due to a major transport route being bottle necked I also welcome the addition of dedicated bike lanes	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-332	I am glad to see that there are one-way cycle facilities that (from the policy's wording) should cover both directions, but I sincerely hope that where there are cycle lanes, they are always in both directions and do not suddenly start and stop. several traffic lights at junctions do not change if there is a car present. I don't know if it's a weighted or magnetic thing, but you can see square platforms under the tarmac at these crossings and they do not notice cyclists.	It is intended that cycling facilities are continuous and that traffic lights recognise and respond to the presence of cyclists at junctions
NTA-C9-332	It is not safe for cyclists to have to go in and out of traffic like this. Please consider where these new cycle lanes start and end so they can be used consistently. Traffic lights do not notice cyclists - This is quite dangerous for cyclists when taking right hand turns in filter lanes	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. Traffic lights junctions will be designed to provide for cyclists.
NTA-C9-332	I support this initiative and I am very glad to see that more is being done to make it easier to travel around Cork without a car.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-333	I feel the general thrust of the argument to maximise throughput at junctions could be strived for in a similar fashion throughout the Bus Connects Cork Sustainable Transport Corridor Proposals.	Junction design will be developed as the project progresses.
NTA-C9-338	If cycle lanes are connected/continuous and protected from other traffic, they will be used - even along steep hills as e-bikes become more popular	Noted
NTA-C9-338	Some allied suggestions might involve some extra cost for cars containing just the driver (anecdotally, most cars in Cork); lowering bus fares even further in order to attract more bus users.	Noted
NTA-C9-338	Enforcement of traffic and parking regulations is also essential	Supporting measures to ensure compliance with the measures proposed are under consideration.
NTA-C9-338	Areas around schools should also be treated as "quiet" zones, where car traffic is restricted	School zones are being delivered through the Safe Routes to School Programme.

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NTA-C9-338	I am fully in favour of the general thrust of the proposed BusConnects plan. Car use needs to be disincentivised	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-342	<p>All cycle lanes in the city to be painted the SAME colour and should NEVER be the same colour as the road beside it.</p> <p>If a cycle lane is beside a footpath it should NOT be the same colour as the footpath. here also needs to be cycle stencils all the way so that people know its a cycle lane.</p> <p>Barriers are needed on Airport Hill just like in Amsterdam between road and cycle lanes and the lanes need to be painted a different colour than the road.</p> <p>Example there is a pothole on Washington Street cycle lane that you need to swerve to the right onto bus traffic .</p> <p>There needs to be a DEDICATED cycle hotspot on the Council website to allow us to report these issues across the city.</p>	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-343	<p>I support more bus lanes - even if that means less space for cars. There is no other way to deal with climate change.</p> <p>every bus or cycle trip means less money is spent importing fuel from abroad; this money can then be spent in the local economy</p> <p>please don't forget about the people in rural areas</p>	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-351	I appreciate that new bus/bike lanes need to be developed but I don't agree with how detrimental this one will be to the families involved who will have to lose a huge part of an already tiny garden & parking facilities.	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-351	I also feel it would be so disruptive & unsafe to live there with small children while a clearly structural wall is knocked & re built.	Works involving structural walls will need to be carefully planned to minimise disturbance to residents.
NTA-C9-352	<p>A North Orbital bus route should link Ballingcollig to Glanmire via Apple (Hollyhill) and Blackpool. This bus route should operate 7 days a week, start early in the morning (before 8:00), and finish around 23:30.</p> <p>There should be an Airport Shuttle: City Centre to Airport Express (no stops at Airport Business park). The frequency should be every 10 min. And the opening time should match the Airport.</p> <p>A new bus ticket type should be introduced: the ticket should be valid for 60 (or 90) minutes on all bus lines within the city boundaries.</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.

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NTA-C9-355	I am writing in support of the BusConnects Cork Sustainable Transport Corridor plans. I believe any improvements that can get the public out of the car and move towards public transport and walking / cycling safely is essential to the medium-term and longer-term future for Cork City.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-359	Could consideration be given to providing a cycling corridor through the Jack Lynch tunnel? It would enable an easy route by bicycle from Blackrock to Little Island/Carrigtwohill etc.	This statement is related to the Jack Lynch Tunnel. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-359	In order to encourage more people to use buses they have to be frequent and run from early morning to quite late at night. Consideration should be given to allowing bicycles to be taken on buses More frequent bus stops are needed also,	The provision of bus priority infrastructure will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-359	Also in other countries where cycling and walking are better facilitated, there are a lot of pedestrian and cycle crossings and they have greater access in terms of green lights to cross. I have cycled a lot in other countries and cycle lanes follow pedestrian access, i.e., when pedestrians have the green light to cross, cyclists can also cross in the adjacent but separate cycle lane. If cycling is to be encouraged, then more cycle stands for parking are needed.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-359	If there were greater penalties for speeding cars, people may feel safer cycling on our city roads.	This statement suggests increasing the penalty for speeding. This consultation is focused on the Sustainable Transport Corridors
NTA-C9-359	Also in other countries where cycling and walking are better facilitated, there are a lot of pedestrian and cycle crossings and they have greater access in terms of green lights to cross. I have cycled a lot in other countries and cycle lanes follow pedestrian access, i.e., when pedestrians have the green light to cross, cyclists can also cross in the adjacent but separate cycle lane.	Road crossings will be implemented in accordance with the relevant guidance.
NTA-C9-359	The current situation where cars can cut through cycle lanes is very dangerous.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines which provide priority to cyclist over vehicles turning across the cycle lane.
NTA-C9-360	I have noticed that the Kinsale Road Roundabout Green area in Cork is being sprayed with weedkiller and the grass is being routinely mowed. With the drastic decline in biodiversity the NRA should be encouraging more wildlife friendly practices such as leaving green areas to grow with only annual cutting and to stop using chemical weedkiller.	The use of weedkiller is an operational issue best directed to the Local Authority
NTA-C9-361	I hope that the changes that are coming around with bus connect will improve the reliability of bus routes. The 207 is timetabled to arrive every 30 minutes today. This will be reduced when the new number 10 and number 2 routes come into effect. I propose increasing the frequency of the number 10 to every 15 or 20 minutes similar to the new number 7 Mount Oval route	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-361	Overall I'm very supportive of the proposed changes especially the improvements to cycle infrastructure	The NTA welcome this positive feedback and support for the scheme.
NTA-C9-362	These could also be extended to connect Blarney and Glanmire with the city. A large swathe of Blackrock-Ballintemple without an STC could also benefit from such a connection. Others can be further extended to connect more people, such as extending Corridor 1 further into Rochestown. These will also enable modal shift from the private car toward usage of more sustainable modes	The Sustainable Transport Corridors are the busiest routes into and out of the City. Buses will continue to travel on other routes.

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NTA-C9-362	These positive investments in sustainable transport corridors will go a long way to meeting Ireland's climate targets, reducing CO2 emissions in Ireland's second most polluting sector.	This supportive feedback is welcomed.
NTA-C9-362	<p>Unfortunately, the proposed junctions create unnecessary clashpoints between pedestrians and cyclists, something we feel will cause avoidable injury, and lead to conflict between two sustainable modes of transportation. Instead, a Dutch-style mode of junction could be pursued, such as outlined in the below diagram</p> <p>Switching to this style of junction, especially at areas such as the Old Fort Road/Main Street Ballincollig intersection and the Curraheen/Melbourn Road intersection (to name but a few), would improve ease of cycling and reduce pedestrian fear, all while requiring no notable increases in costs or design efforts.</p>	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. Traffic lights junctions will be designed to provide for cyclists.
NTA-C9-363	Apart from local flyers being produced & dropped in our letterbox we would not be aware of these proposals at all. Why did the NTA not contact all residents in the area to make this move known?	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-365	I have noticed that there is no direct route from the hospital, through Togher and onto the city centre. This will cause trouble for the people of Togher as there is no form of public transport and a lot of people especially elderly and disabled people use the bus regularly.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-368	<p>Your map information is very difficult to read in general and it is not possible to increase the magnification in the adobe file.</p> <p>It is almost impossible for people with visual or colour blindness impairments to read and distinguish features on the maps such as the tree removal/felling legend details for example.</p> <p>Your postal brochure literature that residents receive does not list your postal address at Horgans Quay where people can send their submissions/objections to.</p> <p>As mentioned already, Blackpool is an area with a high demographic of elderly people, who may not always have access to the internet or may not be well versed in IT to make online submissions through your online portal.</p> <p>Residents should be able to send submissions/objections via free-post envelopes which should be provided by the NTA (especially as the NTA is a government body) as a part of their sending their postal information package.</p>	Noted

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NTA-C9-371	I object strongly to some of the proposed routes.	Noted
NTA-C9-371	Some of these proposed corridors remove parking for residents without providing additional spaces	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-372	Another area where the alternatives have not been clearly enough explained is where roads are being made one way or exit and entry points are being removed (example Douglas Road).	The revised proposals for Douglas Road involve bus gates which are operational in peak hours only. Vehicular traffic can continue to travel in both directions outside the peak hours.
NTA-C9-372	I don't feel that enough information has been provided on what alternatives and workarounds have been put in place for impacted residents	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-373	All bus routes never include Lee road. As there is a medical clinic on the Lee road I think it would be important not to overlook this when considering new bus routes.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-374	Overall the plans for Corridors H, I, J & K should be implemented in full Bus journeys are often delayed in traffic and it is not currently safe to cycle in these areas during anyway busy/useful times	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-375	it will devalue their property, there's no compensating for that.	BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. In doing so the properties close to the Sustainable Transport Corridors will benefit from improved accessibility and connectivity to the range of services and facilities located within the catchment of the routes.

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NTA-C9-375	In my opinion it's wrong to impose a compulsory purchase order on residents, to remove their boundary walls will in some cases make it impossible to park their cars in front of their homes w	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-377	The plan is welcome. We must get the car out of our cities, towns and villages where space left for pedestrians is often minuscule. Space is completely prioritised for the car and the majority of the cars have a single occupant	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-378	<p>traffic signals are widely ignored by motor traffic in Cork, unless there are automatic cameras and automatic fines enforcing the bus gate/bus lanes, the system will not function because the bus will be caught in traffic as usual.</p> <p>Likewise, illegal parking along all routes: in bus lanes/on pavements and on cycle lanes will obstruct the passage of buses, cyclists and pedestrians as at present unless a system of camera surveillance or systematic patrols with automatic fines and a towaway system is in operation.</p>	Supporting measures to ensure compliance with the measures proposed will be required.
NTA-C9-378	The Dublin version puts cyclists at risk from turning motor vehicles, and increases the straight line distance that pedestrians have to walk to cross the road when the lights change.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. Traffic lights junctions will be designed to provide for cyclists.
NTA-C9-378	As we are committed as a nation to reduce transport carbon emissions by 50%, we have to make major changes to transport, and Bus Connects is a necessary part of this for Ireland. I support Bus Connects in Cork	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-383	<p>208A frequency would make a huge difference to the commuters of Waterfall. Would encourage more people to get the bus to UCC/CIT,work and into the city for social activities.</p> <p>For people living in Waterfall it would be an idea to add a special reduced fare on the Crossbarry Bandon bus that already passes through Waterfall Ó Sheas.</p> <p>Adding a stop at Ballymah pitch/Heather field and OSheas would be immense for the people in the area</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-383	<p>I still don't see links in areas that are not connected.</p> <p>For example Curraheen cycleway to Ballincollig/safe cycle to Bishopstown.? Waterfall /Ballymah to Bishopstown?</p> <p>These would greatly connect people on an active transport for people who are not connected. Who then could avail of services.</p>	The Sustainable Transport Corridors are the busiest routes into and out of the City. Buses will continue to travel on other routes.
NTA-C9-383	For the 208 to actively encourage users on the Waterfall area to use the bus I would suggest allowing a parking scheme with the The "farm area" or the Greyhound track may be something to consider.	Noted

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NTA-C9-387	At least approach the residents & tell them not many are online & can see this on social media, it is a mature residential area but if research was done ye would know that.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-388	I can get fairly easily and directly to CUH hospital (214, not possible under the new plan), Wilton shopping centre (again not possible), the dentist (a direct 219 to [personal information redacted] during the week), the train station (again the 214 which will no longer cross the city) and Mahon shopping centre (direct with the 219). The new plan fails to take into consideration the needs and priorities of women, children and elderly people, who are more likely to use (and need) routes around the outskirts of cities	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-394	The report describes itself as the “emerging preferred route”? Who has endorsed this as an emerging preferred route? What other options have been considered (one way system including Blackrock Road, Boreenmanna Road, and Ballinlough Road?) if this is the emerging preferred route? Why were those options not shared with the local communities as they were assessed and discounted? Why were communities not asked for ideas? A budget of €600m is mentioned? What is the basis of this budget and its composition? 6.3 How will submissions be assessed and reflected in the final decisions on this proposed scheme? What rights of appeal will communities have? 6.4 How will local communities be involved in the detailed design and its decision process?	The options considered are outlined in the options report which are available from the BusConnects Cork website. All the submissions received by the NTA were reviewed and the issues raised were categorised, summarised, and analysed. A public consultation report on each corridor has been prepared which outlines the proposed response. This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-395	I am disgusted that such a huge amount of public money is proposed to be spent on such a scheme when there are many other important national and local needs going unmet.	The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-398	It is important to have local input and it is regrettable that the consultants tasked with formulating the plan did not involve locals at an earlier stage where we could have advised on realistic options.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-409	What about all the elderly living along these roads who need easy access to their houses	Access to peoples houses will continue to be available. The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.
NTA-C9-409	no need for the cycle lanes that are all of a few metres then merge again with the road making it so dangerous	It is intended that cycling facilities are continuous.
NTA-C9-409	What about all the elderly living along these roads who need easy access to their houses be it with cars parking outside	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.

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NTA-C9-409	leave the trees alone	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-409	leave the people's gardens	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-409	no need for the cycle lanes that are all of a few metres then merge again with the road making it so dangerous	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. Traffic lights junctions will be designed to provide for cyclists.
NTA-C9-414	We are in favour of improved cycle infrastructure in general. This would be particularly beneficial for the 100's of students that go to the city each day for school and college	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-417	the amount of public money that is proposed to be spent here could be put to far better use	Noted
NTA-C9-420	I don't understand why the Realtime app is accurate. I have waited 50mins for the 220 bus, when I thought that it would arrive in 5mins. Surely a proper link to a bus's GPS is not that difficult to achieve?	The provision of bus priority infrastructure will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-421	I think it's a great idea!	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-422	There has been absolutely zero outreach to the communities affected	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-422	the fact that the bike lanes as they stand are totally ineffective and extremely dangerous for cyclists.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. Traffic lights junctions will be designed to provide for cyclists.
NTA-C9-423	The old stone walls, which are an intrinsic part of the neighbourhood character and heritage are in bad repair. Historic railings are dilapidated and should be restored, not shored up with some galvanised fencing	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-423	Trees need to be maintained and at the very least leaves swept up in the city	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-431	Do not consent to this preposterous plan that thinks you can take away my garden!	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-433	<p>there is nowhere to park in the city anymore besides high priced car parks. if you take these spaces WHERE WILL THE RESIDENTS PARK?????? where will they park there car safety at night will they have to walk a distance to there house at night when the city is so unsafe at the moment.</p>	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-433	large footpaths have taken over bridge street unnecessarily	This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-434	<p>I feel the removal of further on street parking from in and around the city centre to be a major drawback of this plan. There has already been extensive removal of on street parking (350+) in recent years and further removal of spaces will make it more difficult for those of us who commute to reach our place of work. Improvement of cycle infrastructure at the expense of on street parking ignored the needs of those who are not serviced by a workable public transport and is a glaring deficiency in the plan. I find the removal of those spaces within walking distance to be unnecessary and impractical and will damage local businesses.</p>	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-436	The proposed removal of parking for residents along ballyhooly road and summer hill is outrageous.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-443	The proposal will ruin all parts of the city and destroy peoples home in the process as other contributors have already put forward the road infrastructure that is in place and with the insight of the people of cork and plans already put forward but cork city council.	Noted

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NTA-C9-443	Unecessary expense I strongly oppose the plan.	The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe . This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-475	Having a 'public' forum for Routes A, B & C that is 90 minutes long is also preventing a proper conversation happening which is clearly needed. The NTA had dropped in leaflets containing high level generic details on the 'benefits' of bus connects without laying out the details of what impact this scheme would have on each area. Perhaps engagement with the above-mentioned stakeholders to find a solution that suits all would be best as well as better communication to the communities that this will impact.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-477	No to this think of people living in these areas	The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe . This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-480	I have no problem with this proposed change. The advantage of this change is then every property is electric car charger ready. Chargers can be fitted on the property and connect directly to their car parked on the street and there is no risk to pedestrians, no trailing wires as the footpath is now on the opposite side of the road. Otherwise fantastic alterations and I fully support public transport upgrades and more active travel bikes etc can only be good. Thank you for the improvement work. the new led street lights are great.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-481	I wish to object to the new proposed layout The taking away of the parking is absolutely ridiculous where are ye expecting residents to park	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-482	I am deeply concerned for the many elderly residents in this area who have roadside parking. Driving is essential for the elderly in Oder to visit doctors, shopping and visiting. I strongly object to this plan.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-483	I think my [personal information redacted] deserves safe access to her school and the proposed works should not go ahead!	Noted
NTA-C9-488	First, I object to the disingenuous use of cliché throughout the Bus Connects document. Multiple reuse of sentences such as "To facilitate these sustainable transport improvements, removal of some on-street parking spaces is required in places." is representative of the laziness with which this document has been prepared. It is both irritating and uninformative. Many other examples of a cut-and-paste approach are evident. In a more general sense, residents, and businesses, along the proposed Bus Connects routes should not be treated as though they are impediments to this grand plan. They too are citizens and should be treated accordingly.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. A further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-490	Can someone please tell me why it costs 8 hundred thousand euro to put in 1 kilometre of cycle path . I think it is a waste of taxpayers money to put cycle paths where very little people would use them, use the money for other projects. Can we get someone from Cork to design these projects in Cork, not a company from Dublin and the USA I bet they didn't even travel on a bus or road in Cork they are designing these from Google maps I'd say The government will have to get away from getting 3 tenders and picking the cheapest one	The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe . This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-492	Complete joke who designed this nonsense, where is everybody going to park. Pouladuff road is a death trap already!!	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identified opportunities to provide replacement parking where possible.
NTA-C9-497	we object to what yee are doing to our roads taking away our parking space	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-499	Please include covered bus shelters in at least half of the proposed bus stops.	The design of bus shelters will be developed as the project progresses.
NTA-C9-499	More Park and Ride facilities should be opened across the parameter of the city. It is an unavoidable fact that many commuters travel from satellite towns and rural areas where public transport is not practical. These facilities should be opened on each of the N roads that enter the city.	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.

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NTA-C9-505	<p>I am a resident of [personal information redacted]. I am a member in various clubs. I am receiving communication from one of the clubs I am a member of urging me to make a contribution that the club considers negatively impacts their activity, namely the parking of parents cars while their children attend an activity on site.</p> <p>I hope that this sort of NIMBYism is ignored, rejected forcefully and that the greater good is considered above that of individual organizations.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-509	<p>Put a fee on cars coming into the metropolitan area during rush hour times. This will allow buses to be on time and not impact the existing road network. We don't need to dig up or disrupt areas to do this.</p> <p>Encourage people out of cars by way of cost to them and increase buses. Simple fix. This report is a waste of money and time just make simple changes and it will resolve.</p> <p>Utilise the south link to expedite services into the city centre from carrigaline. And ballincollig or introduce a railline for them.</p>	<p>This statement proposes fiscal measures for car use. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-512	<p>I feel we should provide more linkage across the city surrounds in order to get a full embracing of a city feel to all areas now included in the Cork City boundary.</p> <p>We should continue more routes through the city centre or just passing on the outskirts, to help with inner city traffic.</p> <p>I feel if we had this better linkage for say UCC/CIT through the city to Mahon/Blackrock and or Douglas, this would increase the likelihood of all our children using this facility in particular to access from east to west, it is well served north to south by buses from Mahon to Knocknaheeny & CIT/UCC to Saint Luke's, I cant understand why we don't link directly East - West more also?</p> <p>The journey time from Blackrock/Mahon to UCC or CIT is just too long when you include the change and wait, a new route to skirt the south of the city centre would be well received in my opinion.</p>	<p>This statement is related to the Bus Network Redesign. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-515	<p>It is widely accepted at Government and Council level that we need less concrete and more greenspaces to tackle climate change. This scheme takes mature trees, and grass verges and turns them into concrete carriageways.</p>	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p>

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NTA-C9-515	<p>We need more trees, not less. Cutting down trees (Even with the nebulous promise to replace) is not a welcome development in my view.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-515	<p>4 lanes of traffic makes cycling far more dangerous, more noisy, less healthy. In addition, the debris thrown by the traffic often makes the cycle lane unusable. This is combined with the absence of parked cars. The results in an open, wide carriageway, thus allowing vehicles to increase their speed, especially at off peak times. Any proposals for "segregation" are irrelevant, since the bollards or cones, used to provide the protection are easily destroyed by a single vehicle accident and the replacement lead time can be long. The absence of bollards just makes the cycle lane, a parking lane, or an undertaking lane. It can also give vehicles the option to park on the footpath, endangering pedestrians. This is often the experience in practice, even if it's not the intention. Wide 4 lane carriageways make it more enticing for people to use their car. They can travel at higher speeds during off peak periods which in turn repels pedestrians and cyclists and especially children. The Skehard road in Mahon is a great example of how an area can be destroyed by well meaning schemes such as bus connects.</p>	<p>Based on the submissions made during the public consultation process and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p> <p>The potential noise impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme. The project involves measures which will have positive air and noise impacts including transitioning to a zero-emission bus fleet and resurfacing of the road surface.</p>
NTA-C9-520	<p>I have observed the Bus/Cycle plan for Cork City with absolute incredulity. As one who has lived in the City for 54 years, I beg you to stop this madness, it is completely unnecessary and will pit the local population against the Authorities. I doubt if any of the road designers live nearby or in the City. Just look around the Centre of Cork, parts of the commercial area are derelict and this dereliction is spreading. There is no convenient parking in the City Centre and there are no toilets, but here we are with a proposal to spend millions in order to ferry people faster into this mess.</p>	<p>BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-521	<p>I oppose the planned changes to Ballyhooley Road and see no possible reason for them. I will be campaigning with my neighbours against the proposed works. The lack of communication on this and lack of support from local TDS is very disappointing</p>	<p>BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-528	<p>The complete loss of street parking will have a significantly negative impact on club activities, players, members and parents.</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>

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NTA-C9-532	<p>To whom it may concern, I strongly oppose the proposed removal of residential parking on Evergreen road in Turners Cross.</p> <p>As a local resident I am very dissatisfied to hear that there is a proposal to remove residential parking with no solution as to where residents are going to park in the future.</p> <p>This will lead to congestion on other local roads and will cause a lot of distress for local residents.</p> <p>Locals residents strongly oppose this proposal to remove parking and will do all they can in their power to stop these plans going forward</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>
NTA-C9-532	<p>Also and more importantly removing residential parking will lower the value of our homes on the housing market, which is completely unfair and wrong.</p>	<p>BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. In doing so the properties close to the Sustainable Transport Corridors will benefit from improved accessibility and connectivity to the range of services and facilities located within the catchment of the routes.</p>
NTA-C9-538	<p>Making this submission in relation to the impact of these proposals to the Cork Constitution facilities. Specifically the proposals will install two 3 meter wide bus lanes and two 1.8 meter cycle lanes on the full length of the road outside Cork Constitution.</p> <p>This will completely remove all parking facilities outside Cork Constitution.</p> <p>The complete loss of street parking will have a significantly negative impact on club activities, players, members and parents.</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>
NTA-C9-550	<p>Residents of evergreen road need parking which is already limited and a new apartment complex has just finished without parking.</p> <p>You would be devaluing residents property with the reduction in parking which is already at a premium.</p>	<p>BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. In doing so the properties close to the Sustainable Transport Corridors will benefit from improved accessibility and connectivity to the range of services and facilities located within the catchment of the routes.</p>
NTA-C9-550	<p>Likewise plans for the Douglas road and Mangala are equally abysmal. These older green areas need to be preserved. Shame for even planning this publicly it really is just awful.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-560	<p>I would like to propose a compromise. I very much believe that it is not necessary for there to be a bike lane and a bus lane on BOTH sides of the road. Would you please consider only putting a bike lane and a bus lane on one side of the road to allow room for parking?</p> <p>The compromise of only adding to one side of the road I think is very reasonable and would at least allow us a place to park on the road.</p>	<p>Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions. The revised proposals have included provision for a bus lane in one direction only in places.</p>

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NTA-C9-560	There are also beautiful trees all along the road that this proposal would tear them out. I also think that this is unnecessary.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-560	<p>My house is directly on the road impacted.</p> <p>Every day I park my cars on this road and if this proposal moves forward I won't be able to. This expansion will make the road more dangerous for children.</p> <p>They will be exiting our house directly onto the road!</p>	The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.
NTA-C9-564	<p>I, as a [personal information redacted] in [personal information redacted] object strongly to the proposed parking restrictions on Temple Hill.</p> <p>On 3 mid week nights and again on Saturday morning (up to 600 kids under ages of 12 years) youths and juvenile players utilise the spaces outside the grounds on Temple Hill, obviously through their parents, to participate in training and games.</p>	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-564	Not having these spaces available represents a major Health and Safety risk to the young participants. With no proposed parking in the immediate area, youths and juveniles will be put in danger from a traffic and from a personal safety perspective.	The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.
NTA-C9-565	<p>i am hoping the busses will come to a central hub as from the maps it doesn't look that way.</p> <p>Maybe not all the busses need to do this but having as many connections as possible would be great.</p>	This statement is related to the Bus Network Redesign. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-565	<p>I am not sure if there are plans to plant trees but it would be very nice if that were incorporated into the plans. Trees help with drainage, shade and they look well, giving a nice atmosphere to the area.</p> <p>Western road all the way to Wilton and out by Bishopstown is pretty bereft of trees.</p>	Where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project
NTA-C9-565	<p>If the cycle lanes could be protected and have cyclist preference for road crossings etc. that would be great.</p> <p>Trying to go towards town from uni halls is dangerous.</p> <p>Also cycling to [personal information redacted] is dangerous. I actually don't cycle it even though I have the bike because its just too dangerous between Vic Cross, Dennehy's Cross and Wilton roundabout.</p>	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

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NTA-C9-566	This will remove the ability for me to own and park a car outside my residence,	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-576	I would like to register my displeasure at the destruction of mature trees in all the bus connects areas.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-610	<p>We request that the strategy recognise the unique nature of an airports transport demands. Including the provision of very high frequency/capacity direct bus services to the terminals, with appropriate facilities for luggage, the need for out of hours services both late at night, and in the early morning, and the need for local direct bus services for staff.</p> <p>We welcome the proposed investment in the radial and orbital bus connects corridors</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-610	Dublin Airport welcomes the proposed bus network scheme to the Cork area focused on sustainable modes of travel.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-613	Bus Gates should operate at peak hours where possible.	This suggestion has been included in certain locations within the revised proposals.
NTA-C9-613	Consideration should be given to cyclists accessing cycle lanes from minor roads.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-613	<p>The emphasis of the STC's on the North Side of Cork that "All roads lead to Apple" is causing people to feel that no one is thinking about the citizens of the area.</p> <p>Every effort should be made to allay fears and create a positive outcome for everyone that lives on the North Side.</p>	<p>The STCs are proposed on the busiest route into and out of the City. Buses will continue to travel on other routes. A further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-613	All the trees removed should be replaced with a greater number, to reflect the carbon value of the tree. It is important that the area is kept 'green' to improve air and visual quality.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-614	I am opposed to this plan due to the environmental & biodiversity impact on the area.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-625	I'm aware that the bus and cycle is good for the environment but it's not practical. What happens when you have a baby - try and carry all baby requirements on a bus and juggle shopping etc., Add the rain to this and you can see it's not practical.	BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-634	I don't believe you need to upgrade the road to address flaws in the bus system (eg buses not showing up).	Noted
NTA-C9-634	I am in favour of protected cycle lanes in Cork city bike lanes are often under debris including glass	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-634	There is no little to no enforcement of cars parking in bike lanes cars travel much too fast and drivers are poorly educated about the safety of cyclists. Start penalising motorists to get them out of their cars.	Supporting measures to ensure compliance with the measures proposed are under consideration.

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NTA-C9-638	Under your present proposal any journey I would undertake to Ballyphehane/Togher area of city, you will make me Double my journey time and carbon footprint. Have you looked at the possibility of using 'Slider buses' or 'Bendy buses' as they are sometimes known	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-639	effecting the local community in a negative way.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.
NTA-C9-655	Objections to raise regarding the current proposal of up to 73 homes by seizing gardens, removal of 283 public street parking spaces, destroy almost 200 trees all for the goal of reducing bus times from 36 minutes to 17 minutes as claimed by NTA.	Noted
NTA-C9-655	Worsening of air quality in the area.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-655	All local Authority decision making is removed and bypassed.	Cork City Council are actively involved in this project. The proposed Sustainable Transport Corridors are fundamental to realising the ambition of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, developed in conjunction with Cork City Council and Cork County Council, which seeks to increase the number of people using public transport in Cork fourfold by 2040 and expand the numbers cycling and walking by 33%.

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NTA-C9-655	No traffic modelling has been validated to prove the savings of time.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-656	<p>The plan is ambitious but necessary and can only lead the way in showing how other bike and bus routes can work.</p> <p>[Unsafety is] What would stop the majority of Corkonians using their bikes for the short journey in our small city. Most of the cars in the am are single-occupancy passing by me - what a waste. Kids too.</p>	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-664	I am happy with the plans for the construction of the new cycle lane	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-664	<p>what I believe is lacking in Cork and important in other cities are secure, sheltered places in which to park your bicycle.</p> <p>I would like to recommend that TII or Cork County Council build such facilities as they encourage more people to use their bicycle during the day, knowing that it will be safe from the weather and theft.</p>	This consultation is focused on the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Supporting infrastructure such as bike parking is being provided in Cork and more will be required to meet Ireland Climate Change targets.
NTA-C9-664	, I would like to say that I am in support of many of the plans. I hope they can be implemented quickly because it is very important that our city moves away from the use of cars.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-666	Surely the money and effort that will be put into this development could be put to much better use.	Noted
NTA-C9-667	The whole plan is concocted from desk based officials work from offices where they have free parking or have the luxury of working still from home.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-675	Looking carefully at the proposal it drives a coach and fours through our heritage and history	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-675	The destruction of so many trees is heartbreaking.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-677	I believe the proposed plans will take away the opportunity to park adjacent to the grounds which will impact on my ability to attend, I humbly request proposal be amended to allow for parking	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-677	I would state my complete agreement and support for improvements in public transport, cycle lanes and greenways.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-679	The Bishopstown route should be extended to the MTU campus. Could either route E or F be extended to the railway station.	The Sustainable Transport Corridors are the busiest routes into and out of the City. Buses will continue to travel on other routes.

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NTA-C9-681	The submission includes an attached study on the nature of Cork and the public realm and economic concerns around heritage protection and the protection of city centre neighbourhoods including comment on transport routes and the effect of good design principles.	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-681	The submission questions if people will be compensated financially for losses to their environment or the values of their homes due to the nature of the proposals.	BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. In doing so the properties close to the Sustainable Transport Corridors will benefit from improved accessibility and connectivity to the range of services and facilities located within the catchment of the routes.
NTA-C9-689	As someone who cycles and uses buses, I would consider cycling to a bus stop, leaving my bike there and getting a bus from there, but often the options to leave a bike securely at a bus stop are limited. This is more an issue with out of town/peripheral bus stop (for example the cork airport business park bus stop). You could secure your bike to the bus stop, but I'm not sure anyone wants that.	Parking for bicycles will be required at larger bus stops.
NTA-C9-699	It was mentioned at the meeting with the NTA that leaflets regarding information for the proposed plans had been sent out to houses in the areas affected however when queried why no one has received any such information the response was "well we paid someone to do it." This is a grave oversight that needs to be addressed. Ignorance is simply not good enough.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-700	It needs to be frequent and on time Many bus stops do not have live display information. Even those that have the display, it seems like it is not accurate. Can we get live map tracking of buses	The provision of bus priority infrastructure will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.

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NTA-C9-700	There was a dedicated cycle lane the whole way and it was reasonably direct The mentioned cycle lane did not have water logging issues.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-700	I would like to say that I support these proposals for Cork.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-702	I understand and support the aim of BusConnects, to improve the public transport system by increasing the frequency and reliability of service	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-704	The scale of the changes proposed are enormous and complicated. Those threatened with losing their properties by fliers posted in June 2022 must wait a full year before any feedback with the next draft of designs. That is far too long to hold people under the kind of stress that CPO threat will inevitably cause.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-705	Better traffic management and the use of one-way systems would be preferable to seeing our neighbours lose their own private property and see so much of our scarce green infrastructure being replaced with more concrete and asphalt.	Ensuring one way systems do not result in overly circuitous travel routes, particularly for cyclists is a challenge.
NTA-C9-705	I'm also quite worried about the removal of so much heritage and the loss of trees in some of the more mature areas in Cork	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-705	I'm also quite worried about the removal of so much heritage and the loss of trees in some of the more mature areas in Cork	The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.
NTA-C9-711	I feel this plan has been poorly researched and would appeal to the NTA to engage with the local communities before presenting proposals to change how we live forever.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-730	While the Cycle network is very much to be welcomed I would have serious concerns about the design of segregated junctions designs to date in Dublin.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-730	I would not feel safe cycling through these junctions with my children or anybody new to cycling in the city. Best and safest practice internationally is the traditional Dutch style	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. Traffic lights junctions will be designed to provide for cyclists.
NTA-C9-730	The Cycle Network is very much welcome and it is positive to see the emerging routes show a connected and coherent network.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-733	There appears to be no parking provisions for handicapped vehicles.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. The allocation of parking spaces is a detail that will be developed later in the project.
NTA-C9-733	It appears that Traffic Proposals were not circulated via Social Media	The proposals are available for the BusConnects Cork website.

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NTA-C9-736	i don't see any mention of increased bus from Coachford, Cloghduv etc	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-739	there should be at least one stop in central/western Cork for people living in the Carrigaline area. So many people living there are going to MTU, UCC, MUH, CUH etc When ~90% of survey respond it is worse for them, please take this in consideration and do not pride yourself that ~10% think it is better	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-745	The proposed west-bound bus stop is to be located on the main carriageway directly opposite the busy exit from Roadstone's Classis Location. This a very busy exit for heavy fully laden trucks. The safe exit of these trucks needs more consideration	As the project progresses the specific location of bus stops will be developed.
NTA-C9-757	Traffic should be reduced and cycling infrastructure will not need to be built.	Best practice indicates cycle lanes are required on these routes.
NTA-C9-757	Object to current plans if trees are not to be properly replaced.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-757	Roads should not be built for large buses which are unreliable, rather van-sized shuttle buses should be in operation and fit in existing infrastructure.	By removing buses from traffic congestion, the punctuality and reliability of the bus system will be improved. The arrival time of buses will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-763	It is difficult to envisage an increase in use of bicycles as a transport mode as cycling in Cork is a challenge with hills, windy days and nights, lots of rain and major concern about security and parking without vandalism. Cycle lanes should not be immediately parallel to car lanes and effort and resources are required to come up with alternative routes in Cork.	Ebikes are increasing in popularity and greatly assist the challenge posed by Cork's topography.
NTA-C9-763	A lengthy period of 5 years at least should be allowed to introduce more park and ride facilities and resources redirected into opening these on each of the national roads that enter the city. A period of time, not shorter than 12 months after their introduction, should be allowed to assess the impact and test the increased usage of bus numbers, road traffic reductions, air quality and decarbonisation.	The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.

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NTA-C9-763	Potential land acquisition from gardens should not be necessary	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-769	Green Spaces for Health advocate for the retention of as many trees as is possible on the proposed routes. Mature trees are not replaceable; they add character, enjoyment, shade, shelter and health benefits for pedestrians, cyclists, residents. Importantly they support ecosystems that require urgent protection.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-769	Where trees are being planted along the proposed bus connect routes Green Spaces for Health request they are native trees in the main. We encourage the insertion of strata cell technology to support trees	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-769	Green Spaces for Health suggest that the bus shelters servicing the new and existing routes in Cork be designed to incorporate a green roof to support biodiversity and clean air. Green Spaces for Health would be available to input to the design.	Bus shelters will be designed as the project progresses.
NTA-C9-769	Green Spaces for Health strongly support the inclusion of bike lanes that don't solely serve as a means to transit through areas but bike lanes that serve the local community of cyclists including children, families and older people on bikes.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-775	Object to the cycle lanes in order to stop the felling of 200 trees. Trees help to reduce urban heat	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-778	Lack of consultation with the local authorities and representatives of the residents who have lived in the areas for many years has led to an unclear proposal	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-778	it appears a general standard proposal has been put forward for each corridor, without any benefit / effort analysis or live surveys of traffic flows being completed. With the astronomical costs involved, it is vital that the benefit of each corridor is transparent.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-789	Many members of the public cannot avail of upstairs seating. Getting up and down the stairs in time presents hazards even to the most able bodied people.	This statement relates to the allocation of seating within the bus vehicle. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-789	The current plan to continue to use heavy polluting diesel double decker buses will reduce the air quality in Cork along with damaging the roads and emitting noise pollution	The BusConnects project involves transitioning to a new zero emissions bus fleet
NTA-C9-789	The plan to introduce diesel double decker buses has taken no consideration of the quality of life of Cork citizens as they will have to live with large, polluting, noisy and not visually appealing buses.	The BusConnects project involves transitioning to a new zero emissions bus fleet
NTA-C9-791	The route will take car parking spaces from outside businesses. Older clients and those who cannot walk far will be deterred from coming to local business	Where there is a loss of parking spaces and it is appropriate to provide replacement spaces, we will seek to provide, where feasible, alternative parking close by for residents and businesses
NTA-C9-791	The proposed route should not take car parking spaces	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-796	Create orbital routes around the city using the existing bus fleet on outer rings. Implement a new fleet of people carriers/minibuses that will run a shuttle service from the orbital routes to the city centre. Intall electrical charge points for vehicles throughout entire city area.	This statement is related to the Bus Network Redesign. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-796	The proposal will destroy the character of the city with areas such as the Fingerpost being removed and limestone walls	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to consider has the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-796	Proposal will have a huge environmental impact given the environmental footprint of building works	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-796	The proposal for land acquisition will be an enormous cost	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>

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NTA-C9-796	No transparency around who is designing these routes – who are the architects? What are their qualifications in city redesign? When did they visit the city? What consultation has been done prior to these proposals being laid out?	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-797	STC in Hollyhill, Blackpool, Mahon and Douglas areas will prevent families with young and/or disabilities from being able to use their vehicles to shop, school drop offs, or get to work.	Undertaking the trips outlined in this statement by vehicle will continue to be available with the proposals. Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-800	Deeply concerned about losing car parking spaces. This will result in parking across the road, which will negatively impact those who live there.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-800	As a result of losing car parking spaces, cars will be forced to be parked across the road negatively impacting those who live there. This will cause a safety concern as views will be obstructed by parked cars from driveways	The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.

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NTA-C9-824	<p>The bike lane designs are very much an afterthought. Cycling is a social activity. Cycling with young, distractable kids requires close parental proximity. The current bike lane design is way too narrow and instead should be redrawn to prioritise and ensure safe cycling. The provision of a narrow, single bike lane next to four lanes of motorised transport is not attractive to families wishing to move to cycling over other forms of transport. The intersections on the Bus Connect plan for area J, prioritise cars and buses, not bikes. For example look at the proposal for bike connection at Skehard road onto Well road which requires bikes to travel across four lanes; utterly unsuitable for cyclists. Please engage properly with experts here as the cycling plan needs a considerable overhaul.</p>	<p>Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.</p>
NTA-C9-824	<p>The proposal to widen the road, removing path spaces, mature trees etc, will have drastic impact on the liveability of the communities with the increase in cars and buses are passing through. I think this vision is myopic and still over-prioritises car-culture. We need a more ambitious plan, one that removes private cars from the city centre and instead prioritises buses and bikes. But as we await this culture change, the irreparable damage to communities will be done</p>	<p>Between June 30th 2022 and October 3rd 2022, the National Transport Authority undertook the first round of public consultation on initial proposals for the twelve Sustainable Transport Corridors proposed under BusConnects Cork. During this consultation phase almost three thousand submissions were received in total. All of the submissions were reviewed and considered as part of the ongoing design process for each corridor. In addition, we held six Public Information Events, five Community Forums and hosted numerous meetings with approximately thirty-five residents' groups, business groups and other special interest groups. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-824	<p>Resident of one fo the areas proposed for development under the scheme and am fully supportive of an enhanced transport system. I cycle to work while my husband walks or takes the bus. Regularly use public transport both for convenience and conscious of environmental impact of excessive car usage. Fully support a better bike infrastructure. The city could benefit from everyone feeling bike travel is a safe and pleasant alternative.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-826	<p>I am writing my overall support for the upcoming Bus Connects project for the Mahon to City Centre route. I am a resident living on [personal information redacted], with many others in my household who travel everyday by foot, bike and public transport.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-829	<p>Build car parks (attractive ones, with roof-top farms and water features) in various locations for car owners to have their cars, put in place a top-notch, better-than-best practice bus service, with more stops, hitting every stop every 5 minutes (10 minutes MAX), and allow car owners to have their cars at their dwelling only if they have a special licence to do so - e.g. if you are a carer, or a holder of a blue sticker or other (details to be worked out).</p> <p>Everyone gets a bike allowance - grants to be given for pedal bikes, ebikes, messenger bikes, everything on 2/3 wheels is covered. Have bike lanes that can take two bikes side by side so that faster cyclists can pass out easily. And have them continuous and protected.</p> <p>footpaths are widened, benches put in and a LOT more trees planted (the current plans show far (!) more red trees than green ones), with flower beds, green patches, space basically, then this would be a lovely streetscape</p>	<p>This statement is related to building car parks and providing an allowance for ebikes. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>

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NTA-C9-846	Heavy traffic will be diverted from other areas through residential areas. The bottle neck at the end of Boreenmanna/South link will also not be resolved	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-846	Object to street parking being lost in vast amounts. People still rely on their cars and will always need some street parking for visitors, kids being dropped off, delivery drivers etc	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>
NTA-C9-846	Trees being cut down and environmental impact	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-846	Schools in the area will be affected and the safety of children	<p>The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-854	<p>Objection as the communication to the public regarding the BusConnects Programme and resulting public consultation appears disingenuous. Public should be allowed to propose alternatives that are sensitive to the demography, topography, environmental heritage and social fabric of our community, in a considered and genuine manner.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-856	<p>Can I suggest the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better engagement & communication with the Boreenmanna Road community 2. Fix the Traffic congestion onto the South Link road from Boreenmanna Road first 3. Introduce Park & Ride immediately 4. Introduce One Bus Lane once points 1 to 3 are complete 5. One cycle lane (two way system) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held. 2. Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to

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NTA-C9-873	Some people cannot avail of bus/cycling to travel due to disability. Necessary travel by car is rendered much more difficult.	Accessibility by car will continue to be available with the proposals. Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-891	There should be a submission under the banner of Environment.	Noted
NTA-C9-896	The 219 bus needs to run every 20 minutes and on weekends. It is needed for school drop and pick ups and to get to the hospital.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-901	<p>Can you please advise:</p> <p>a) Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out for the proposed development and who carried it out</p> <p>b) Is there an independent Environmental Impact Assessment Report available and has it been published</p> <p>c) Has the current traffic profile on the road been properly measured and analysed, is there a report /recommendation available for public view</p> <p>d) Environmental sabotage on this scale (destruction of hundreds of mature trees in a city sadly lacking green spaces) with no hope of replacing them leaves a huge carbon footprint deficit in a city with a huge air quality issue regularly breaching European guidelines.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-904	The preservation of trees, natural flora and fauna will assist on all fronts along with developments like the Willows residential complex that is its own established ecosystem of nature.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-921	In one strip alone, 27 ancient beech trees will be removed and lesser trees and hedgerows will be removed at other sections. Plans to plant trees at a convenient point on the road is not an adequate response to this disruption to habitat and biodiversity.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-923	Object to how the NTA have rolled out consultation process, which has been poor. The NTA's representatives in Cork (at the Public Information Event in Nemo Rangers in July) appeared to be not familiar with the Cork landscape, its topography, its people, history etc. This devalued the opportunity to gain insights and expertise from local residents and vice versa. Scheduling the community meetings during mid-summer prevented many locally from attending the forums. Many were unaware these events took place as no information was circulated by the NTA in some areas locally. I've made calls to the NTA helpline for further information however I was advised by the helpline staff that they were "just answering the phone" and it transpired they had very little knowledge of the project or the consultation process.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-950	<p>Universal Design operates by a set of seven principles defined to maximize accessibility for everyone. These principles can be applied to transportation to ensure a more inclusive transportation network and include:</p> <p>Implementation of universal design in public transport systems requires: considered planning, detailed implementation and appropriate resources. Consideration of the long-term benefits of adopting and incorporating accessibility and universal design at an early stage of the process. Consistent and strong adoption of universal design will normalise and standardise accessibility which will help facilitate adoption of further accessibility standards. The more accessibility is considered and adopted the more available and affordable innovative solutions become, thereby creating a ‘virtuous circle’ of accessibility and allowing accessible services to become self-sustaining. It also must be noted that in designing for everyone all passengers and users of a service are benefitted, creating both social and economic benefits for passengers and providers.</p>	<p>It is intended that the proposals provide accessibility for all and make the bus system easier for all to use.</p>
NTA-C9-950	<p>Submission on behalf of NDA re. next stages of BusConnects Cork Consultation Process</p> <p>NDA is heartened to see that BusConnects Cork is seeking a feedback from a diverse range of stakeholders regardless of age, race, gender, ability or disability through the creation of Community Forums for each of the corridors. The NDA welcomes the inclusion of the requirement of two representatives from disability and special interest groups as part of the membership of these forums. However, we want to stress that inclusion of persons with disabilities in consultation is vital, not only to the success of the project and to ensure inclusion and accessibility for all, but also as a responsibility under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). Article 4(3) explicitly encourages meaningful engagement with persons with disabilities and obliges States Parties to ‘closely consult with and actively involve’ persons with disabilities in relation to the development and implementation of legislation and policies concerning issues relating to disability.</p> <p>There is specific obligation under UNCRPD to actively involve DPOs in decision making processes relating to disabled people. Consultations do not have to be limited to DPOs only, and the NDA would recommend as wide a consultation incorporating as many representations as possible, however, including individuals and advocacy organizations instead of DPOs does not meet UNCRPD obligations. The NDA would like to re-iterate that continued, meaningful engagement with a wide range of stakeholders is key to ensuring that services are not only accessible but universally designed.</p> <p>The NDA wish to provide the NTA with useful information and resources to ensure a universally designed bus service which meets legislative requirements and which is fit for purpose for the widest possible range of the public.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-950	<p>Specific engagement with people with disabilities is crucial. 13.5% of the total population (643,131 people) have a disability. The NDA's Code of Practice on the Accessibility of Public Services and Information provided by Public Bodies outlines statutory obligations of public bodies to provide accessible services and information. The NTA has a responsibility under Action 3 of the OPS 2020: Make services more accessible to all [2]. A universal design approach involves examining and reviewing all elements of the service to determine if they are universally designed – easy to access, easy to understand and easy to use for everyone regardless of age, size, ability or disability. Taking a universal design approach includes engagement of children and younger people in the process. [3] Universally designed tools, such as the walkability audit [4] can get as wide a range of people, including children, involved in providing views and feedback. There is no “average” or “ideal” person. For example, two individuals of average height, might have very different arm lengths, leg lengths, and capabilities. Those conducting Universal Design seek to consider human variability in their work and produce designs that work equally well for everyone- the NDA encourages ‘sampling the tails’ when seeking out input and feedback from the public.[5] The NDA request the NTA facilitate an inclusive and accessible consultation process on Bus Connects so a diverse range of users, including persons with different disabilities can participate. There was no information of how to make a request for accessibility arrangements for attendance at any of the forums on the BusConnects website. There are requirements under the Code of Practice on Accessibility of Public Services and Information Provided by Public Bodies which requires that public bodies provide information in accessible formats to the public and has a mechanism in place to request alternative formats of information provided. The Irish Sign Language Act 2017 places an obligation on public bodies to ensure interpretation is arranged for persons who cannot hear. Specifically engage with persons with disabilities who are not currently using public transport services to capture any previous experience they may have had of public transport and the reasons why they do not use public transport. Good communication needs to be in both</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-950	<p>DPOs and persons with disabilities must be consulted in any redesign process. It is vital that both the interior and exterior of buses can be seen and recognised by persons with disabilities engagement and consultation will be vital to ensure any re-design does not disadvantage persons with disabilities. Engagement with persons with disabilities and DPOs can prevent unnecessary expenditure on unsuitable designs. Consideration should be given with regards to road works being done which will result in infrastructure changes such as temporary pedestrian pathways/crossings, moved bus stops etc. NTA should provide accessible and up to date information in accessible formats in order to ensure that disruption to persons with disabilities' transport needs. NTA should reach out specifically to DPOs in the area to assist with dissemination of information. The NDA advises all NTA staff should complete disability awareness training which will give staff a greater understanding of disability, of the barriers persons with disabilities face, and providing information and services to passengers with disabilities. Importance of provision of accessible parking spaces close to local amenities and services. Accessible parking spaces should be designed according to the specifications detailed in the Building for Everyone: External environment and approach guide. The NDA also wishes to stress consideration of the following :</p> <p>Publication of a strategy on the BusConnects Cork website detailing how the NTA will ensure that every element of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Policy and the BusConnects Cork initiative will meet the needs of persons with disabilities and older people. Commitment to adopting a universal design approach and implementing this approach in future developments of the BusConnects Cork initiative. A universal design approach means examining and reviewing all elements of the service against the seven principles of universal design to determine if they are universally designed. The design and procurement of certain products and services must comply with EU Directive 2019/882 on the accessibility requirements for procurement of products and services and in particular for information and communications technology to be accessible for people with disabilities (harmonised standard EN</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-950	<p>A Disability Impact Assessment of the proposed plan should be carried out.</p> <p>A Disability Impact Assessment is an obligatory requirement of all substantive proposals requiring Government approval when there is:</p> <p>a change in policy; the introduction, abolition or significant change in an existing scheme; or a decision which impacts on the public at large, or on a significant subset of that population. The requirement for such an assessment for a scheme of the scale and significance of BusConnects is therefore evident.</p> <p>NDA is concerned that we have yet to see a Disability Impact Assessment for either the Dublin or Cork BusConnects schemes. NDA requests that the Disability Impact Assessment on the BusConnects programme is promptly sent to the NDA and made publicly available. Before a cashless payment system is introduced, DPOs and persons with disabilities must be consulted about the proposed system to ensure that payment terminals have been designed with accessibility in mind. Drivers must still have the facilities to accept cash payments. This will be vital so as not to disadvantage people with disabilities, older people or others who may be unable to use a payment terminal. Many older people rely on cash as their default way of paying and some do not have bank accounts or bank cards and some people with disabilities may prefer this method over using an unfamiliar method of payment. The NDA advises the NTA will need to take account of the European Accessibility Directive (EU) 2019/882, on the Accessibility Requirements for Products and Services (European Accessibility Act) as well as accessibility requirements with regards to procurement under section 27 of the Disability Act as well as The Public Procurement Directives.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-956	<p>The proposed expansion to add multiple lanes (for dedicated bus lanes, cycle lanes, foot paths and road lanes) is excessive when also taken into view with the use of multiple bus gates. If the proposal is to use bus gates to prevent end-to-end through car traffic (expected to reduce over-all volume of cars in the area) then what is gained by all the dedicated lanes.</p>	<p>Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions</p>
NTA-C9-956	<p>Current bus planning is overly focused on routes that go from the edge of the city to the centre of the city – like spokes on a wheel. And this plan is a repeat of this failed thinking. Communities all along these routes do not live their lives going into the city centre only. In reality the vast majority of people conduct their activities within their local areas and neighbouring communities.</p>	<p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-956	<p>The removal of unique historical stone walls will have a negative impact on the beauty of the area and noise pollution will increase.</p>	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to consider how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-956	Noise pollution is dampened by the existence of plants, gardens, trees and stone walls that are there today.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-956	The removal of mature trees will have a negative impact on the area and increase noise pollution.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-969	I object to bus connect cork as I am a resident and will not be able to park to visit my GP or pharmacy and I have a children attending [personal information redacted] and will not be able to park to drop off and collect .	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.

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NTA-C9-975	The proposed re-development on the Boreenmanna Road, were dropped like a bombshell on the residents of the Boreenmanna Road (your Customers) without any prior consultation.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-994	This will lead to a deterioration of an issue which already is at a crisis level. For this plan to be sustainable traffic management has to be a consideration	<p>Traffic management measures are included in the proposals. The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1000	Improved public transport is absolutely crucial to tackle our chronic over-dependence on cars. There are some localised negative impacts associated with this proposal, but we will benefit as a whole from its implementation	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1009	<p>Issuing letters to residents when many were away on their summer holidays certainly made it more difficult for us to provide an adequate response.</p> <p>It is also very concerning that the text relevant to the proposals for Well Road on the BusConnects-Cork Book K – Kinsale Road to Douglas, fails to mention the fact that all Northbound traffic will be prevented from progressing up the Douglas Road, but instead is to be diverted up the Well Road. This fact was only contained in Book I - Maryborough to City, which was not provided to us. We believe this fact alone means the communication process has failed to be adequately robust and as such the process should be abandoned.</p>	Noted
NTA-C9-1013	Full solid segregation of cycle lanes in all locations where possible.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

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NTA-C9-1013	<p>Please adopt Dutch standards with regards to junction design and not mishmash designs as can be seen throughout the plan that still prioritises cars.</p> <p>Junction radius kept tight to slow vehicles.</p>	<p>Junction designs will be developed further as the project progress and topographical surveys will be used to inform the next stage of design. Additionally, detailed tree and traffic surveys to gather data that will also be used to inform the next stage of design.</p>
NTA-C9-1013	<p>I would strongly implore that Bus Connects (BC) ensures that traffic cameras on buses as well as enforcement of bus lane violations are included within the plans for the corridors so that they can operate both safely and efficiently.</p>	<p>Supporting measures to ensure compliance with the measures proposed are under consideration.</p>
NTA-C9-1013	<p>Priority timings at crossings for pedestrians. Currently, there are waits of up to 4 minutes at certain junctions around the city and surrounds</p>	<p>Pedestrian waiting time at junctions will be considered as the project progresses and junction design develops.</p>
NTA-C9-1013	<p>These plans, while not perfect, offer the chance to snatch back highly important corridors for the sake of the entire city while creating improvements to the noise, air quality, road safety of areas and improved transport links.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1023	<p>Smaller buses for off peak times. Just have one wider bus lane in certain areas.</p>	<p>Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions</p>
NTA-C9-1023	<p>Work on the pinch point area's where the traffic is congested.</p>	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1023	<p>More park and ride facilities are required.</p>	<p>New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project.</p>

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NTA-C9-1023	Request for the NTA to meet with and talk to the residents in the affected areas and to listen to what they have to say.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-1026	Encourage more emphasis on improving real-time passenger information on services and other initiatives to promote wider bus usage (hop on hop off approaches for short distances, free use, increase standing room as with trams/Luas vehicles etc	Noted
NTA-C9-1026	The strategic process in moving to electrified vehicles should have taken the opportunity to redesign buses that are a more appropriate width/size for existing streets	This consultation is focused on the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-1028	A significant issue in the city is the complete breakdown in how yellow junction boxes are used by the public and completely unpoliced by the authority.	Supporting measures to ensure compliance with the measures proposed will be required.
NTA-C9-1028	The primary reasons for traffic congestion is the city centre, and the glaring absence of the long promised park & rides	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-1034	Signal controlled traffic lights with buses having right of way will seriously impact access to property causing major safety concerns.	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1034	Signal controlled traffic lights with buses having right of way will seriously impact access to property causing major safety concerns.	Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys.

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NTA-C9-1034	Amount of property to be cpo'd is extensive including trees etc. in the surrounding environment	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1034	There is significant elevation between the Road and the property that is not highlighted in the drawings.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.
NTA-C9-1057	A very large number of matures trees, which of course provide vital environmental benefits in terms of climate change, should not be sacrificed	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1057	More emphasis should be placed on the main form of sustainable transport, i.e. walking. Radial walking routes to the Centre from the suburbs suffer from narrow, uncomfortable and even unsafe footpaths.	Upgrades to footpaths to improve their width, surface and continuity are proposed.

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NTA-C9-1057	Has transport modelling or census travel data been analysed to project the use of the bus corridors?	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1059	This is not an easy website to negotiate	Noted
NTA-C9-1061	We strongly oppose any proposal to make these bus routes cashless. A cashless economy unfairly discriminates on vulnerable users and those lacking technological literacy.	Noted
NTA-C9-1061	There needs to be a Park and Ride on the Northside.	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-1061	We are extremely disappointed that no traffic surveys, data or other supporting evidence have been supplied regarding any of the proposed plans despite requests.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1064	I'm fully supportive of an enhanced public transport system serving the city and hinterland	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1066	The approach taken by the consultants was to look at routes in isolation. Any future program must consider the holistic system, not just "routes" in isolation.	The STCs are being developed in a co-ordinated manner with all routes developed and published together. No routes are developed in isolation.

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NTA-C9-1076	Noise pollution from the ongoing road works and ultimately from the extra traffic, due to added traffic lanes	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1076	Reduction of residential car parking areas ?	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1076	Knocking of trees will not only detract from the aesthetic, but will interfere with the environment	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1076	The risk of subsidence from the works	As the design progresses geotechnical studies will be undertaken to establish ground conditions and ensure the concerns raised about subsidence are appropriately managed throughout the scheme's development.
NTA-C9-1076	Wider roads with extra lanes will lead to faster vehicular speeds. Also the extra traffic being diverted through large communities and school areas is a safety hazard	The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.

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NTA-C9-1078	Why have Cork city hall decided relinquish all power to NTA in Dublin? Local autonomy and decision making with local input have all been removed.	Cork City Council are actively involved in this project. The proposed Sustainable Transport Corridors are fundamental to realising the ambition of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, developed in conjunction with Cork City Council and Cork County Council, which seeks to increase the number of people using public transport in Cork fourfold by 2040 and expand the numbers cycling and walking by 33%.
NTA-C9-1098	Provide specifically designed bins for cigarette butts at stops and shelters to reduce the amount of cigarette butts	Noted
NTA-C9-1103	I support improvement in pedestrian and vehicle transport including for cycling and bus use, along with improved and more efficient car use.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1104	There needs to be more bus routes linking Carrigaline to City Centre as the 220 and 220X are already experiencing severe delays	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-1104	There has been complaints regarding Bus Eireann delays.	The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-1105	The removal of current 215 bus route that connects north of the city to the south is a major concern. The removal of local routes will only increase car/taxi usage	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-1105	Overall communication has been poor and the positive elements need to communicated more.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-1106	I support the NTA's progressive approach to developing more sustainable and ecologically transport options and would love to see a more joined up bus service and cycling infrastructure in the city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1109	I fully support any and all efforts made to change modal use among Cork City and suburb residents.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1129	Objection to the removal of significant amounts of on street parking from the areas surrounding the city centre	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1146	I welcome the general aspects of Bus Connects Cork with new ticketing systems and a second 24 hour route being incorporated	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support.
NTA-C9-1146	The final plan should formally be presented to Cork City Council for full, open debate and vote, whether it is binding or not	Noted
NTA-C9-1146	Objection to the removal of 575 trees across 3 routes	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1146	Request for more public meetings like the Community forums with looser attendance criteria.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-1146	More data is needed for the plans on how traffic would operate	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1148	The problem with buses in Cork is one of frequency and the lack of real time data	The BusConnects Cork project proposes increased bus frequency. The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-1155	We support the promotion of safe cycle routes	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1170	Points of improvement for communications, submissions process and navigability of the website. Many homeowners who will be directly impacted by these proposals did not receive any communications from the NTA. Reconsider the list of "Themes" available when making a submission on the website.	Noted
NTA-C9-1172	Orbital routes on the North and South of the city would maximise coverage of the network while also providing a high number of connections to different parts of the city. The more connections on a network the more convenient it is to get somewhere you want to go.	This statement is related to the Bus Network Redesign. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-1234	Objection to the removal of old walls	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to consider how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-1234	Objection to the removal of flora and fauna, trees and hedgerows	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1234	Objection to removing about 700 trees from Cork city	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1237	Build boardwalks along the entire length of both sides of the River Lee across the entire city	This statement proposes building boardwalks along the entire length of the River Lee. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.

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NTA-C9-1237	State and institutionally owned land should be identified for acquisition in priority to residential properties and so create new cycle and pedestrian routes	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1248	Traffic speeds may increase putting the elderly and school goers at increased risk	The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.
NTA-C9-1250	I support sustainable transport and I use the new additions across the city of cycle infrastructure	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1252	I welcome the overall plan and the intentions behind it	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1280	Has a plan been put forward of a divided approach?	A co-ordinated approach is preferred.
NTA-C9-1280	Has the use of technology been explored to implement single counterflow bus lanes?	Single counterflow bus lanes are restricted in terms of the frequency of buses that can be serviced from this type of facility. The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily.
NTA-C9-1298	My local shop will be unable to take deliveries if parking is removed	<p>Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which maintain more on-street parking/loading spaces along certain corridors.</p> <p>The removal of some on-street parking/loading spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme.</p> <p>The design teams sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identified opportunities to provide replacement parking/loading spaces.</p>

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NTA-C9-1298	Concern over increased traffic volume in residential area	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1298	Concern over increase in pollution	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1298	Objection to the removal of parking as it is an inconvenience for the elderly residents of the area.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1317	I commend the transparency with which the proposal has been made, exemplified by the strong engagement from local politicians, community groups and volume of submissions made.	Noted
NTA-C9-1319	Support for sustainable transport including improvements in public transport and improving cycling infrastructure.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1322	<p>Active travel is a good thing but the geography of Cork City does not entertain active travel on a vast scale. Our weather is also very problematic and does not encourage one to get on a bicycle regularly enough to justify the cost of implementing cycle lanes on every street.</p> <p>There needs to a discussion on active travel in Cork City and how best to overcome the weather and the Geography of the landscape in which we are trying to create a desire for the people to take up.</p>	Noted
NTA-C9-1322	<p>To spend €600m in the way that it is been proposed to be spent is a sin and a waste of tax payers money. I am of the firm belief that some proper meaningful dialogue with the Elected Public Representative would yield favourable results and in my view save upwards of €300m while at the same time achieve the ultimate goal.</p>	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1322	<p>It is my view that the current emerging plans are not sympathetic to the current streetscape and residents concerns and I believe and feel that there are simpler less costly ways of achieving the ultimate goal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Let's keep in mind that Cork City is a Medieval City and its current road network was primarily narrowly built back in the day for the Horse & Cart mode of Transport 2) Would encourage creating a bus network that fits into our current streetscape as opposed to creating a streetscape to fit a bus network. An example of this would be Route G. The General Population of this area do not want a bus route that will create the upset and problems that it will cause for those who live on the proposed route. 3) The alternative must be to create a bus network that fits into the current streetscape with No Loss in Parking No CPO's and No Mature Trees been felled. All that would be required are bus stops along the route. 4) The best way to achieve this is to introduce a one way traffic flow system inbound with if needed smaller 33 seater buses. The outbound trip can be directed one way through Friars Walk via Pearse Road and back onto Pouladuff Road. The outbound trip will embrace more residential areas which will encourage people to use the bus which is the ultimate goal for Public Transport. 5) A scenario similar to the different approach been suggested above can also be brought into consideration for the other 11 emerging routes under consideration and will in my view remove adverse opposition and encourage the people to come on board and embrace rather than oppose upset and/or obstruct any future construction. <p>Let us work together and do some simple things right for once instead of overthinking and overspending on the 12 proposed routes. In my book there is no need whatsoever to overthink or overspend on BusConnects.</p>	<p>The proposals are at an early stage of development. The proposals have been revised to reduce the extent of road widening involved. The proposed arrangements include removing buses from traffic congestion by developing separate bus lanes along these routes or by using traffic signalling arrangements over short distances. Alternatively, general traffic levels would be reduced by restricting through traffic using bus gates, such that buses will no longer be delayed by traffic congestion.</p> <p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) undertook the first round of public consultation on initial proposals for the twelve Sustainable Transport Corridors proposed under BusConnects Cork. During this consultation phase almost three thousand submissions were received in total. All of the submissions were reviewed and considered as part of the ongoing design process for each corridor. In addition, we held six Public Information Events, five Community Forums and hosted numerous meetings with approximately thirty-five residents' groups, business groups and other special interest groups. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solution.</p>

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NTA-C9-1322	<p>I closely watched bus services 203. 205. 206. 207. 126. 116. 220. 220X. 223. 223X. and the 226 as they drove along their respective bus routes both inbound and outbound. None were severely delayed and drove along the chosen routes without any great hindrance or delay.</p> <p>There are pinch points that have the potential to cause a delay but only a slight delay at best. A little bit of thought plus some simple measures or traffic management measures can very easily address these pinch points. I would encourage that the Bus Drivers be surveyed with regard to the current routes the Pinch Points and possible solutions.</p>	<p>The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys.</p>
NTA-C9-1322	<p>In general and in the overall scheme of things traffic flows reasonably well throughout the City Centre and the suburbs. There are exceptions of course during Peak Times, School Traffic and of course our multiple Yellow Box Offenders. Better Traffic Management On the N40 by TII is needed when an incident occurs.</p>	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1322	<p>Much too often we rely and use single lane traffic moving in and out of our city and very often when you have a green light you are simply stuck at the lights as there is nowhere to go as the way ahead is still chock a block. We need to adopt one way traffic flow systems that use both lanes to keep traffic moving (One way in and one way out).</p> <p>We also need a better link up with our traffic lights so as to keep the traffic moving along simultaneously. I have often heard the term smart traffic signals only to see much too often that they are not that smart at all. We should also encourage the use of the flashing amber light when turning left.</p> <p>So more thought/focus on our traffic management one way systems and enforcement (at yellow box junctions) will all help in the long run without causing too much upheaval within the communities.</p>	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1322	<p>Cork City is a Medieval City with a road network that is in itself unique and complex. It is most important that any plan will need to be very sympathetic to the streetscape and the residents who live on the proposed routes.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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NTA-C9-1322	<p>The proposed felling of mature trees is very concerning. The NTA say replacement trees will be planted. It will take 60 to 100 years for these to reach maturity and therefore will not have the desired effect on climate change that our current mature trees currently provide.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1322	<p>The manner and timing of the Public Consultation have come under a lot of criticism. I too experienced difficulties in seeking information at the forums. I would ask that further Consultations be carried out with Local Elected Representatives (LER's) for all 12 routes in due course. I would further suggest that residents x 2 be permitted to accompany the (LER's).</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1324	<p>It is a congested area as due to the school and this plan will only add to the congestion.</p>	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>

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NTA-C9-1324	I am entitled to park outside my own front door.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1324	Concern over cars driving at a speed up the road and no speed bumps in place	The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.
NTA-C9-1333	Would increased bus frequency, with real time bus timetable that is accurate, along with a much larger connected cycle network a more suitable option	The BusConnects Cork project proposes increased bus frequency. The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-1333	Near where I live these proposals will do little to reduce traffic especially peak morning traffic around schools.	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1333	I don't know how attractive cycling would be along full cross section of 4 lanes.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1333	Typical layout of corridors is that it goes against the principles of DMURS in terms of tightening up streets, having self regulating speeds, changing the perception of widths to slow cars down	Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths, and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided
NTA-C9-1333	Poor driving etiquette/culture is often observed in Cork City. Creating bus lanes is one thing - ensuring they are free from unauthorised parked cars is another thing.	Supporting measures to ensure compliance with the measures proposed will be required.
NTA-C9-1333	I support the idea behind an efficient, more connected bus network with more frequency to greater serve the needs of Cork City residents going forward.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1350	Objection to the removal of parking spaces to make way for buses and bicycles	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.

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NTA-C9-1350	Objection to potential land acquisition of front gardens	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1350	Concern over reduction in privacy for residents	<p>It is difficult to respond to this statement without knowing more detail on the specific concern. As a general point where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to seek to agree measures, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, access, and landscaping treamanets. Where boundary walls are required to be realigned or replaced this will be undertaken in a manner that is sympathetic to the character and heritage of the area. Walls, fencing and entrances will be restored on a like for like basis. In this way it is anticipated that the proposals will address the concerns raised about loss of privacy.</p>

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NTA-C9-1370	Preserve the medieval heritage of the city, the old walls, and mature trees.	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p> <p>The potential heritage impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1370	Request for the cost/benefit analysis to be issued to the public	This analysis will be undertaken when the project is sufficiently progressed.
NTA-C9-1370	The project needs to engage with stakeholders at an earlier stage, not when the design for one option is substantially complete. Engaging with the public earlier, partnering with them in developing an emerging preferred route will lead to a more robust project. For large projects such as this, the approach should be more incremental.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-1370	The NTA are clear in all their documentation that this is in partnership with the Cork City Council. Make clear what part our publicly elected representatives have in this project. Specifically, in your RACI diagram for the project, what is their documented role	It is envisaged that BusConnects Cork will likely exceed the thresholds for Environmental Impact Assessment and therefore the appropriate planning consent process will be via application to An Bord Pleanála as opposed to a decision by the City Council and its elected members. However the NTA will continue to engage with the City Council elected representatives as part of the development of the project.

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NTA-C9-1370	Written to the NTA on 5 occasions now via their website, requesting the documents they reviewed at the last project gateway meeting, and the minutes of that same meeting. This documentation should be made available to stakeholders	Noted
NTA-C9-1376	There is a very clear worry on the removal of on-street car parking, which needs a lot more public consultation. At best the emerging maps and detail mention nothing really of how the challenge is to be dealt with.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1376	My current confidence in the BusConnects Consultation process is very limited. I sincerely ask for a way improved and serious partnership with the general public. I ask that a detailed response be given to each maker of a submission, and a complete overhaul of the communication process be made. The current mistrust and frustration, needs to be negotiated with empathy and fairness for all involved.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-1376	<p>As a public representative for the south east of Cork city, the amount of letters I have received has been huge.</p> <p>At the outset I do acknowledge the need for improving the future of the city’s public transport. At present, I see a very fragmented partnership between the general public and the stakeholders involved in Bus Connects Cork. That partnership and dialogue needs to seriously improve if the epic parts of the project are going to get across the line. The top-down manner of consultation is very present.</p> <p>Cons</p> <p>In early July this year the scatter gun communication to the public via NTA unsigned two-page documents, circulated in a hit and miss way to directly affected houses, led to much mistrust and much frustration of the consultation process. Mistrust and frustration have led to further mistrust and frustration being embedded in the local communities I represent. I have found that the multitude of people who have contacted me unable to read the series of produced maps and unable to digest the many devils in the details of the different corridors. In effect, I have spent three months in a continuous loop trying to get information to local people via flyer, knocking on doors and hosting a multitude of public meetings – many on the side of affected roads. In this process the powers of local public representation are very limited. But in essence I have had to do the communication work of the NTA. Having a public consultation in mid-July led to many local people just becoming aware of the proposals when they came back from holidays in early September. The obligatory ads on bus stops and in newspapers gave nothing of the depth of the details in the proposals and I would deem such ads to be very tokenistic to the consultation process. The info meetings in Nemo Rangers for the bus corridors in my area led to further feedback around the lines of the NTA “don’t know what they are doing”. The engineers who were present were not briefed enough on how to temper the public frustration. I remain adamant in my call for the communication team to resign or be completely reset and briefed.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1382	<p>I completely welcome the upgrade in footpaths along all routes. Majority of footpaths are too narrow or don’t exist at all.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-1385	<p>Objection to the removal of mature trees</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-1385	Objection to potential land acquisition of resident's gardens	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1388	Objection to the removal of parking for residents	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1391	Construct park and rides on all areas just outside the city near glanmire, Mayfield, douglas, BlackRock, Grange, little island, ballincollig, Wilton and provide shuttle buses from park n ride to the city centre.	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-1399	I fully support Bus Connects. I am a car driver but I think cars need to be restricted from Cork city for the health of residents, for the quality of life of children and for our climate goals. I am broadly in favour of vastly increasing all bus services, removing parking and restricting car access where appropriate.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1413	Plans to remove car park spaces is a serious concern to the inhabitants	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.

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NTA-C9-1413	Objection to the removal of trees	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1416	In general I am pro transit, cycle, bus lanes, restriction of car traffic and provision of alternative options.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1424	<p>It is not made clear whether there will be bus routes outside the 12 BusConnects corridors. If not, the plan will leave large areas of Cork without easy access to public transport.</p> <p>Retaining the city orbital routes (e.g. 219) allows east - west travel (e.g. Mahon to Cork University Hospital) without the need to go through the city centre or change buses.</p> <p>The proposed frequency of services is not sufficient - it needs to be every 10mins on all routes, not every 15mins.</p> <p>The main issues that prevent people using buses are the cost and the unreliability/infrequency of services.</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-1424	The proposed road widening to provide 2 lanes each for cars, buses and cyclists is not feasible in many older areas of Cork city without significantly altering the character of the built environment, affecting landscape and heritage sites in some locations	The initial proposals have been updated to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions
NTA-C9-1424	Concern over cycle lanes just stopping on the plans, with obvious plans to make cyclists walk across pedestrian crossings to access safer road space. This can leave cyclists in dangerous positions	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

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NTA-C9-1424	The proposed road widening will involve losing small areas of green space (gardens, verges) and replacing them with tarmac or concrete which increases the risk of surface water flooding	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1424	Objection to the removal of trees many of which are not scheduled for replacement along the new road layout	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1424	I fully support the intent of this scheme to improve active and public transport in Cork and am delighted to see expansion of cycle lanes, the provision of more park & ride schemes and zero-emissions buses	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1433	Bus transport in Cork is unreliable and does not have the required priority over private transport which would make it faster and more attractive than driving. Making public traffic easier and faster will ensure the modal shift in behaviour.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1440	I support the BusConnects plan.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1449	There should be way more cycle lanes in the city centre and suburbs	Noted

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NTA-C9-1449	There should be way more cycle lanes in the city centre and suburbs to reduce the number of cars. Nimbyism is going to destroy this city and planet with its emphasis on cars which is the least efficient mode of transport	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1453	Some of these are old houses, not built with the expectation of busses running from just a few metres away.	As the design progresses geotechnical studies will be undertaken to establish ground conditions and ensure the concerns raised about subsidence are appropriately managed throughout the scheme's development.
NTA-C9-1456	I support the bus connects plan for Cork - especially anything that removes on-street parking - and provides more space for buses and cycling.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1457	The bike lane at the back of properties is just an invitation for antisocial behaviour. Further it is a significant security concern as it will provide blind access to the back of houses.	Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions
NTA-C9-1457	<p>The proposals, and associated land grabs, will have detrimental health impact for residents. Bringing the transport corridors closer to the houses brings noise, vibrations and fumes closer to the residential properties.</p> <p>It goes without saying this is not conducive to the health and well being of the residents. There is also a significant impact on the mental health of residents who have been living under the threat of this plan for over 3 years.</p> <p>The proposed CPO of significant portions of the front gardens on the road will remove a large amount of mature trees and greenery on the road. the new addition of the unnecessary cycle lane through the Pres Sports Fields further exacerbates the issue, removing further green areas and access to main green area where local children play, and more mature residents use for safe walks. The School boy lane cycle path, located only a few meters away highlights the folly of this plan.</p>	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>The project involves measures which will have positive air and noise impacts including transitioning to a zero-emission bus fleet and resurfacing of the road surface. The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated the project will reduce pollution and ease congestion.</p> <p>The proposals for Pres sports field have been updated to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-1457	The devaluation of property this will drive will just lead to less families in the area and will ultimately complete the transition of the area to a transport corridor.	BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. In doing so the properties close to the Sustainable Transport Corridors will benefit from improved accessibility and connectivity to the range of services and facilities located within the catchment of the routes.

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NTA-C9-1457	<p>The proposed land acquisition is both hugely impactful on the home owners, but given the topography of Wilton Road will not resolve the transport issues.</p>	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1458	<p>A frequent bus service from the airport to the city centre bus terminus would be great, but I struggle to see why it is not routed via the N27 South City Link Road, all the way from the Kinsale Roundabout to the city centre bus terminus, giving a much quicker transit time.</p> <p>The current route for the airport bus is historic, predating the N27 link road.</p> <p>Any city planning an airport shuttle bus service from scratch would surely use the fastest route to a main transport hub serving the whole city</p>	<p>This statement relates to the Bus Network Redesign project. This consultation is focused on the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-1458	<p>The loss of parking spaces and knock-on effects of displacement parking by implementing the proposal for two-way cycle lanes along Evergreen Road from the end of the Kinsale Road to the junction with Summerhill South will seriously diminish local amenity and inconvenience vastly more people than it will benefit.</p> <p>Displacement parking will severely impact residents in quite a wide area of surrounding streets. Unacceptable levels of parking congestion unfairly discriminates against those for whom buses, walking and cycling are simply not feasible options, for reasons related to age, medical conditions, mobility issues or other vulnerabilities.</p> <p>There are many local people for whom public transport is not a feasible commute option, making the availability of on-street parking an employment-related necessity.</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>

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NTA-C9-1464	Attached is a petition from the residents of Grange Avenue re the proposed Bus Connects plan which will in its current format have a detrimental effect on the residents of this park who have previously cooperated with previous bus lane implementations and now find themselves affected again detrimentally.	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1466	St Luke's Cross is an important retail and social centre. Set down for cars is important. The use of traffic lights should be carefully evaluated, so that access to shops is not impeded Wellington Rd would benefit from speed limit and speed bumps	The junction design at St Lukes Cross will be continue to be developed as the project progresses.
NTA-C9-1466	Beechmount Place is listed on Buildings of Ireland, with its unique Victorian walls characteristic of that era As this is the end of the cycle path, there would be very little gain for cyclists, but there would be significant loss to local heritage	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-1466	Plan for military hill pedestrian lights and reducing corner is extremely important for safety. It is hazardous junction to cross with many accidents, because cars travel round corner from Wellington road fast.	Noted
NTA-C9-1467	I wish to object strongly to the destruction this proposed plan will cause. No parking...	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1472	<p>I support the proposal to develop public transport corridors in Cork. A number of important points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a large increase in the fleet is required, particularly to get a return on the level of infrastructural investment planned - all bus stops should be sheltered for the convenience of passengers - the real time information (at bus stops and the app) is unreliable and requires addressing ahead of this project - the proposal for improved cycle and pedestrian facilities is very welcome - given the substantial cost involved in land acquisition to develop the corridors, it is important that only land that is strictly necessary be acquired - all proposed corridors are focused on the city centre. Has consideration been given to developing corridors for the orbital routes, particularly focusing on the colleges, CUH and the suburban district centres? 	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1479	Could bins for cigarette butts be put at all bus stops?	The design of bus stops will be developed as the project progresses.
NTA-C9-1480	I support Bus Connects. It will make transport more sustainable and timely around the city. It will also help fight against car dependency across the city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1486	In addition, you are proposing to demolish the wall on Wellington Road between Military Hill and St Lukes cross. Is this really necessary? How long has that wall been there? What happens when the traffic gets to St Lukes cross, will you also knock the butchers shop?	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-1486	<p>The proposed scheme will take away all on street parking in my neighbourhood, where am I supposed to park, can you give me a reasonable alternative?</p> <p>Where will the post van park, where will any courier or delivery van park if something has to be dropped in? What about an ambulance or other emergency vehicle?</p> <p>If I have any minor work being carried out on my house or garden where will the workers van be parked, plumber, electrician, painter, they all have tools and equipment which cannot be carried from an unnamed mystery spot?</p>	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1488	I am writing to you as I'm objecting to the proposal by the NTA to remove 8 trees on North Link Road/Leitrim Street (outside Heineken Brewery).	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1492	Rerouting of general inbound traffic through Belair Estate to travel via Wallace's Avenue and potentially Ballinlough Road would be detrimental to the local communities.	<p>The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1492	<p>I'm concerned at the clearly visible impact of widening Boreenmanna Road and significantly impacting on the environment of the area and public realm.</p> <p>Much of the layout is contrary to DMURS principles with significant visual widening and loss of trees from locations where they are required.</p>	The updated proposals for Boreenmanna Road have significantly less impact on the trees/environment.

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NTA-C9-1492	The general widespread removal of parking provision would result in the relocation of parking to neighbouring housing areas and is contrary to community objectives such as the provision of home zones where children play on streets and green areas adjacent to carriageways.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1492	Cross-sections would include 1.5 meter wide cycle lanes adjacent to bus lanes measuring 3.0 meters in width, which is not appropriate for safety reasons and doesn't allow for cyclists overtaking cyclists. This includes Boreenmanna Road and the Maryborough route.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. Traffic lights junctions will be designed to provide for cyclists.
NTA-C9-1498	Their house is already close to the road and to the existing bus stop. This already creates noise, particularly at night time and they have had incidences of anti-social behaviour and vandalism associated with the bus stop at night.	Incidences of anti-social behaviour and vandalism are matters for An Garda Síochána.
NTA-C9-1498	however, they are extremely concerned about the impacts that a possible take of 4 metres from [personal information redacted] front garden will have on their amenity space and their privacy.	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1498	The 'information pack' which was delivered to the house needs interpretation and explanation as it is quite a technical document for those unfamiliar with technical drawings and legal processes such as CPO.	Noted
NTA-C9-1513	Has any analysis been done on traffic flows? Simulations? Predicted traffic flows post implementation of bus corridors? Before any works begin, please baseline air quality and conduct a H&S review of real traffic management in the area.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-1520	<p>I have an autoimmune condition which affects my joints, for this I take medication that suppresses my immune system and makes me more susceptible to infections like Covid-19.</p> <p>The pandemic meant that I could not take public transport and cycling was and remains my lifeline, both to allow me to avoid crowded public transport and also to strengthen my muscles, which benefits my joints and allows me to retain and improve my mobility and general health. Cycling infrastructure is a disability rights issue.</p>	<p>This statement supports the aims of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1520	<p>Road widening -particularly when it retains 2 lanes of car traffic (or more).</p> <p>Children shouldn't have to cross very wide streets, people shouldn't lose gardens or trees just for the sake of accommodating cars when there are other alternatives.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-1520	<p>Better public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure are issues of social justice, and these issues were rarely brought up in the talks that I attended about BusConnects.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-1520	<p>Car related pollution is also a source and compounding factor of disability, particularly affecting those with lung and respiratory conditions.</p>	<p>This statement supports the aims of the project to provide safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys</p>
NTA-C9-1520	<p>My neighbours' gardens and mature trees to be removed to make more space for cars.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1520	<p>People under 18 cannot get driving licences, nor can people who are undocumented.</p> <p>Migrants and refugees more often than not need to go through the expensive process of passing a driving test -even if they have been driving for years- to be able to drive in Ireland.</p> <p>Better public transport and cycling infrastructure would enormously benefit children, giving them more autonomy and reducing the transport burden on their parents and would help with the effective inclusion and integration of migrants and refugees.</p> <p>The same arguments could be made about cycling, adding that cycling is cheaper, more efficient, better for the environment and also allows people to remain active.</p>	<p>This statement supports the aims of the project</p>

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NTA-C9-1520	<p>Just as disabled people are disproportionately affected by enforced deprivation, so are one parent households.</p> <p>People living on social welfare payments, from Jobseekers Allowance to State Pensions, have an income that does not meet their most essential needs as the payments do not reflect the cost of living. Again, having and maintaining a car is expensive and people on low incomes should not be forced to have a car to access essential aspects of every day life like work, school or doing the shopping.</p>	This statement supports the aims of the project
NTA-C9-1520	<p>When making a decision on public transport, please consider those whose voices aren't the loudest, the people who didn't make it to the consultations or who cannot send a submission... like children who would like to go to cycle to school, those without IT literacy, who have a learning disability, who don't speak enough English or have enough time to participate in a change that has the potential to massively improve their quality of life.</p>	Noted
NTA-C9-1520	<p>Good quality and accessible walking infrastructure, that prioritise people walking or wheeling (if using a mobility aid), with frequent crossings that prioritise them, not cars.</p>	This statement supports the aims of the project
NTA-C9-1520	<p>The issue of accessibility is often brought up as a reason to retain car priority, but this argument does not paint the full picture of the diversity within disabled people. Large segments of disabled people are not allowed or cannot afford to drive. Some conditions restrict people's access to driving licences, like epilepsy, strokes, brain surgery, chronic neurological conditions, blindness and loss of eyesight, severe learning disabilities and the list goes on. Disabled people should not have to rely on others to drive them to get to places and have some autonomy. Car-centred planning enforces dependency and reduces the autonomy of disabled people. Last but not least, disabled people in Ireland are disproportionately affected by poverty and having and maintaining a car is expensive. Disabled people on the lowest incomes, such as those on Disability Allowance or Invalidity Pension, and their Carers (on Carers Allowance) have access to free travel on public transport, so do those on State Pensions.</p>	This statement supports the aims of the project
NTA-C9-1520	<p>My neighbours' gardens and mature trees to be removed to make more space for cars.</p>	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>

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NTA-C9-1520	Frequent and reliable buses, which are not delayed in traffic by cars. Segregated and connected cycling infrastructure for people of all ages (and not just from home to work)	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1521	I support the bus connects project as it fights against global warming and climate change by reducing car dependency and by facilitating people to take up cycling.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1526	<p>Due to the commitment that many large companies have given to go carbon neutral by 2030, it is quite unforgivable to undo all this hard work with unnecessary construction and demolition of trees.</p> <p>Although I understand that we must progress in order to develop as a city, I strongly condemn the methods due to the negative impact on the environment. We have experienced first hand the importance of respecting our environment and reducing our carbon footprint and it is quite unfathomable that this option is even on the table.</p>	The updated proposals have significantly less impact on the trees/environment.
NTA-C9-1549	Bus and cycle lanes have already caused huge traffic issues in Cork city and it appears they are rarely used.	The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-1569	<p>Cycling paths need to have dangerous obstacles removed at a significant number of locations. These obstacles have remained a danger to cyclists for many years. (One example is the drain configuration on the cycle route travelling west from Wilton roundabout to Bishopstown).</p> <p>At other locations Bollards, lampposts, dangerous drains, chronic deterioration of surfaces and badly placed signs represent significant danger to cyclists. These obstacles would not be tolerated in car carriageways.</p>	As the design progresses the details identified in this statement will be developed.
NTA-C9-1569	I am a regular user of the bus service in Cork. An immediate improvement could be made to the bus service, at relatively minimal cost, if the mobile app information on the TFI App was made more accurate. The App should show real time location of buses approaching each stop.	The provision of bus priority infrastructure for buses will improve the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. Journeys are faster and, even more importantly, arrival times are more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-1569	It is clear that parking spaces will be lost as part of the development of sustainable transport. Consideration should be given to prioritising parking spaces for permanent residents in particular areas through a colour coded car number plate system.	Noted
NTA-C9-1569	It will be essential to provide ample alternative parking by way of Park and ride in multiple locations approaching the city to provide for access to those prevented from bringing their cars into the city	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.

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NTA-C9-1586	There is no evidence of meaningful consideration of environment, ecology, or heritage; or of the historical and organic development of the districts involved.	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-1586	There is no evidence of meaningful consideration of environment, ecology, or heritage; or of the historical and organic development of the districts involved.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1586	<p>The central problem with many of the proposals for the city and environs is that they lack the kind of checkable evidence about why particular conclusions have been drawn</p> <p>Why are there not references to accessible relevant studies? How can we make a genuine assessment of something so vague? Was it actually the intention to give us as little information as possible to citizens involved in this 'consultation'?</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1611	Companies have been employed to draw up plans for a City they know nothing of - This is evident from some of the cycle routes that have been suggested	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1611	<p>It is grossly disrespectful that residents needs and rights are being totally disregarded to facilitate people who are passing through the area.</p> <p>Another objection I have is that American and Dublin based companies have been employed to draw up plans for a City they know nothing of.</p>	Cork is growing and needs a bus network that works for a developing city. The aim of BusConnects Cork is to deliver an enhanced bus system that is better for the city, its people and the environment. BusConnects Cork is designed to provide a better, more reliable and more efficient bus service for everyone in addition to providing safe cycling facilities along key routes.

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NTA-C9-1611	Also my understanding of these proposals are to better the environment yet existing green spaces are being uprooted and people's own oasis are being subjected to CPOs.	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1617	<p>currently there is No bus route serving people living on Lower Fairhill. Number 203 could come through Blackpool up towards Neptune make a right up Fairhill and return to its normal route to parklands.</p> <p>This service could be run on every third bus running. Children could get on the bus at the North Mon and St Vincent's. Reducing the traffic on the hill.</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-1631	Firstly this page was an extreme ordeal to enter and navigate, in no way friendly for older generations and people not comfortable with computers.	Noted
NTA-C9-1640	If we are to CPO land or widen roads let it only be to provide for a footpath or cycle path- not to allow the creation of more lanes in that road	The aim of BusConnects Cork is to deliver an enhanced bus system that is better for the city, its people and the environment. BusConnects Cork is designed to provide a better, more reliable and more efficient bus service for everyone in addition to providing safe cycling facilities along key routes.
NTA-C9-1640	For roads where traffic is chaotic let there be buses only between the above times or select key bus routes and designate them as bus only for specific times (with the exception of resident passes for those living within the inner-city area to allow them go to/from work, etc).	Noted the proposals include bus gates as outlined. A Bus Gate is a sign-posted short length of stand-alone bus lane. This short length of road is restricted exclusively to buses, taxis and cyclists plus emergency vehicles during the hours of operation of the Bus Gate. It facilitates bus priority by removing general through traffic along the overall road where the bus gate is located.
NTA-C9-1640	Trying to solve Cork's transport issues by turning many of our street into six laned highways will destroy the character and sense of community in our city.	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-1640	Trying to solve Cork's transport issues by turning many of our street into six laned highways will destroy the character and sense of community in our city.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.

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NTA-C9-1649	During construction please provide a phone number where management can be contacted if contractors start to cut down more trees than planned.	If the project is successful in obtaining planning permission proposals to manage the construction stage will be developed.
NTA-C9-1657	It appears that an examination or survey of traffic flow was not performed before the Bus Connects Cork proposals were published.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1658	<p>I fail to see how breaking up these routes, by requiring a bus change in the city centre somewhere, would improve overall connectivity.</p> <p>I would be concerned that routes not on the STCs might be reduced in frequency or lose out altogether, such as the 216 bus (CUH to Monkstown) which serves Glasheen Road, or the 214 bus.</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-1658	cycle lanes should always be two-way lanes on one side of the road, rather than a cycle lane on either side of the road.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1658	<p>One parking space should be removed every 100 meters or so in the city and replaced with a space for multiple e-scooters, to encourage this environmentally-friendly mode of private transport in our hilly city.</p> <p>In the inner suburbs, parking permits should be restricted to residents only,</p>	Noted
NTA-C9-1658	<p>The whole transport network in Cork could be renamed "COMET" (Cork Metro Area Transport) and once complete, a publicly owned entity should be set up by the city (and county) council to run public transport in the metro area, as happens in most European cities</p> <p>Congestion charges should be introduced for private transport in the city at peak times (7-9 a.m., 5-7 p.m.), starting at a zero rating for cars with 3 or more occupants and rising to a full charge for single occupancy vehicles..</p>	This statement outlines proposals for managing the transport network. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-1658	he NTA and the council should complement this by developing far more Park & Ride facilities in the city.	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-1658	I am broadly in favour of the routes as designed as they offer an exciting alternative to the current gridlock that is destroying the city and choking its economic and social potential.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1659	<p>I understand that letters only sent to homes with CPOs and the submission process is difficult to find and not completely straightforward.</p> <p>I also have concerns that the public information sessions were held in the middle of summer when many were away, and only non-specific information was shared with residents</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1664	<p>The city centre is flat but for example Donnybrook hill and Maryborough hill on routes K and I, and also on most of the north side of Cork city, the hills are too steep and off-putting for the majority of people to cycle. I don't believe that adding more cycle lanes will change this.</p>	<p>Ebikes are increasing in popularity and greatly assist the challenge posed by Corks topography.</p>
NTA-C9-1664	<p>I would rather see more quiet ways used for cyclists, which is safer for them and also reduces the need to widen roads even further.</p> <p>I believe these are used successfully in other countries and cyclists can avoid the main roads. There has to be a better alternative to the amount of destruction in these proposals.</p>	<p>The revised proposals have included more Quietways which has reduced the direct impact of the proposals.</p>
NTA-C9-1664	<p>We should try to improve the existing bus service before drastically changing anything like cutting down trees, taking people's gardens, removing residents on-street parking and turning local roads into motorways with increased noise and concrete.</p>	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>

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NTA-C9-1669	This plan will lead to severe noise pollution to our property in terms of bus lanes operating 24 hours	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1669	The Trees across the way from the property are also due to come down due to these works. They are probably the tallest line of Tress in Cork as far as we can see, a total shame that these would have to come down	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-1670	I am also opposed to the unwarranted removal of trees elsewhere in the city	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1673	<p>I welcome the new ticketing electronic system, interchange for free, 90-minute single fare proposals, cashless payment systems, reductions in public transport fares, transition away from diesel engine bus fleet to zero emission electric bus vehicles, improved electronic real-time signage and displays, and a new network of modern bus stops and shelters (only where existing space permits)- all of this is to be supported and rolled out as soon as feasible.</p> <p>Jarrett Walker from the US were engaged to consult on the development of the revised public transport network and bus network redesign. Whilst they are highly experienced in public transport design in a North American context, they have never designed a plan for a city with the age, topography, geography and physical constraints of Cork.</p> <p>When the participants were surveyed regarding the new bus network proposed, only 15% felt the new network was an improvement and just over 50% felt the new network was worse</p> <p>This means in these commuter areas, it will now take longer to walk to the dedicated bus corridor and potential patronage will be undermined.</p> <p>future predicted guess for the average journey time is 14 minutes. No modelling to confirm this has been performed by the NTA and this 14-minute journey time is based on assuming no bus delay at lights, junctions, and the shortest possible delay at stops for passengers to alight</p> <p>. I outlined earlier that the bus network redesign favoured shorter waits over shorter walks.</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-1673	I welcome the new park and ride facilities	<p>New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.</p>
NTA-C9-1677	I would like to voice my support for the proposed bus routes.	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1681	I would really like to see some plans from the NTA after examining some of the research done at a European city level on how we could work with schools to enable drop off zones or safe areas within short distances of schools whereby kids of all ages would have access to pavements and pedestrian crossings.	<p>The Safe Routes to School Programme is engaged in the type of work highlighted in this statement. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>

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NTA-C9-1683	Expression of support for BusConnects plans for cork to allow an integrated and reliable bud service citywide	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1689	Adding to noise pollution.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1689	Disturbing peaceful, safe residential parks, making unsafe for children.	This statement is not clear and thus is difficult to provide a specific response.
NTA-C9-1692	I am concerned by some of the policies regarding removal of trees. Cork is lacking in green spaces and trees help to regulate temperature in hot weather which will become more frequent with the effects of climate change.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-1697	It is regrettable that the NTA arranged many public consultations during the summer months, when during such time periods, younger families were absent on holidays and many taking advantage of the first summer since Covid-19 to relax and unwind.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-1704	A different, far simpler, non-intrusive approach can be adopted by Bus Connects by introducing narrower vehicles.	Noted.
NTA-C9-1713	I welcome the removal of traditionally used parking spaces,	Noted
NTA-C9-1713	My primary concern with this plan is the removal of mature trees in urban areas.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1715	The long overdue cashless payment system and new ticketing system would in themselves greatly reduce the time buses spend at stops and cut down bus journey times	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support.
NTA-C9-1715	times for bus journeys vary according to different times of the day and night because passenger loads and traffic densities vary throughout the day and night.	Noted
NTA-C9-1715	It is stated as a key fact that that 159 car parking would be removed although this figure has been challenged as an underestimate. The facts in relation to parking and alternative parking further key facts that should be spelled out and not kept from the public	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.

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NTA-C9-1715	An omitted key fact is the amount by which a strategically placed and operated Park and Ride facilities would reduce bus journey times.	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-1715	The most serious of the misleading facts are in the sections relating to journey times. Black and white positions are presented, one figure with Bus Connect and a far higher one without Bus Connect. This time the planning should be based on full information, a much broader and more timely community engagement and respect for all people in the area.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-1720	Cork desperately needs more bus lanes, bus gates, cycle lanes and restrictions on car traffic and parking if we want to make cork a liveable and lovable city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1726	corridors should include as much green areas including grass, trees, landscaped area as possible.	Noted
NTA-C9-1726	This will have a significant negative effect on the road and will discourage walking and cycling. I ask the Bus Connects Design team to include as many trees as possible along the corridors as well as including landscaped areas.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1726	support the over all Bus Connects project. Cork city has too much reliance on cars for transport. The bus connects project is required to help the modal shift to walking, cycling and pubic transport	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1728	It is essential that Bus Connects includes safe pedestrian infrastructure and an integrated network of high-quality cycle lanes	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1728	It is essential that Bus Connects includes safe pedestrian infrastructure	Noted
NTA-C9-1728	The Bus Connects project is welcome and long overdue. Cork desperately needs sustainable transport options.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1731	The stress that these poorly considered proposals have caused to my old neighbours and to the people generally on both the Douglas and Boreenmanna Roads is shameful	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. The proposals for Douglas and Boreenmanna Road have been updated to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.
NTA-C9-1733	I would like to see a higher number of trees being planted where mature trees are removed.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1733	I broadly welcome the scheme whilst acknowledging a relatively small number of individual sacrifices will be required for the greater good.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1734	<p>Where possible trees should be saved but given that we are in the midst of a climate emergency Where tree loss is unavoidable, the replacement rate should be double</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1734	<p>I support the improvement of all the bus routes.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1735	<p>BusConnects is an integral part of the required evolution of Cork City into a modern, thriving, sustainable, and attractive city.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1741	<p>The proposal to remove the 202 bus route would severely disrupt the services to and from schools in the area.</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-1745	<p>minimal or even zero consideration given to adopting more appropriate technology in bus design and scale. no mention of other measures, such as utilising a narrower design of bus (similar to a Luas tram width for example), improving on real-time passenger information. Introducing a cashless system is mentioned and welcome (and long overdue), but providing a free system for inner-city short hop travel for a period of time would help promote use and reduce passenger embarkation time.</p>	<p>Real time passenger information will be improved by providing the infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion. The punctuality and reliability of the bus system will be improved. Journeys are faster and, even more importantly, arrival times are more consistent and dependable. One of the considerations in providing appropriate bus lane width is ensuring the bus vehicle has sufficient capacity for passengers and provides a comfortable, pleasant experience. Generally the width requirements for light rail are similar or more onerous than for bus.</p>

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NTA-C9-1749	it is concerning that the plans necessitate the culling of 200 mature trees.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1749	I support the intent behind the Bus Connects proposals. It is vital that we democratise our road space so that pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users can better, and more safely, move across our city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1750	<p>The present transport is based on people making their way to the designated bus stops, it does not take into consideration the journey from a persons house to reach the bus stop.</p> <p>A localised Bus Service between both depots that would service the various estates in Ballincollig would be most welcome.</p> <p>By Creating the Bus Terminals it would eliminate the need for Buses to be chasing each other through the Town as is the current situation with some buses empty and others with small numbers of passenger</p>	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-1752	I object to the proposals for the Grange road proposing car/bus and cycle lane	Noted
NTA-C9-1753	If buses were more reliable on a general basis then traffic would automatically reduce.	The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-1756	the removal of significant amounts of on street parking will be severely disruptive to all residents and to those attending local schools (daytime and evening time for courses), playing pitches, churches etc.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-1756	Bus Connects proposals seem to be designed to 'rip through' the very fabric of what makes this area home for so many people.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.

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NTA-C9-1756	<p>has a carbon balancing exercise been undertaken to see how the provision of these 'sustainable' transport corridors will affect the area and the environment, and checks done to see how it balances with other less intrusive options?</p> <p>And has that exercise been done against less environmentally intrusive options (e.g. keeping the width of Boreenmanna road as it is), to verify that the emerging preferred option is the most sustainable?</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1775	<p>The Cork Northern Distributor Road has been identified as a short-term objective and a 'critical enabler' for CMATS.</p> <p>Based on the indicative route, its construction would re-direct significant cross-city traffic away from Wilton Road via the N22, through Poulavone Roundabout at the east end of Ballincollig coordinates (51.8916199, -8.5684391) and the Carrigrohane Road.</p>	<p>CMATS outlines the BusConnects proposals and the Northern Distributor Road amongst other infrastructure are required to support the development of the region.</p>
NTA-C9-1788	<p>The main issue preventing people using this bus *207, is that it only runs every half hour which should be increased to every 20 minutes.</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-1788	<p>strongly oppose your proposed 'sustainable public transport network for the Cork Metropolitan region</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-1788	<p>I have never been stuck in traffic along the areas which you have planned to fell mature trees and knock beautiful walls.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1791	<p>Introduce more Park and Rides across the city.</p>	<p>New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.</p>

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NTA-C9-1791	Data collection on the number of car owners, non car owners, those with a mobility issue, driveways in the area should be carried out.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1800	<p>The Cork City shared bike scheme is currently of limited use because the bike stands are spread across the city centre only.</p> <p>By extending the scheme with stands in Blackrock, along the Marina, Tramore Valley Park, Ballyphehane, the Lough etc. this would allow people for example to choose a 10 minute bike ride over a 30 minute walk.</p>	This statement relates to the public bike hire scheme. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-1800	I would like to see the island in Cork between the river channels completely car free, with people travelling to the city by bus, bike or foot, or leaving their cars at car parks or park and ride facilities away from the city centre.	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-1800	<p>pedestrian crossings, with traffic lights that are timed so that pedestrians rarely have to wait long, while cars have to wait longer</p> <p>Cars can also use the streets but they have to travel very slowly, due to speed limits and to having to stop for pedestrians.</p>	Pedestrian waiting time at junctions will be considered as the project progresses and junction design develops.
NTA-C9-1800	I welcome the proposed changes which I hope will make the Cork bus system a realistic alternative to driving in and around the city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1805	. Don't remove trees and mature gardens to widen roads as we face into a biodiversity crisis!	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1805	Impose meaningful speed checks if you want a simple way of improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Incentivize e-bike usage and car-pooling to reduce peak traffic.	This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors

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NTA-C9-1810	I think many of the aims of the Plan could be achieved by better maintenance of existing infrastructure; footpaths, Pedestrian Crossings with Audio Signals, Raised Crossings, enforcement of Speed Limits, maintaining Cycle Lanes, cleaning the leaves etc	The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-1810	I would have a lot of concerns around the poor segregation of Cycle Lanes from Footpaths as proposed. Shared spaces always disadvantage the Pedestrian.	Shared spaces are relatively small and segregated facilities are generally proposed on the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-1810	There has been very little consultation with Local Communities. People who live along the route know where the traffic issues are and should be listened to.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-1810	The introduction of E Scooters that can reach 25km per hour and for which there is no current legislation pose a unique risk to pedestrians because of their speed.	This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors
NTA-C9-1811	For those who will have their local communities adversely affected, compensation by way of the availability of additional community amenities should be considered.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.

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NTA-C9-1811	<p>Finally, a comment on compensation. CMATS (CMATS_Exec_Summary_WEB_2.pdf (nationaltransport.ie), p.32) indicates a Net Present Value to the overall strategy of €3.5 bn. The benefit to the community exceeds the costs by a ratio of 2.48:1 (€5.7bn v €2.3bn).</p> <p>However the costs are not evenly distributed, they are borne by those who will lose part of their properties and those who will have their local communities adversely affected.</p> <p>The former are offered CPO rates of compensation but, unlike the purchase of agricultural land, the CPO rate for part of a home is probably a considerable underestimate.</p>	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Where land acquisition is envisaged, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to mitigate the impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/</p>
NTA-C9-1811	<p>the Bus Connects Cork Sustain Transport Corridors document fails to provide anything like the level of information on the benefits of the scheme that would convince us that this is the best option for the community.</p>	<p>The project is at an early stage of development and subject to change to reflect the input received during the public consultation process. A business case will be prepared to document the benefits of the project when the proposals have been sufficiently developed.</p>
NTA-C9-1811	<p>My understanding is that the NTA has disclosed that it hasn't carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a local environmental impact survey * a health and safety survey * a modelling of current and future traffic flows, at least on some of the routes. Consequently * an estimate of the reduction in Greenhouse Gas and other harmful emissions. 	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1812	<p>I support the proposed bus connects programme for Cork. I support public parking spaces being removed to make it easier for everyone to move around. I support dedicated bus lanes.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1814	<p>As a general comment overall this process will have a significant negative effect on our overall mental health and wellbeing. We will certainly no longer feel safe in our home should these plans go ahead.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. The proposals have been updated to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-1817	<p>, I ask that the stone, brick and other materials in the walls and other objects that are being removed be cleaned and preserved for reuse in the future (even in the proposed new layouts). The limestone walls around Cork are part of our heritage. Even if the materials are not used in the proposed new plans, they should be retained and made available to Cork building projects.</p>	<p>where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to seek to agree measures, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, access, and landscaping. Where boundary walls are required to be realigned or replaced this will be undertaken in a manner that is sympathetic to the character and heritage of the area. Walls, fencing and entrances will be restored on a like for like basis.</p>

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NTA-C9-1818	Retention of old walls should achieved wherever possible however I understand this is not always possible	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-1818	Retention of people gardens and drive ways should achieved wherever possible however I understand this is not always possible	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1818	<p>I think the BusConnects Cork plans are a step in the right direction. The connected cycle network is vital and I am delighted to see it.</p> <p>I think the plans are vital for younger generations that will grow up in a culture of cycling and using the bus and something more in line with our European neighbours who we often praise.</p>	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1822	As a motorist, cyclist and user of public transport I approve of the proposals	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1832	<p>I have received numerous complaints from locals, particularly on the North side of Cork City about the lack of public consultation.</p> <p>I appreciate the deadline was extended but believe that a greater emphasis should have been placed on meaningful engagement with residents.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1832	<p>I believe the overall scheme is welcome and greater frequency and provision of public transport is an obvious benefit to us all in the city.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1839	<p>Why is all the emphases on providing cycle lanes? Much more people walk in the city than cycle yet their needs are being ignored.</p>	<p>Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths, and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided.</p>
NTA-C9-1839	<p>why are existing pavements around Cork not being maintained and repaired?</p>	<p>Maintenance and repair of existing facilities will be required.</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>Routing cyclists and e-scooters, along the inside of 12 tonne double decker buses is not safe. This is not proper segregated cycling infrastructure.</p> <p>There are no details on how the cyclists will be separated from the traffic. It is unclear if it will be paint, orcs, wands, elevated kerbs? The proposals say that cyclists will be segregated, where practicable. And if it is not practicable then I guess they'll be thrown in with the general traffic?</p>	<p>Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>Despite being touted as a public transport project, it is clear that this is nothing but a heavily greenwashed road building project.</p> <p>It is 93km of roads, in 2022, in a climate emergency in small, old city.</p> <p>The entire thinking behind the project, that one more lane can fix it, is fundamentally flawed. City planners and road designers have known for decades that congestion cannot be addressed by adding more lanes.</p> <p>Because of induced demand, if you build more roads, you will get more traffic. It is inevitable</p>	<p>By removing buses from traffic congestion, the punctuality and reliability of the bus system will be improved. Journeys are faster and, even more importantly, arrival times are more consistent and dependable. This project will see the provision of much needed cycling facilities around the city region with over 96kms of high quality cycling facilities provided. Segregated cycling along the key corridors of the city will allow the public to have cycling as a real sustainable alternative. The new cycling infrastructure will be of significant benefit to the public, business, tourism, education and retail.</p>

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NTA-C9-1850	<p>The current bus connects proposal also demonstrates a lack innovation, imagination or any apparent competency in road design.</p> <p>Instead Busconnects is largely a one size fits all solution, for every road, in every neighbourhood irrespective.</p> <p>The plan is to largely to widen all the roads to between 16 -22m put in bike lane, bus lane, car lane, car lane, bus lane, bike lane and in order to do this, demolish or co-opt anything that is in the way, including street trees, grass verges, foot paths, old stone walls, front gardens and then send all the traffic down these major arterial routes.</p> <p>Everything has to go down the one road, bikes, scooters, buses, cars, lorries, vans and trucks.</p>	<p>The development of these Sustainable Transport Corridors will enable efficient bus movement along these routes, together with the provision of safe, segregated cycling facilities, where feasible, in addition to accommodating general traffic movement. The proposed arrangements include removing buses from traffic congestion by developing separate bus lanes along these routes or by using traffic signalling arrangements over short distances. Alternatively, general traffic levels would be reduced by restricting through traffic using bus gates, such that buses will no longer be delayed by traffic congestion.</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>The fact that an allegedly green sustainable transport project, in 2022, proposes removing 1404 mature street trees is mind boggling.</p> <p>The benefits of street trees is widely established and scientifically proven. Street trees lessen the effects of urban flooding, soak up twice as much rain as concrete and reduce run off by 60%. Trees absorb the first 30% of most precipitation events through their leaf system, this water never hits the ground. An additional 30% is taken and held onto by the root structure, reducing storm water run-off and flooding potential.</p> <p>Street trees filter up to a third of the particulate pollution from vehicle emissions within 300 yards. This reduces the rates of cardiac disease, strokes and asthma due to improved air quality. They cool city streets in the summer and reduce the deaths from heat. They provide shade, they reduce wind speeds, they store carbon, they reduce street noise.</p> <p>They reduce obesity levels by increasing physical activity, they reduce stress and increase property value. The presence of urban trees make more aesthetic, pleasant neighbourhoods. They protect biodiversity for birds, bats, insects, pollinators, lichens, fungi, bacteria.</p> <p>There are hundreds of species dependent upon each street tree. And the sustainable green plan for Cork is to remove more than 1400 of them.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>Of course, the plan states “every tree removed will be replanted as part of the project”. This is clearly not true as every tree that is removed will be dead and cannot be replanted.</p> <p>On the existing plans, the number of new trees planned does not match the number of trees removed and for the Togher scheme at least, any new proposed trees are mostly being put in existing green spaces and are not proper street trees.</p> <p>There are no plans to replace the trees on Pearse road with new trees on Pearse road, and of course there couldn't be because the place will be covered in concrete and traffic.</p> <p>And a new tree is not the equivalent of an old mature street tree. I wouldn't think there is a single cyclist in the city that would want street trees removed to accommodate them. They might suggest removing some of the cars instead.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-1850	<p>The recent trial in Germany which gave heavily discounted monthly rail card €9 was a huge success and the extra journeys are estimated to have saved 1.8 million tonnes of CO2, from this one action alone. Look at how effective the free school bus project has been this year. Overnight, the system was hugely oversubscribed and parents who never sent their children to school by bus before did, just because it was free.</p> <p>Cork City bus services should be free to anyone in a primary or secondary school uniform. And it should be available to all citizens at heavily subsidized rates, around €1cash or €0.50 with a tap card.</p>	<p>This statement outlines proposals for encouraging more public transport use by reducing fares. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>Other cities resolve congestion on their major arterial routes by adopting proper policies that actually encouraging people out of their cars, yet the vision from the powers that be here is to build even bigger arterial routes.</p> <p>It is apparent nothing has been learned about good road design and traffic management policies from more progressive cities in say the Netherlands, Denmark or Finland.</p> <p>Paris plans on putting in 183km of bike lanes by 2026 and guess how many new roads they are building in Paris to do this? Exactly.</p> <p>They are re-allocating existing road space, because that is how you induce a modal shift, not by building more roads.</p>	<p>Part of the overall BusConnects Programme is to create eleven Sustainable Transport Corridors along existing roads across Cork city, representing key bus and cycling routes. The proposed arrangements include removing buses from traffic congestion by developing separate bus lanes along these routes or by using traffic signalling arrangements over short distances. Alternatively, general traffic levels would be reduced by restricting through traffic using bus gates, such that buses will no longer be delayed by traffic congestion. This project will see the provision of much needed cycling facilities around the city region with over 96kms of high quality cycling facilities provided. Segregated cycling along the key corridors of the city will allow the public to have cycling as a real sustainable alternative.</p>
NTA-C9-1850	<p>The route selection process is not transparent and from the documentation available on the website it is not really clear how these routes ended up as being the preferred corridors.</p> <p>But it largely seems to have been “expert judgement”, by experts that are not familiar with the neighbourhoods or how they currently work. The report states it took account of “existing traffic patterns and a broad assessment of environmental impacts”.</p> <p>There are no reports available to show how these were take “into account”. There are no traffic studies available, no environmental assessment impacts available, there is no assessment of the impact of the loss of trees and green areas on biodiversity, flooding, air quality, mental health.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>It will remove a significant portion of my front garden and make my commute more complicated so that I will now in fact spend more time in the car.</p>	<p>The aim of BusConnects Cork is to deliver an enhanced bus system that is better for the city, its people and the environment. BusConnects Cork is designed to provide a better, more reliable and more efficient bus service for everyone in addition to providing safe cycling facilities along key routes.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>What about the businesses with frontage on these roads? How have their customers and deliveries been catered for?</p>	<p>The proposals are seeking to make it easier for customers to walk, cycle or use public transport. Accessibility by car will still be available for deliveries.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>You need to plan for removing peoples dependency on the car and not by destroying the fabric and character of the areas in which they live.</p>	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p>

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NTA-C9-1852	<p>How many additional people around the greater Cork area will now be enabled to ditch the car and take a bus or bike to work? Not very many I would propose.</p> <p>I fail to see how people who have to drop/collect kids at schools and creches etc. can benefit from this plan.</p>	<p>The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Enhancing the bus network is consistent with the National Development Plan which envisages a significantly enhanced bus service for Cork. The Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy envisages that the realigned bus network will carry around 45 million passengers per annum and 32,000 passengers during the AM morning peak. Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths, and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>What consideration is planned for people who park (for varying reasons) on these routes?</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>What happens when Irish Water close a road to replace or repair lines? Will we be scrapping the city marathons? Will refuse collection vehicles drive at will along these cycle and bus routes? What is the rationale for all routes leading to the city? This is not where everybody works, gets educated etc.</p>	<p>This statement raises questions on issues not related to the infrastructure proposals contained in the Sustainable Transport Corridors. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors. The proposals are proposed on these routes as they are the busiest and therefore present the best opportunity for supporting sustainable transport.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>Why not wait to see the impact of the Dunkettle project before driving headlong into a potentially unnecessary spend of taxpayers money.</p> <p>This plan is so near-sighted that you are in danger of following in the footsteps of previous great ideas like positioning the regional airport on the only fog-bound hill in sight, or building a tunnel under the water that was proven to be undersized in less than 20 years of opening, or redeveloping a hugely unused 45,000 capacity stadium near a 17,000 capacity stadium without parking facilities for either, or indeed building walls around the river lee.</p>	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>This is a totally ill-conceived plan that feels more like a tick-box green washing deliverable wrapped up in a splendid graphic design package.</p>	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>

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NTA-C9-1852	<p>Whatever happens next the NTA need to up their game and contact the people directly affected by their plans.</p> <p>We have received no communication from them.</p> <p>Hearing from a relative that the NTA want to take a large portion of our garden and driveway does not inspire confidence in them.</p> <p>If they can't get the communication routes set-up correctly how can I believe they will be any better with the transport routes.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1852	<p>How will you avoid exacerbating pre-existing subsidence issues in affected areas?</p>	<p>As the design progresses geotechnical studies will be undertaken to establish ground conditions and ensure the concerns raised about subsidence are appropriately managed throughout the scheme's development.</p>
NTA-C9-1853	<p>Such as sustainable transport routes, removal of traffic in places, and the preservation of natural lands.</p>	<p>Restriction on general traffic at specific times and specific places is proposed. The proposed arrangements include removing buses from traffic congestion by developing separate bus lanes along these routes or by using traffic signalling arrangements over short distances. Alternatively, general traffic levels would be reduced by restricting through traffic using bus gates, such that buses will no longer be delayed by traffic congestion</p>
NTA-C9-1856	<p>As much as reasonably possible, the plans should take into account the concerns of local residents. It is reported by the NTA itself that there are concerns in some areas about a reduction in bus services due to changes to existing routes.</p> <p>This would be completely counter-productive. This should be addressed and the new plans should guarantee that no area faces a reduction in the availability of bus services in their area.</p>	<p>As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held. The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-1856	<p>Cork needs a major expansion of bus services and public transport generally, as well as cycle lanes and a reduction in reliance on cars. This is particularly essential in the context of the growing climate emergency which threatens the future of our world. It is also key to making the city more liveable and accessible for its people.</p> <p>In order to achieve this we need more frequent and reliable services in every part of Cork. This is too often not the case currently. The current plan promises "more residents, students and workers will find themselves near buses coming every 15 minutes or better". We would propose that under any new plan this should be the minimum for all residents.</p>	<p>By removing buses from traffic congestion, the punctuality and reliability of the bus system will be improved. Journeys are faster and, even more importantly, arrival times are more consistent and dependable. This project will see the provision of much needed cycling facilities around the city region with over 96kms of high quality cycling facilities provided. Segregated cycling along the key corridors of the city will allow the public to have cycling as a real sustainable alternative. The new cycling infrastructure will be of significant benefit to the public, business, tourism, education and retail.</p>

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NTA-C9-1856	<p>A key issue in terms of public transport use is price. Due to the current cost of living crisis, a number of countries have recently experimented with free or very cheap public transport.</p> <p>When Germany introduced a €9 monthly ticket for public transport, increased use of the services is estimated to have saved 1.8 million of CO2 emissions. Public transport should not only be greatly expanded but be available free to all.</p>	<p>The consultation is focused on the proposals contained in the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-1856	<p>Private companies will focus on major profitable routes at the expense of under-served areas. Prices will be maintained at levels sufficient to turn a profit.</p> <p>Public transport needs to be seen not as a business but an essential public service and a key measure for fighting climate change.</p> <p>Privatisation is also a threat to the wages, conditions and trade union rights of the bus drivers and other workers on whom the service depends.</p> <p>We are opposed to any plan which involves privatisation of bus routes, which is a first step in undermining the public service.</p> <p>These rules could potentially be avoided on the basis of changing and expanding existing routes, rather than the creation of what are technically new routes.</p>	<p>The consultation is focused on the proposals contained in the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-1856	<p>We understand that the plans have been developed from afar using Google Maps.</p> <p>It would have been much better to have hired staff and set up an operation based in Cork so that the plans would be best on real knowledge of the needs and concerns of different communities.</p>	<p>The current proposals have been designed using the latest Ordnance Survey Mapping, which is standard practice for the early stages of design of transport infrastructure projects. The OS mapping used was the most accurate and up-to-date mapping information available at the time. Detailed three-dimensional (3D) topographical surveys for the entire route have been procured and will be used to inform the next stage of design. Additionally, a range of other surveys will be conducted (for example, detailed tree and traffic surveys) to gather data that will also be used to inform the next stage of design.</p>
NTA-C9-1856	<p>If at all possible, the loss of residents' access, the compulsory purchasing of gardens, the loss of trees and other similar issues should be avoided.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>

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NTA-C9-1856	There are several areas where a significant loss of mature trees is being proposed to facilitate road widening. We think that every possible alternative to this should be considered.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1856	One possible alternative in some areas would be implementing one way systems.	This is an option to consider. Ensuring these systems do not result in over circuitous travel routes, particularly for cyclists is a challenge.
NTA-C9-1856	<p>It is inevitable that expanding public transport in the way we need to will require changes to existing roads, traffic plans etc. and this may cause disruption and inconvenience for some residents and communities.</p> <p>That is why it is essential that the plans are developed in a genuinely democratic way, with real consultation with local communities – without this any plan to transform the transport network will not work.</p>	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-1856	<p>The NTA should now correct this and in particular engage with communities such as Harbour View Road, Blackpool, St. Luke's and others where the plans face significant local opposition.</p> <p>The experience of Wilton 3 years ago, where plans for a bus corridor were scrapped after substantial opposition from many local residents, shows that plans which don't have community support will not work.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1857	<p>The removal of mature trees and putting in of small sampling will only reduce the amount of CO2 take up because of total leaf area size.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1857	<p>The premise that the city centre businesses will be growing any further that it is already is wrong.</p>	<p>The population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce</p>
NTA-C9-1857	<p>The city and transport plans are out of date with today. People are leaving the city centre not going to it except for a restaurant or two and evening at play houses and pubs.</p>	<p>The routes into and out of the City are still the busiest routes for the demand for travel.</p>

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NTA-C9-1860	<p>This is a recipe for chaos and distress for many people. There must be alternative solutions to providing a sustainable means of transport.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. The proposals have been updated to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-1862	<p>While the City Council and the NTA may articulate an ambition to reduce the number of private cars on the roads and promote active travel and public transport, these modes of transport are not suitable for everyone particularly elderly and disabled people.</p> <p>Many of the people attending our premises are have mobility issues and cannot rely on active travel options or avail of public transport.</p>	<p>Accessibility by car will continue to be available with the proposals. Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1862	<p>Whilst you may defend your proposal as being for the common good, it will not benefit many in the Communities that we serve; particularly the elderly and the many vulnerable road users.</p> <p>We consider that this proposal is not a holistic solution to benefit all of the people affected by this and the other proposals.</p> <p>We consider that this proposal is a brutal solution to enabling Cork's growth potential and supporting its future development.</p> <p>The scale of the proposed infrastructure will serve to disconnect communities. Where is the coherent argument to prove that this proposal is the most efficient transport solution to contribute to a living city.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-1864	<p>Nothing less than the transformation of the way we look at public transport will save us from the kinds of traffic problems we can all see re-emerging in the city as the winter draws in.</p> <p>My appeal is to beware of submissions that want change delayed or watered down.</p> <p>International experience is that when the switch to active transport and good public transport is made then nobody wants to go back to gridlock.</p> <p>Without Bus Connects we don't stay as we are. Traffic just continues to grow and it is impossible to accommodate.</p> <p>We all know this in our hearts and research bears it out. A workable future for our beautiful city needs these changes. Tweak where good suggestions are made by all means but do not let this plan get diluted</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>

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NTA-C9-1865	<p>It seems immoral investing so much money in roads and transport when so many are homeless or cannot access health care - introducing school buses for all schools manned by Dept of Education would reduce traffic significantly with a substantially less investment.</p> <p>The plan seems very heavy handed without implementing smaller more manageable changes that could result in a significant reduction in traffic in the greater Cork area.</p>	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1865	<p>I would like to suggest that the NTA should go back to the beginning and consult with every single home owner affected by their nationwide proposal - collate the results and weigh up input vs outcome.</p>	<p>Between June 30th 2022 and October 3rd 2022, the National Transport Authority (NTA) undertook the first round of public consultation on initial proposals for the twelve Sustainable Transport Corridors proposed under BusConnects Cork. During this consultation phase almost three thousand submissions were received in total. All of the submissions were reviewed and considered as part of the ongoing design process for each corridor. In addition, we held six Public Information Events, five Community Forums and hosted numerous meetings with approximately thirty-five residents' groups, business groups and other special interest groups. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-1865	<p>I have found this website / submission forum probably one of the most difficult to navigate. Surely it shouldn't be so difficult to make a submission . As it is so difficult it has probably resulted in less submissions and objections .</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-1866	<p>Junctions should be designed in line with Dutch principles as described here: https://irishcycle.com/2022/09/24/ireland-needs-to-stop-reinventing-the-wheel-on-cycling-infrastructure-the-design-of-protected-junctions-would-be-a-good-start/</p>	<p>Junction design will be developed as the project progresses.</p>
NTA-C9-1866	<p>Widths for walking and cycling should be as large as possible.</p>	<p>The routes are proposed on existing roads which have constraints. The designs are being developed to make it easier for to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1870	<p>The consultation process also needs to be looked at . The maps on view made it very difficult to understand.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
NTA-C9-1870	<p>Having to make a submission on line has eliminated a lot of elderly residents.</p>	<p>Written submissions can be made by post to Sustainable Transport Corridor Project, NTA Cork Office, Suite 427, 1 Horgan's Quay, Waterfront Square, Cork, T23 PPT8</p>

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NTA-C9-1870	<p>The maps on the display were on screens and when we attended they were not working. The only information we found were in the booklets but very little.</p> <p>A complete PR stunt with very little information.</p> <p>No one addressing any concerns. A review needed and stay well clear of the beautiful woods.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1876	<p>There are a number of other issues with regard to the proposal which need to be reconsidered.</p> <p>What is the minimum width of bus lane required, car lane, footpath and cycle lane acceptable. Variable width are used at different locations .What is the minimum level of traffic that justifies the provision of such wide corridors.</p> <p>How is the Council managing peak and non peak traffic flows presently and the proposal for managing same for the future.</p> <p>Where are the key bottlenecks at present – morning time and evening time.</p> <p>What are the present traffic levels in Cork. What are the projected traffic levels in 20 years and 50 years time. Where are the present work locations – main business and industrial areas</p> <p>And where are the projected work locations in 20years and 50 years time</p> <p>How is it proposed for parents to bring their children to school in the morning.</p> <p>What proportion drive to school presently , what will be the situation in 20 years time and 50 years time.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1877	<p>I am really disappointed with the NTA and the plan proposed.</p> <p>On Thursday 5th there was a seminar in which one, somebody from NTA explained the Key considerations for retrofitting, some of them were:</p> <p>Increase footpath widths - Proposal is reduce them</p> <p>Vehicle Crossovers at Driveways - Removing the current green paths in the left side of Pearse Road will also remove the existing ones</p> <p>Incorporate SuDS, planting, rest areas - You are proposing cut down mature trees</p> <p>Use of single stage pedestrian crossing - Proposal makes harder to cross (more lines and more distance) and with traffic lights</p>	<p>The designs that were presented for public sonultation were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. Project of this scale involve mutlitple stages of design. This refinement of the design will continue as the project progresses.</p>

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NTA-C9-1879	<p>The goal of a transportation system should be to move people. For far too long, our transport system has focused on moving - and storing - cars. Cars should be the lowest priority. We should make it as easy and safe as possible for people to walk and cycle to where they need to go. The next priority should be making public transport fast, regular, and efficient. Road space should be allocated to active transport first, public transport next, and private motor vehicles after that. Storage of private motor vehicles should be even lower down the list. Build a safe active transport network. Give public transport priority on roads. Don't ever make either of those worse to support private cars.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1880	<p>It would seem that the Bus Connects plans could do with discussing the impacts of their changes with the Local Authority roads Engineers. The local Roads Engineers are on the ground and know the traffic flows, and associated problems with disrupting them. The plans for a light rail system also need to be considered in conjunction with this plan.</p>	<p>Cork City Council are actively involved in this project. The proposed Sustainable Transport Corridors are fundamental to realising the ambition of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, developed in conjunction with Cork City Council and Cork County Council, which seeks to increase the number of people using public transport in Cork fourfold by 2040 and expand the numbers cycling and walking by 33%.</p>
NTA-C9-1882	<p>I want to see this initiative succeed. I want better transport links for our city, better walking and cycleways and a cleaner environment. I want this all to be welcomed by the citizens of Cork and for them to feel part and parcel of the process that delivered it. Unfortunately this is not what has transpired over the last few weeks and months. It has become a source of grief for the vast majority of those people on the proposed routes. Rather than adding to their quality of life this whole process has created nothing but stress. I do believe that the only course of action that is open to make this succeed is to begin the process of consultation again and enter into it with an open mind on the part of the NTA. The people actually accept that change is coming, they just want input and to be heard.</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) undertook the first round of public consultation on initial proposals for the twelve Sustainable Transport Corridors proposed under BusConnects Cork. During this consultation phase almost three thousand submissions were received in total. All of the submissions were reviewed and considered as part of the ongoing design process for each corridor. In addition, we held six Public Information Events, five Community Forums and hosted numerous meetings with approximately thirty-five residents' groups, business groups and other special interest groups. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-1883	<p>The increased noise level and pollution which will result from the proposed plans.</p>	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>

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NTA-C9-1886	<p>Anyone who has tried to combine a school run with getting to work at an allotted fixed time will know that it is nearly impossible by public transport.</p> <p>This problem will not be solved by the proposed works.</p> <p>But if parents could adjust their work hours to fit comfortably with school run times, it would be much more feasible to cycle with a child to school, leave parent's and child's bikes at the school, and get the bus from there into town to work. It would be a very sustainable and low-carbon way to do it.</p> <p>No matter how wide the road is, and how many separate lanes there are for different types of traffic, if a parent's work hours don't allow them to use bike and bus to get a child to school and then go to work, they are still forced to use the car.</p>	<p>By removing buses from traffic congestion, the punctuality and reliability of the bus system will be improved. Journeys are faster and, even more importantly, arrival times are more consistent and dependable. This project will see the provision of much needed cycling facilities around the city region with over 96kms of high quality cycling facilities provided.</p> <p>Segregated cycling along the key corridors of the city will allow the public to have cycling as a real sustainable alternative. The new cycling infrastructure will be of significant benefit to the public, business, tourism, education and retail.</p>
NTA-C9-1886	<p>If the parent and child both live in a rural area outside Cork and the parent works in the city, the absence of rural public transport may also force the parent unwillingly to use the car to get to work in the city.</p>	<p>The consultation is focused on the proposals contained in the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-1886	<p>In summary, the proposal doesn't provide an adequate argument to support the need for the proposed very wide roads, lacks joined-up thinking in failing to bring in a central government approach that would reduce peak traffic and improve quality of life, and threatens to cause great damage to the urban environment without bringing any well established benefit.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held. Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths, and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided.</p>
NTA-C9-1886	<p>I have not yet seen statistics on the fraction of Cork City traffic that is created by journeys originating in rural areas outside the city.</p> <p>If such research has not been done, then we lose the opportunity to solve a Cork City traffic problem by a rural public transport solution.</p> <p>Provide more rural bus routes, and fewer people will drive into Cork, and there will be less need for very wide roads.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-1888	<p>The proposals are far too significant in scale – a 6 lane highway, loss of parking and destruction of trees, together with access safety issues and high traffic volumes.</p> <p>We are of the strong view that development of this scale is unnecessary with potential cheaper and greener alternatives available which should be considered.</p>	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p> <p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) undertook the first round of public consultation on initial proposals for the twelve Sustainable Transport Corridors proposed under BusConnects Cork. During this consultation phase almost three thousand submissions were received in total. All of the submissions were reviewed and considered as part of the ongoing design process for each corridor. In addition, we held six Public Information Events, five Community Forums and hosted numerous meetings with approximately thirty-five residents' groups, business groups and other special interest groups. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>

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NTA-C9-1896	<p>Under the current National Development Authority (NDA) Plan, Cork is going to double its population and traffic problem will be considerably worse. Cork has a traffic problem Bus Connects will not alleviate the already existing traffic log jam – it will make it worse. BusConnects Cork could cost €600 million BusConnects project is ignoring “the elephant in the kitchen” i.e. the existing traffic congestion in the City Centre. The avowed intent of Bus Connect is “Bus journey time cut in half”. This could be done more successfully if the City Centre traffic problems were tackled, rather than “fiddling at the edges” in the suburbs. In the 60’s and 70’s, the Cork LUTS laid a strong foundation for the future of Cork. It called for the South Ring, including a downstream river crossing (tunnel), it identified the route of the South Link along the Old Bandon Railway Line. Cork LUTS also identified a need for flyovers within the City (Colosseum / Summerhill / McCurtain St intersection for example) Cork LUTS plans were largely implemented. Flyovers were not provided initially, but have since been put in place (Airport and Wilton overpasses). The reason given at the time was that the expenditure involved would only be warranted in the context of the traffic increasing to such an extent that the only solution was such overpasses. The Dunkettle roundabout is now being upgraded. The next move, is to look at some of the key junctions within the City, and provide more overpasses (or underpasses). A new LUTS equivalent should be established - would get a much better plan for “Sustainable Transport for a better City”, by dealing with the overall picture, rather than a narrow focus on bus routes. If City Centre traffic plans were solved, perhaps the aspiration of Bus Connect that “Bus Journey time be cut in half” might be realised without the stress, trouble, strife and environmental chaos that the Bus Connect project will cause. There is a better way to spend €600 million.</p>	<p>By removing buses from traffic congestion, the punctuality and reliability of the bus system will be improved. Journeys are faster and, even more importantly, arrival times are more consistent and dependable. This project will see the provision of much needed cycling facilities around the city region with over 96kms of high quality cycling facilities provided. Segregated cycling along the key corridors of the city will allow the public to have cycling as a real sustainable alternative.</p>
NTA-C9-1897	<p>I want to see Frequent, reliable, and affordable buses with priority access to the roads so as to not be delayed by car traffic</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-1897	<p>I want to see Segregated and connected cycling infrastructure for people of all ages (beyond the existing commuting corridors, so not just from home to work)</p>	<p>Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.</p>
NTA-C9-1897	<p>Improved, maintained, and accessible footpaths and crosswalks that prioritise people rather than cars</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-1897	<p>At the moment, it is more dangerous to cross at the junctions as cars frequently ignore the lights and speed limits which means any outing is inherently dangerous</p>	<p>The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-1897	<p>I will likely lose parking immediately outside of my house, but the potential inconvenience of this would be more than offset by not needing to drive so often as cycling becomes safer and buses more frequent and reliable improving public transit networks, cycling, and walking infrastructure provide a vital opportunity to address questions of social justice and equality. Specifically, disability poverty and equity issues, health and environmental</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>

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NTA-C9-1899	Solutions such as Congestion charges, Park & Ride (P&R), Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ), Low traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNS), Filtered Permeability, Workplace Parking Levy (WPL), City Wide 30kph and Engineering features such as radii and road tightening, frequent pedestrian crossings would all go some way towards reducing the number of car movements in the City.	This statement identifies interventions some of which are contained in the STC proposals, and some of which are contained in the wider BusConnects programme and some of which are contained in CMATS.
NTA-C9-1903	However we are very concerned that some of the proposed bus routes, safe cycle routes and proposed new boundaries, with associated possible land acquisitions, will have a very negative impact on some of the Churches, properties and presbytery buildings.	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-1904	we do see positive aspects to this proposal such as increase frequency of new bus routes, increase in the bus fleet and integrated ticketing are positive aspects of the proposal.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support.
NTA-C9-1904	<p>concerns regarding the communication strategy to constituents.</p> <p>The overall proposal lacked specific detail to how this project would impact people's homes and the inclusion of possible CPO to residents was inappropriate and caused stress and anxiety to many people.</p> <p>The proposed design was challenging to read and many residents especially elderly residents and those who were challenged by IT and online systems found it difficult to access information.</p> <p>The initial proposal to hold one community forum clearly indicated that this was a top-down approach to implementing this plan and although while additional community forums were welcome it is crucial that local communities must be involved in future draft plans.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>

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NTA-C9-1910	<p>Access to the north side of the city by push bicycle is not easy Both electric bicycles and e-scooters are popular for ease of accessing the hills of the north side of Cork city. Micro-mobility, including electric bicycles, e-scooters, mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs should also be considered by BusConnects</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promoting and supporting electric micro-mobility as transport options • Rolling out a public e-bike or e-scooter sharing scheme for the north side of the city • Provision of sheltered and secure bike parking near bus stops (and integrating the city bike share scheme into public transport ticketing) to facilitate multi-modal transport, using micro-mobility for the last mile. • Better supporting the carrying of e-scooters and folding bicycles on city buses • Wide net 30km/h zones across urban neighbourhoods • Allow cyclists and e-scooter users to travel on all bus lanes and through all bus gates • Allow cyclists and e-scooters to travel in both directions on streets that are one-way • Pilot schemes should be trialled in Cork as part of BusConnects to support the purchase of micro-mobility options by residents. <p>It should be clear that cycle lanes are also for use by e-scooters, mobility scooters and electric wheelchair users.</p> <p>Cycle lanes must be kerb-segregated from motor traffic for safety and confidence.</p>	<p>Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines. In this way the infrastructure be developed to accommodate micro mobility.</p>
NTA-C9-1910	<p>A pedestrian bridge should be built over the N20 The dual carriageway of the N20 severed the Blackpool community when it was built. Replacing these pedestrian lights with a bridge would reconnect the community and eliminate a double set of lights for motorists near Mary McSwiney Bridge. Improved active travel should be considered for the junction of Pophams Road across the N20 travelling to Brothers Delaney Road. The shopping centre is a key destination for residents on the western side of the road N20 is a significant barrier to active travel from these areas to the shopping centre. Supporting measures for micro-mobility Access to the north side of the city by push bicycle is not easy and solutions need to be considered</p>	<p>Proposals for improving the pedestrian and cycling connectivity in Blackpool will be considered as the design develops.</p>
NTA-C9-1910	<p>S suitably designed bus shelters are a necessary part of the bus service and must be installed at every stop.</p> <p>Bus shelters must be thought of as every bit key to the operation of the bus service as a tram stop is to the operation of a light rail system. Their design and implementation must be considered as central and support other infrastructure.</p>	<p>The BusConnects project involves the provision of new bus stops and shelters with better signage and information. As the project progresses bus shelter details will be developed. It is recognised that bus shelters are an important provision within the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-1910	<p>The proposed implementation of STCs across the city show the removal of street trees In places it is not shown how these will be replaced with a street tree nearby Replacement trees should be planted as close as possible to original locations These should be at a minimum the same number of trees that are removed We should take the opportunity now to improve trees in the public realm. Replacing a mature tree with a semi-mature tree is not an equivalent from carbon capture, biodiversity loss and other perspectives. BusConnects should undertake a programme to quantify the value of trees removed and restore at least an equivalent value of trees in the area It may be necessary to purchase lands for the planting of wild native woodlands in the city boundary to compensate for this loss</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1910	<p>The communities that will benefit most from BusConnects are those able to engage fully and deeply in the consultation process. Efforts need to also be made reach stakeholders who are not visibly represented in community consultations at present.</p> <p>The consultation process must make deliberate efforts to reach young adults, who are reliant on public transport. The consultation must reach out to elderly people, who benefit from the free travel pass but who will have other barriers to use of public transport.</p> <p>Public transport commuters and employers must be engaged directly People with disabilities, who are unable to drive and are therefore reliant on good quality and accessible public transport, must also be represented and visible in the consultation process. The consultation must engage women on why they are deterred from cycling compared to men and how this can be improved. People under the age of 18 must also be represented.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1910	<p>I am supportive of the proposals. I believe that if local communities engage well, the plan will evolve into a set of designs that will benefit communities and businesses along these routes as well as public transport users across the city.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1915	<p>The proposal was very weak on detail and practical impact on local communities was obvious as in some areas the proposal is impossible to implement. It is important the local communities who have a strong neighbourhood community should not be scarified in this process.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>

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NTA-C9-1915	<p>The overall proposal lacked specific detail to how this project would impact people’s homes and the inclusion of possible CPO to residents was inappropriate and caused stress and anxiety to many people.</p> <p>The initial proposal to hold one community forum clearly indicated that this was a top-down approach to implementing this plan and although while additional community forums were welcome it is crucial that local communities must be involved in future draft plans.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1915	<p>This proposed plan will restrict and divert traffic, implement one-way systems, through neighbouring estates of the proposed routes and traffic may be diverted through estates.</p> <p>This is concerning. The proposed design where challenging to read an many residents epically elderly residents and those who were challenged by IT and online systems found if difficult to access information.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1915	<p>However, we do see positive aspects to this proposal such as increase frequency of new bus routes, increase in the bus fleet and integrated ticketing are positive aspects of the proposal.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1917	<p>There is no justification on any grounds – be they environmental, relation to Cork City’s heritage/ character, or regional impact – for this route to proceed as currently proposed.</p>	<p>Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>

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NTA-C9-1922	So, please keep cyclists segregated from both buses and general road traffic where at all possible.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1922	I want to commend, in general, the emphasis on a safe cycling network, as well as much more efficient bus corridors, in the plans. It is a wonderful opportunity to transform Cork's cycling network and will enable countless people to go about their daily business by cycling.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1924	All bus stops must provide full accessibility for mobility impaired passengers.	The BusConnects project will provide more bus shelters, with seating where possible, new footpaths and better information at bus stops, will make using the fully accessible bus fleet easier for all to use, including the elderly and mobility impaired
NTA-C9-1924	Promote integrated active transport by enhancing facilities at key transport interchanges. Greater provision of park and ride/stride facilities, secure bike parking and facilitation of innovative micro-mobility schemes, such as e-scooters, are encouraged. Further integration of bike sharing schemes with bus stops and the train station should also be examined.	Noted. As the project progresses and the design develops facilitation of micro mobility will be considered.
NTA-C9-1924	There should be scope to reimagine how buses work with the city and to future proof the BusConnects plan allowing for the future use of data, small autonomous electric vehicles, people movers/minibuses that run a shuttle service from the orbital routes to the centre.	Reallocating road space and the introducing traffic management measures such as bus gates and traffic signalling arrangements enables the transport network to respond to emerging and future transport modes as they develop.
NTA-C9-1924	Making the bus services reliable by keeping it resilient to heavy general traffic conditions is the primary condition to make the new bus system attractive and to achieve the modal shift away from private car traffic that is urgently needed. The final plan should be key to achieving quicker and more consistent journey times. The prioritisation of buses supported by dedicated infrastructure (bus lanes, bus gates, priority signalling and reduction of through car traffic) is vital to achieve acceptable travel times for public transport.	This statement supports the aim of the project.
NTA-C9-1924	The re-wiring of the city's bus network is urgently required in order to improve the speed and reliability of buses and to help meet the needs of a growing city while accelerating the journey to a net zero city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support.
NTA-C9-1924	Consideration must be given to residential access, business deliveries, and remaining local access traffic	Consideration has been given to local access, business deliveries and residential access. Retaining accessibility for these important functions will continue as the project progresses and the design develops.
NTA-C9-1924	In some instances, cycling infrastructure that would enable joining the corridors or crossing is not clear. We favour the option of cycle lanes having separate routes to the main public transport routes. Ensure that the various cycling lanes across the city connect to each other and do not operate in silos.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1924	Developing the public realm will also require a high standard of facilities at bus stops, including shelters and reliable real-time information at all stops. Smart technologies should allow for considerable advances in these areas in the coming years.	Noted
NTA-C9-1924	While the BusConnects project primarily concentrates on the city bus network, full integration of the interurban services, LocalLink services, rail services, future LUAS, the best use of interchange hubs with Park and Ride/Stride and active travel (walking and cycling) to enable the highest volumes switching to travel sustainably, including public bike-sharing and car-sharing, in planning, ticketing, information and communication design is essential	The consultation is focused on the proposals contained in the Sustainable Transport Corridors.

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NTA-C9-1924	Attention must be paid to location of bus stops, available space, quality of place and access routes/prominence in city space. The locations and design of bus stops should follow the idea of placemaking and allow to spend waiting time in a meaningful way (benches, shop windows, wifi, etc).	The design of bus stops will be progressed as the scheme progresses and topographical survey is available.
NTA-C9-1924	The widening of the roads within a streetscape and the removal of urban green spaces, green verges, hedges and street trees should be avoided as far as possible – for the sake of a high-quality public realm, climate change resilience and local biodiversity.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1924	Under the European Commission’s Cities Mission programme, Cork is one of 100 cities who will lead the way on climate action and smart cities across Europe. Cork needs to live up to and meet this designation in which cities act as testbeds for innovation in climate action enabling all European cities to follow suit by 2050. Reducing transport emissions will be a key component in achieving that vision for Cork by 2030.	Noted this statement supports the aims of the project.
NTA-C9-1924	Loss of parking is in part unavoidable, but where possible efforts to identify alternative parking should be made.	Noted
NTA-C9-1924	Alongside Bus Connects, there is ample opportunity to address congestion associated with the school run. More students travelling to school independently using public transport, walking and cycling can enable the reduction of local car traffic.	This statement supports the aims of the project
NTA-C9-1924	We recommend specific investment and co-ordination in terms of the development of the public realm alongside the delivery and rollout of BusConnects. It is important that the interchange between frequent bus routes will have a high-quality public realm. Factors such as good street lighting and open and pedestrian-focused spaces enhance the city’s overall look and feel, as well as its safety.	Public realm improvements will be developed as part of the proposals. The multidisciplinary design teams developing the proposals includes landscape architects.
NTA-C9-1924	Support for greater provision of park and ride/stride facilities	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.

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NTA-C9-1924	Cork's streets often have a limited width, and present cross sections often do not allow for the installation of general traffic, bus- and cycle lanes on a continuous basis. While additional 'land-take' in places appears to be unavoidable, a measured approach should be taken	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1924	Cork Chamber and its members have valued this consultation process, and the NTA's commitment to listening to local businesses and residents to improve the proposals and find viable alternatives in its second iteration. Incorporating local knowledge and being cognisant of the rich heritage and the cultural fabric of the city will be crucial.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-1924	Supportive of the BusConnects Cork first phase of public consultation on the creation of 12 new Sustainable Transport Corridors (STC) with 93km approx. of bus lanes with the aim of making the bus system operate more efficiently, and to encourage more active travel and the realisation of our 15-minute city ambitions. We acknowledge and recognise the importance of the public transport and the bus network at its heart, as backbone of public transport in the city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1932	As a general rule I am in favour of adding more cycle paths.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-1939	This plan, with a good emphasis on safe and segregated cycling infrastructure, should give large numbers of people the confidence and safety to use bikes in place of a car for most of their city journeys I'd ask above all to maintain segregated and connected cycle routes alongside the bus routes wherever possible.	Noted
NTA-C9-1940	However, in view of the existing and projected employment at Blarney Business Park, it is submitted that there is an immediate need for public transport provision to provide sustainable access, not least to ensure that unsustainable private car travel patterns do not become engrained the provision of a enhanced bus service serving Blarney Business Park and the provision of a dedicated park and ride in the vicinity with representatives from the NTA.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-1940	there is also the potential to bring forward the delivery of a bus-based park and ride facility at Blarney Business Park to secure a step change in mode share in favour of public transport in the north of the City	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-1941	I wish to express my support for the proposed Bus Connects project. While I acknowledge that there are a number of areas where design refinement will be needed to address local concerns, I am keen to see the progression of a public transport network for Cork.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1944	Bus lanes must be continuous and not abruptly end to enable private car traffic take priority.	Noted
NTA-C9-1944	Cycle lanes must be continuous and not end randomly along a route.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1944	Those who drive can take a longer route, public transport and active travel must be prioritised.	This statement supports the aims of the project.
NTA-C9-1944	Only junctions with a significant regular volume of road traffic should have controlled crossings.	The provision of crossings will be developed as project progresses.
NTA-C9-1944	I support the Bus Connects vision for Cork City. I support the need to give priority to public transport and reallocate street/road space to active travel (walking, cycling, scooters).	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1949	The proposals have raised significant concern and stress among the community. Legitimate concerns have been raised by residents and businesses in the broader Douglas area, as well as the Boreenmanna Road, Ballyphene and Togher areas.	This non-statutory public consultation was undertaken to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.

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NTA-C9-1949	<p>I believe the NTA should pause the plans until a thorough review is carried out and genuinely meaningful consultation takes place with residents and businesses. This will be a vital plan for Cork's future and it is absolutely essential that it is delivered in a way that communities can support and embrace.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1950	<p>The loss of so many trees in the scheme is unfortunate but rather than scraping the plan or making such changes that the benefits are lost, I feel that the design should be looked at by favouring trees over private car use and a significant plan of tree planting in the areas where the trees are to be removed.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1950	<p>I wish to register my support for the scheme. Bus Connects Cork has potential to transform how people move around Cork City and its environs. This scheme, which will help promote modal shift to walking, cycling, and public transport, will help to create a more sustainable, equitable, and enjoyable city. An undertaking of this size will, of course, impact some people more than others, but I feel the plan is vital for the greater good at city and national level and for creating a path to a highly liveable city. I feel that many of those who are currently worried about the impact of the plan will eventually come to see the benefits the scheme will bring to themselves and their communities.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1955	<p>Parking will be reduced for an ageing population who need it most.</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>

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NTA-C9-1955	<p>Current plans would see imposition of the acquisition of 10m from the road of private land where I have a more direct interest.</p> <p>The acquisition being sought is egregious and will result in severely unfair lifestyle changes for several residents.</p>	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-1955	<p>The consultation strategy for the proposed project is problematic because residents have only been consulted after decisions have already been taken.</p> <p>On attending meetings with officials we were told repeatedly that everything was up for consultation, but clearly such communication is disingenuous.</p> <p>This information is extremely hard to access in drop down menus and will have been missed by interested parties.</p> <p>The main consultation portal only provides summaries for the “preferred routes” in “brochures” and gives very little information on specific scoring mechanisms. It appears to strongly contravene expectations in the Aarhus conventions around accessibility to information about environmental change.</p> <p>Clarity on overall aims of the process show significant shortcomings. I asked repeatedly what the overall objectives of the scheme are and they were articulated by officials as getting things moving.</p> <p>BusConnects has a mandate to provide a more efficient bus service but it is not clear that overall aim of increasing sustainable travel choices is driving those efficiencies.</p> <p>The overall plan should consider several more one way systems for private transport and low-traffic neighbourhoods. Private transport is necessary for residents, especially those with accessibility issues but the incentives should require people to travel longer by private transport thus making public transport the predominant choice for journeys along public transport routes.</p> <p>Finally it is clear that a tram is planned along the routes as part of the metropolitan plan. Officials are claiming that is another bodies responsibility but there is clearly an ask here that aims to facilitate the light rail. If detailed plans are not presented for both, knowing that both are policy, this is again in contravention of legal expectations around citizen information.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1955	<p>Monetary compensation cannot account for noise and vibrations, safety issues and crossing threats that will result in closeness to busy roads with large vehicles passing at the new rates envisioned by travel efficiencies, as well as loss of biodiversity and investment in gardens and community.</p>	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-1960	I object to the proposed Maryborough to City bus connect scheme as Bernadette way and Castlegreine are not suitable for the volume of traffic that will ensue	An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.
NTA-C9-1964	As a resident of Seven Oaks I think there will be excessive noise when the trees and wall are taken down especially from the busses and extra traffic	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-1967	I broadly support BusConnects and see it as a way of meeting our sustainable travel goals. An affordable (preferably free), well-serviced and reliable service is crucial to encourage people to travel by bus.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-1971	I fear for the safety of my children as pedestrians on the roads with the proposed changes made.	The final designs will be rigorously assessed against all relevant design standards. Road user safety will be assessed through a Road User Audit, Road Safety Audit and Disability Audit of the scheme.
NTA-C9-1974	it should be considered to provide one month free public transport in Cork to promote the initiative	Noted
NTA-C9-1974	in street parking needs to be kept (and thus leaving the road narrow) then a one way system should be considered for some of the roads that are negatively impacted by on street parking	On street parking will be continue to be a focus item as the project progresses and the design develops. One way systems have been and will continue to be considered as potential options. The challenge with one way systems is that can sometime provide overly circuitous routes.
NTA-C9-1974	Residents directly affected by the removal of on street parking should perhaps be provided with travel passes.	Noted

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NTA-C9-1974	It would be ideal if tree removal should be avoided as much as possible. If it's unavoidable then replanting of trees should be prioritized wherever possible nearby.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1974	I believe that bus lanes and bus priority lanes are only effective when enforcement is in place. Buses should be equipped with external facing cameras to record and report any violations caused by drivers when driving on bus lanes during designated times.	Supporting measures to ensure compliance with the measures proposed are under consideration.
NTA-C9-1975	There must also be some acknowledge that public transport and use of bicycles is not accessible or suitable for all those in the community with particular consideration of those with limited mobility, children with sensory difficulties etc.	Accessibility by car will continue to be available with the proposals. Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.

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NTA-C9-1975	<p>The consultation process and plan put into place for this bus corridor proposal has been wholly inadequate in its consideration of those who it will affect.</p> <p>Proposing a plan that doesn't involve residents/community members from the onset of this development and calling an online submission process a 'consultation process' is very much geared towards tokenistic participation.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-1979	<p>Urban trees have multiple benefits for a sustainable city - improved human health and life expectancy; improved human mental health; climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration; climate change adaptation through improved shading, cooling, flooding mitigation, etc.; increased tourism; aesthetic value to citizens and visitors; biodiversity benefits for a huge range of species; and more. an examination of the proposed STCs suggests that the tree planting programme is far from comprehensive</p> <p>, the plans should replace any trees lost with multiple trees nearby (e.g. 1 tree removed ≈ 10 replacement trees)</p> <p>There is a need for a full tree management plan for these proposals along with a full, itemised list of all trees along the routes (species, age, condition, dimensions, etc.) as well as all trees threatened with removal and details of the proposed replacements and additional trees as part of an urban greening project (species, age, dimensions, etc.)</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-1980	<p>When implementing larger scale routing restrictions (bus gates, one-ways, turning bans), care must be taken that residual motor traffic is not pushed into streets where extra traffic is not desired, or in the case of vans and HGVs where streets are just not suitable to take such vehicles.</p>	<p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-1980	<p>UCC is very supportive of the BusConnects plans to significantly upgrade the city's PT and sustainable transport system. Having a roadside infrastructure that prioritises sustainable travel and makes bus operations fast and reliable is essential for the success of a sustainable mobility transformation.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-1983	<p>I agree with the proposed plans.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>

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NTA-C9-1988	There should be more reallocation of road space from general traffic to bus, bike and pedestrian space and less road widening. Ensuring continuous uninterrupted and direct bus and cycle routes must continue to be the top priority when changes must be made.	Noted
NTA-C9-1988	Traffic reduction measures, such as, bus gates, turn restrictions, one-way systems and limiting junction capacity should be used more extensively. Including to reduce motor traffic on route to a level where bus lanes are not required so avoiding widening. Where there are no other options for local access making one way or bus gate use at a pinch point impossible traffic management at surrounding junctions should ensure the reduction of traffic along that section of the route to a level where a bus lane is unnecessary.	The revised proposals include more extensive use of bus gates and traffic signal control bus priority as suggested.
NTA-C9-1988	Cycle route design should reflect that fact that most cyclist using the route will use the route for only part of their journey and so should ensure that route are easy to join and leave from all adjacent road's paths etc.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-1988	Where consultation means that residents parking should not be removed this should be at the expense of the removal of general traffic lanes not the removal or narrowing of footpaths, cycles lanes or bus lanes.	Noted
NTA-C9-1988	Where land acquisition is considered and number alternatives should be looked at first including the removal of general traffic lanes, one way access only and the use of a bus gate through the pinch point.	Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties. Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/ .
NTA-C9-1988	I strongly support the concept and general philosophy of Bus Connects, of practising public transport and active travel over private motor vehicles. The provision of continuous cycle and bus routes free from danger and congestion should be of the highest priority.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2009	<p>Regarding the cantilever bike route crossing over by Caste View terrace, this will block access to the slipway and harbour area by Castle View Terrace which is earmarked for development in the city development plan as a river amenity access in the future. Also the cycle boardwalk passes in front of and blocks access to the private harbour at the back of Castle View Terrace. It will also block access to the protected Patent slip in the old Harbour Commissioners yard. One solution might be to install a dutch-style canal lifting bridge which would still give access to the Patent slip from the river. This would add a feature to the boardwalk and enhance the area. It would probably work best to merge the cycle lane and bus lane at Castle View terrace as far as water street as traffic will have to slow down anyway due to the the right angle turn onto Water Street. Or another option is to merge bus and cycle traffic for 50 m as far as the new access road planned along the eastern edge of the Harbour Commissioners.</p> <p>Also the cantilevered cycle way / boardwalk along the river would first need structural repairs to be carried out to the quay walls as these have been neglected for some time. A 40 m section of the quay wall on the Lower Glanmire road collapsed into the River Lee in October 2008.</p> <p>Link to article : https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-20076034.html</p> <p>The cantilevered cycle way would need to be positioned high enough above the river due to the high tides and wave action. By the mid 2030's the lunar cycle will again amplify high tides as well as amplify any incremental rise in sea levels due to climate change.</p>	<p>The proposals for STC A in the vicinity of Castlevue Terrace will continue to be developed as the project progresses. Engagement with the relevant stakeholders will be required to determine the appropriate solution at this location.</p>
NTA-C9-2014	<p>I want to support to expansion of safe, protected cycle lanes to encourage car free travel in the city and suburbs. As a resident of Blarney Street, I frequently travel around the city and Blackpool by bike. I would like to see the more cycles lanes in the Northside of the city. I would also feel safer and more confident to travel out to the suburbs if the cycle lanes were connected</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2015	<p>However, where space must be reallocated for new corridors, that it should be reallocated, first of all, from space currently given over to other vehicular/motor traffic carriageways, rather than being at the expense of active travel networks (footpaths, cycle lanes), or gardens and other green infrastructure. If that means one-way systems for other traffic, etc., so be it.</p> <p>It's more important to retain active travel infrastructure and green infrastructure, to retain mature trees (or to plant trees where they are not already present), than it is to try and shoehorn bus corridors onto existing traffic routes, with an attempt to retain the latter. There simply isn't enough space.</p> <p>This is a huge opportunity to install a scheme fit for the challenges of the immediate future, a future which must de-prioritise the car.</p> <p>Given population projections for the city and county, it is simply not feasible that we will be able to accommodate continued car use, at current levels, into the future (it's already unfeasible).</p> <p>In itself, such an emphasis on our transport networks, away from the car, would encourage further modal shift. If there are those who still need to drive, they could still do so, albeit perhaps with slightly more convenience in terms of directness of route (albeit then again, perhaps with less traffic as a result of the busconnects scheme and active travel networks).</p>	<p>The proposals involve significant reallocation of road space. Retaining accessibility for cars is considered necessary. The proposals have been revised to reduce the extent of road widening proposed. In addition to bus lanes the proposed arrangements include removing buses from traffic congestion by using traffic signalling arrangements over short distances. Alternatively, general traffic levels would be reduced by restricting through traffic using bus gates, such that buses will no longer be delayed by traffic congestion.</p>
NTA-C9-2015	<p>I'd like to register my support for the scheme in general. In order to encourage people out of their cars, it's important that the alternative, and make active transport and public transport more attractive. A scheme like the proposed busconnects corridors is needed.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>

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NTA-C9-2023	<p>If people are to lose parking spaces, let it not be for this ill planned venture.</p> <p>If people are to use buses, why not a larger fleet of smaller more frequent electric busses that operate on a more regular service.</p> <p>Please make vast practical improvements to this plan rather than ruin our beautiful though flawed city. Let it be planned locally, sensibly and realistically, please.</p>	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce. The BusConnects project include transitioning to a new zero emissions bus fleet.</p>
NTA-C9-2024	<p>I would urge the NTA to keep an open mind in relation to, but in the short to medium term, improving the quality of our bus network is essential and naturally to achieve that, certain measures will be necessary.</p> <p>This could naturally include, bus prioritization, ensuring routes are designed in the optimum way to carry the most possible passengers and that there are logical connections to centres of healthcare, an education and industry of leisure and so on.</p>	Noted
NTA-C9-2024	<p>It's cityscape is built on the footprint of Corks routes of a medieval city, many narrow windy streets and not very wide streets and this expands out into some of key roads in the suburbs that would have been routes in to the city for hundreds of years and not particularly wide themselves either.</p>	Noted
NTA-C9-2024	<p>In relation to trees, more generally, it is important to note that trees are an objective public good, adding necessary greenery to towns and the city, which reduce heat temperatures and capture CO2.</p>	<p>Where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project</p>
NTA-C9-2024	<p>There are many people who are likely to lose parking outside of their house and along that run of street and those who are likely to lose either footpath space or green space to facilitate either bike lanes or bus lanes.</p> <p>This is a matter of some regret and these people, whatever the outcome of this proves, should have been contacted directly and in any future iteration of this approach, this should be the presumption that if there is any impact that directly affects a resident that they are contacted directly.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-2024	<p>Cork is in need of new parks and green areas, and some of the BusConnects plans for addition of trees to certain areas could be expanded upon further, with the addition of benches and other amenity, to create a series of new 'pocket parks' across the city - a move which would be welcomed in neighbourhoods across the city.</p>	<p>Public realm improvements will be developed as part of the proposals. The mutlidisciplinary design teams developing the proposals includes landscape architects.</p>

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NTA-C9-2024	I would also re-emphasise the call I have made in the past for a dedicated permanent NTA presence in Cork, along the lines of a delivery office. I know Cork Chamber have argued for this also, and I think some of the issues brought up in this process might have been avoided with specific local knowledge gained by having a team on the ground.	This statement is seeking an NTA delivery office based in Cork. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposals for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-2024	<p>More generally there is in my view a need to make this transition exciting for residents, and give the impression of a newness, a modal shift.</p> <p>The best example I can think of is the Glider in Belfast which has been tremendously successful and popular. We need to transform how people think of buses in Cork issues of livery and brand are important.</p> <p>The presentation will be important. In a related manner, and perhaps this is a contradiction to my previous point, I have heard the point made that there is a fondness for the Bus Éireann branding, the red setter and so on and that some will regret it's ending.</p>	Noted
NTA-C9-2024	More simplified localised correspondence as opposed to the more project wide type literature, and so on.	Noted
NTA-C9-2039	I welcome the proposed introduction of the bus corridors for the people of Cork and for people outside such as myself.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2042	<p>The way NTA are going about implementing bus connects however is a real concern for many locals in Ballincollig who have been in contact with me.</p> <p>Can Bus Connects provide routes not just on the chosen corridor but also on parallel routes?</p> <p>Can infrastructure on the straight road be improved for cyclists or could Bus Connect also advance the cycleway from the Regional Park to the Lee field and on into the city to give cyclists real options?</p> <p>Bus Connect needs to look again at the plan for Main Street Ballincollig.</p> <p>There are many positive features to the Bus Connect plans including improved access for bus and cycleway and NTA need to implement it in a way that will work for all locals.</p> <p>NTA need to take this opportunity with the public consultation to listen to the local view, the very real concerns of residents and improve the plan before doing anything else.</p>	The Sustainable Transport Corridors are the busiest routes into and out of the city centre. Buses will continue to travel on other routes. This statement requests the BusConnects project to progress other cycling projects. These are being progressed by Cork City Council which will continue. The statement request local views are taken into consideration. During this consultation phase almost three thousand submissions were received in total. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.
NTA-C9-2042	<p>They outline their concern at the disruption and the way that some of the work may disimprove things locally and the way removing of trees would injure the Ballincollig landscape.</p> <p>Residents point out that it doesn't make sense to remove part of their gardens and a large number of trees when there is already a very wide road in place.</p> <p>Similarly on the eastern side of the village, from the East Gate and on towards Poulovone where residents outline concern on gardens and trees being removed again despite there being bus lanes and wide paths in place for much of this road.</p> <p>Cutting into these landscaping and trees would be an injury to Ballincollig and not the way NTA should advance Bus Connects.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-2043	I welcome the introduction of these sustainable transport corridors. In particular the use of bus gates on some corridors is to be welcomed as they provide priority for sustainable modes of transport without the need for road widening.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2045	This plan has the chance to be transformative for Cork. Implementing it would, in my view, make Cork an even more attractive place to live.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2052	Bus connects is crucial for the future of transport in cork. Without it, the city will be sending a message that the car dependent sprawl is the prefers method of growth for the city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2056	My world is narrowed into "islands of accessibility": the small cluster of spaces and places I can access via walking, bus and cycling. BusConnects and its improved walking and cycling infrastructure and increased bus service quality has the potential to be revolutionise the way I encounter mobility, space and accessibility.	This statement supports the aims of the project.
NTA-C9-2056	I support the reallocation of space from motorised vehicular dominance to a more fair approach, where walking, cycling and public transport are given a fairer allocation of space than we currently have.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2062	There are too many schools in the area the traffic will be way worse.	The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.
NTA-C9-2064	The opportunities this scheme will provide will steer the public away from selfish and antiquated attitudes towards our public transport network and will result in cleaner air and calmer, safer roads.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2072	One good line would be better than a lot of terrible unreliable buses.	By removing buses from traffic congestion, punctuality and reliability of the bus system will be greatly improved.
NTA-C9-2072	Please consider running as a mode of transport. I run to many places in the city and nothing is designed with runners in mind. It is as good a mode of transport as cycling.	Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided
NTA-C9-2072	Use trees and furniture to slow the cars and buses down. We all need to slow down a bit.	Noted

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NTA-C9-2072	We are so short of trees in the City, any tree that is removed is a crime against the air quality in the city.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2074	Cork needs a regular, reliable and connected bus service without compromising green spaces and trees. We should prioritise public transport, walking and cycling as means of transport instead of the car centric city we have.	This statement supports the aim of the project.
NTA-C9-2086	As for trees. They also need to be given priority. There is no replacement for a mature tree so all effort to maintain them must be made.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2088	consideration needs to be given also to the fact that female journeys tend to be circular and as such may use more than one bus route to get from a to d to b to f to c to z.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2088	Cork needs protected cycle lanes, especially in the North of the city in order to encourage active travel. Existing cycle lanes are great, however they are all concentrated in the south side.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2088	consideration needs to be given also to the fact that female journeys tend to be circular and as such may use more than one bus route to get from a to d to b to f to c to z.	The designs will be progressed to consider factors such as street lighting and open and pedestrian-focused spaces to enhance the city's overall look and feel, as well as its safety.
NTA-C9-2088	The bus connects sustainable transport is great. Existing cycle lanes are great.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2091	cycling infrastructure should be protected and completely segregated from encroachment of drivers on both sides onto the footpaths and cycle lanes.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2091	I would also support the move to reduce or eliminate on street parking. It is wasteful to spend >95% of a car's life obstructing main roads.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2094	The public space is not the private parking space of any individual or commercial business and so the argument that parking needs to be maintained is not in the interest of the greater good, As for ccp.	Noted
NTA-C9-2094	As for trees. They also need to be given priority. There is no replacement for a mature tree so all effort to maintain them must be made.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2096	<p>The plan should front load as many of the easy implemented aspects as possible, including more pedestrian crossings, increased and more reliable bus services, bus shelters at all stops, cheaper and more flexible fares, new cycle lanes, connecting existing cycle lanes, and tree planting.</p> <p>The plan should commit to planting at least the double number of trees felled and increase the provision for the number of micro-green spaces in the plan.</p> <p>The plan has provision for Capwell Road/High Street to be designated as 'Quiet street will provide a safer and more attractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists.' with 'New landscaped urban park area created on what was previously roadway.'. These enhancements should be added to the aforementioned network of roads.</p> <p>An additional pedestrian crossing needs to be added adjacent to Cork Constitution Rugby Club at the brow of the hill to enable access to the Beaumont Park and for primary school children going to Beaumont National Schools.</p> <p>Given that there is sufficient space for two rows of parked cars and two-way road, a more minimum interventionist approach would simply remove the on-street park to create shared bus/cycle lanes on either sides and retain the two-way street for private cars.</p> <p>This has the added advantage of prevent the removal of existing trees and use of CPOs.</p>	This statement proposes ways of implementing the proposals and suggests planting double the number of trees. The proposals for implementation and tree planting will be considered as the project progresses (and if planning permission is obtained). The revised proposals for Route J include a potential location for replacement parking and pedestrian crossings close to Cork Con.
NTA-C9-2097	Bus Connects Cork needs to have a comprehensive network of routes whereby parking spaces are removed to facilitate a seamless journey for bus passengers.	Noted
NTA-C9-2100	I am writing this in support of the Bus Connects program as someone from West Cork who regularly uses the public transport system in both West Cork and Cork City.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2102	I wanted to voice my support overall for the Bus Connects project. It cannot happen fast enough and needs to be pushed through to get people out of cars and onto buses and using active travel. Very much in favour of bus connects.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2117	Side running lanes often result in bus service being slowed by vehicles turning from adjoining roads, or even from vehicles pulling out of driveways. They are also commonly impacted by illegal parking. Center running bus lanes mitigate these problems significantly by removing much of this conflict. Island platforms are provided for faster boarding. Submission attaches references explaining the benefits and examples.	Noted
NTA-C9-2117	Where there becomes a new conflict, we urge the NTA and the BusConnects team to favour usage of local access only schemes, one-way access for motor traffic, usage of bus gates, reduction of road width, removal of turn lanes where safety allows, and other schemes which prioritize sustainable modes of transport.	The revised proposals include more extensive use of bus gates as suggested.
NTA-C9-2117	we strongly urge the NTA to utilize increased urban design features when implementing changes to urban towns and neighbourhood centers.	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-2117	The design needs to switch to the 'Dutch junction' design. This is the approach favoured in the global cycling capital of The Netherlands, and reduces any conflict between cyclists, pedestrians, and oncoming vehicles. There also needs to be orbital cycle infrastructure within this scheme, to enable safe trips that are not solely suburb-to-city as a high proportion of trips are suburban-to-suburban there are indeed cycle lanes, many are in need of upgrading to a higher standard, including the implementation of proper traffic segregation We also wish to place emphasis on the submissions from the Cork Cycling Campaign, who have used their extensive expertise to go into far greater detail on how cycling infrastructure can be improved across the plan as a whole.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2117	When evaluating the submissions from interested parties across Cork, please do not forget those who depend on public transport services because it is their only option Routine, clockwork bus services increase the mobility of the most vulnerable, and allow them to take part in society at a far greater rate.	Noted
NTA-C9-2117	private parking, including those in out-of-town shopping centers, needs to be taxed as a benefit in kind. There needs to be real financial disincentive to the development of all parking, including private.	The statement outlines proposals to discourage parking. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.

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NTA-C9-2117	<p>Trees are an objective public good, adding necessary greenery to towns and the city, which reduce heat temperatures and capture CO2</p> <p>BusConnects needs to plant the new trees before moving and removing any existing trees</p> <p>Creating further green space would also be welcomed</p> <p>Take a 'move trees' approach, as opposed to cutting them down, as mature trees cannot simply be replaced to the same effect with juvenile or semi-mature trees</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2117	<p>It is crucial that every element of the BusConnects process supports the eventual implementation of light rail, something we're pleased to have seen so far.</p> <p>the implementation of centre running bus lanes, as they are noted for easier upgrading to rapid transit standards, significantly reducing the construction time and upgrading cost</p> <p>Bus shelters need to become ubiquitous across the network in order to increase patronage and user experience</p> <p>We also recommend usage of pro-biodiverse grass topped bus shelters, as discussed in more detail in submission NTA-C9-769 by Green Spaces for Health.</p>	<p>Proposals for a light rail scheme extending from Ballincollig to Mahon are contained in CMATS. In advance of the development of this light rail corridor, and to allow the development consolidation to support its delivery, it is intended to serve this route with a high frequency bus service and to develop bus priority measures along the route to enable a high level of performance in advance of its transition to light rail. In addition consideration of the light rail proposals will be required along those routes where they potentially interact.</p>
NTA-C9-2117	<p>We are calling on the NTA to include the Park and Ride plans within the next round of STC consultation.</p>	<p>Park and Ride plans are being developed in the wider BusConnects Cork programme as part of separate project.</p>
NTA-C9-2117	<p>there is a strong concern that BusConnects has fumbled at launch, with a perceived (and sometimes real) lack of quality public information and the decision to route buses through the Mangala opening the door to further criticism of the project</p> <p>it is clear that there needs to be additional efforts taken about the entire process</p> <p>a city centre shopfront should be established area as a key information centre for the project to ensure that people are able to 'pop in' to an easily accessible centre, and receive full, digestible information from well-informed staff about elements of the project.</p> <p>There also needs to be a significant effort for BusConnects to step up the effort in showcasing the positive aspects of BusConnects</p> <p>The BusConnects team needs to increase the outreach efforts significantly - even showcasing the statistics on faster travel times, added routes, number of new trees, and so on.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
NTA-C9-2117	<p>We strongly urge the NTA to consider school zones, where there are explicitly delineated safe cycleways, bollards, quiet corridors and walkways from nearby bus stops, incorporation of large bus shelters at nearby bus stops, and full pedestrianization and local access only schemes nearby to schools.</p>	<p>School zones are being delivered through the Safe Routes to School Programme.</p>

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NTA-C9-2117	<p>We support the call for a ‘parking census’, to properly examine the parking habits of people in the city. We believe that this will provide useful information on how to make upgrades to the public realm ‘go down easier’ for local communities, as well as provide information on how surpluses of parking can be reduced in key areas in favour of sustainable mobility.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-2122	<p>Removal of car parking spaces at public amenities, schools, churches, local shopping areas and areas that would traditionally have a high demand for parking should have parking maintained especially when these services and amenities are mainly being used mainly by the young and old in our society. The elderly, disabled and young families would be left in a vulnerable position if they were not able to access these areas easily. In many cases vulnerable members of society depend on their private car to access services and it can be a lifeline for them.</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>
NTA-C9-2122	<p>In many cases these spaces would be used by people operating in a caring capacity - removal of the spaces would lead to isolation for the homeowner in many cases and would leave many in a vulnerable position.</p> <p>Input from the local community is crucial in deciding areas for placement of new bus stops. The local community know the area more than anyone else and they will inevitably be the ones using the service so their input here is crucial.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-2122	<p>Removing drop off areas close to schools in order to prioritise bike and bus lanes would present a real danger for families who are dropping younger children as they would not be able to walk a certain distance safely on their own.</p> <p>Not everyone attending a certain school is automatically living in close proximity to the school and therefore cannot be reasonably expected to walk, cycle or take a bus on their own due to young age.</p>	<p>Prioritising active travel and sustainable transport is in accordance with all relevant transport policy.</p>
NTA-C9-2123	<p>I support the Bus Connects proposal for all routes. It is a step in the right direction to get Cork more sustainable and would connect more of the city.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2126	<p>With regard to the cycle proposals, I would urge the NTA to deliver the cycle aspects in a cohesive and connected manner.</p> <p>Too often cycle lanes currently end abruptly or on footpaths and this does nothing for the aim of those 8-80 to use this infrastructure</p>	<p>Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.</p>

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NTA-C9-2126	I would urge the NTA to also increase the amount of replacement tree planting and where possible existing trees should be transplanted elsewhere.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2126	<p>Recent examples in Dublin are not fit for purpose and defer too much to motor traffic to the detriment of cycle safety.</p> <p>I welcome proposals to remove on street parking in the plans, but also it should be necessary to perform road diets, where space is available, narrowing roads/streets in order to calm traffic and reduce speed, widen footpaths / cycle lanes should happen.</p>	Road space reallocation and narrowing of traffic lanes is contained in the proposals.
NTA-C9-2135	Very positive development. Lots of improved routes and will make cycling/buses much more appealing in the city and clear congestion long term improving air quality. Very supportive of this.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2135	Really simplifies the services and it will be great for the city. Will make my commute easier and faster and many of the other journeys I will make via bus will be quicker. Very supportive of the developments outlined.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2138	I would like to extend my support for BusConnects in Cork. While genuine concerns should be addressed this project is an important step in making Cork a more sustainable transport city and can't be allowed to fail to the status quo of car domination.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2143	No major restructuring of the city – maintaining its character, history, ecology, charm	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-2148	This is quite dangerous albeit safer than on general lanes. However if similar infrastructure is Continued through bus connects, it will be very underwhelming and we continue to put cyclists lives at risk, by sharing roads with dangerous buses.	It is not clear what exactly this statement is referring too.
NTA-C9-2148	<p>I support the proposals put forward to a large extent. These will make it easier for getting to your destination quicker, easier and more efficiently.</p> <p>This proposal will encourage people to choose public transport over the private car.</p>	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2152	I wanted to voice my support overall for the Bus Connects project. It cannot happen fast enough and needs to be pushed through to get people out of cars and onto buses and using active travel. Very much in favour of bus connects.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2154	Where the situation lends itself, the set-up of 2-way tracks on one side only should be considered.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.

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NTA-C9-2154	cycling infrastructure along the STCs must also include suitable access options to the corridors for joining, leaving or crossing the longer-distance routes	The detail outlined in this statement will be addressed as the design progresses.
NTA-C9-2154	The large-scale removal of roundabouts must be seen critical. Roundabouts have an important function serving as turning points for any (esp. larger) vehicles in the road network. Further, roundabouts visually interrupt a straight driving line and hence reduce speeds,	Junction design will be developed as topographical survey becomes available and the design process progresses.
NTA-C9-2154	Having several P+R locations ready and set-up at the time when an STC will be delivered is essential to significantly reduce through car traffic in areas along an STC.	New Park and Ride sites in key locations form part of the BusConnects Cork project. The park and ride facilities will need to be serviced by buses that are punctual and reliable. This will require the infrastructure proposed with the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Without this infrastructure the park and ride facilities will not be a success.
NTA-C9-2156	An accompanying landscape strategy would be beneficial to specify the most appropriate planting strategy for each location, balancing biodiversity and aesthetic enhancement with future safety and maintenance needs. Such a strategy would come at a fraction of the cost of some of the heavy engineering solutions included in the scheme, and have more widely felt impacts than token artistic installations.	Landscaping proposals will be developed as part of the proposals. The multidisciplinary design teams developing the proposals includes landscape architects.
NTA-C9-2159	There should be a strong focus on delivering high quality infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists and bus users and not having the quality of this proposal diminished to maintain a car-centric environment.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2159	I support the BusConnects proposal broadly. It is important that the changes are implemented to prioritise sustainable bus transport but also ensure that walking and cycling are given greater priority than at present, particularly for children and people with mobility issues. Busses should be prioritised over private cars.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2160	Along the way, don't forget biodiversity and tree planting for shade, cleaner air, quiet, beauty and closeness to nature. It is obvious that this goes hand in hand with any vision for a compelling and enjoyable built environment.	Where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project
NTA-C9-2160	Let's please have a city that is safe, healthy and accessible for people of all ages, incomes, backgrounds and abilities, and not one choked and dominated by cars. Cities are for people.	BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-2160	It is clear that the delivery of a comprehensive quality public and sustainable transport network is fundamental to the quality of life of people of all ages in Cork.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2167	I am writing to show my support for the BusConnects proposal. While I do not live on any of the proposed routes, and sympathise with people losing car park spaces and sections of gardens, this scheme will benefit the city as a whole. While not perfect, the proposed routes are a step in the right direction. Over the years, car centric policy has had a detrimental effect on the city. These proposals should not be watered down just to appease some very vocal objectors.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2168	where green space, trees etc already exist, these shouldn't be removed unless absolutely necessary and if so should be replanted and green space increased.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2168	to avoid very wide pedestrian unfriendly roads and spaces, cycle lanes and bus lanes should be prioritised over the provision of additional car lanes. This should also encourage modal shift to sustainable travel.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2170	<p>Diversion of traffic at the edge of the town centre does not make much sense to me as the volume passing through is not large except for school times.</p> <p>Diverting traffic from the east down Harrington St will only cause logjams elsewhere as the route will take you through the car park and out onto Station Road via Baker's St which in effect ends in a narrow T junction with little room for large vehicles to turn.</p> <p>These roads are very busy during school times as parents collect their children from the local boys and girls schools and there is no proper traffic management in place.</p>	<p>The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application for the proposals. This will include traffic modelling to assess the impact and identify mitigation measures where these are necessary to address the impacts.</p>
NTA-C9-2170	The removal of two rows of car park spaces (approx 40 spaces) in the eastern part of the public carpark to facilitate this road will be detrimental to the local business in this area as parking in this area is very restricted at present.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-2177	<p>I am in overall support of this bus connects proposal. I hope that the trees will be adequately replaced and that traffic management can be improved at the aldi traffic junction at the old Fort Road.</p> <p>Today I cycled from East ballincollig to west ballincollig and found it very unsafe in its current format. I think the proposal will make cycling easier for the town.</p>	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2181	I welcome the proposal of developing sustainable and more efficient transport links in the Cork City area. I understand the aim of the proposal and certain design elements but feel some areas are not fully considered or could be strengthened with data.	As the project progresses additional data such as topographical, tree and traffic surveys will be used to improve the proposals

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NTA-C9-2181	I would expect that claims about bus journey time reductions or projected user volumes can be validated with extensive testing and surveying but this is not evidenced.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-2184	As a bus user and occasional cyclist, this is a big improvement on the current bus network and cycling infrastructure and I fully support it.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2189	Consider the possibility of central running bus-lanes. Frequency, reliability and the shortest possible journey times will impact on ridership and the overall quality of the service.	This possibility of central lane running will be considered during the scheme design. The practicality of set down and pick up at bus stops will be important considerations. The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-2189	<p>As a rule of thumb, consider 100mm of horizontal segregation for every 10kph of permitted speed allowed for general motor traffic. 30kph = 300mm, 50kph = 500mm etc.</p> <p>The current plans suggest just a kerb will be all that is delineating the space between a cyclist and a double decker bus travelling at 50kph. Cycling must feel safe to do if it is to be adopted by more people.</p> <p>Avoid unnecessary, unsafe and untested lane narrowing for bicycle users at bus-stop bypasses.</p>	The cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2192	I wish to welcome the introduction of Bus Connects plans for Cork City. the plan to improve access for buses will ensure that Cork is more accessible by bus and will make the city centre more vibrant and modern.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2195	A timetable for delivery of the proposed P+R at Ballincollig West, N28 at Carrigaline Rd and Blarney/ Stoneview should be provided to provide confidence in the BusConnects project and to reassure businesses in Cork City from fears on the inevitable loss of parking.	Park and Ride plans are being developed in the wider BusConnects Cork programme as part of separate project.
NTA-C9-2196	I support the aims of the bus connects plans. It is vital for Cork that we get people out of their cars and into public transport that will get them to their destination faster, with a greatly reduced impact on the environment, and with the added benefit of lower stress levels.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2200	I fully support BusConnects and the plans to finally improve public transport in Cork.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2201	How can it be a good idea to divide Cork with North American style highways, bulldoze our history, pulverise hugely valuable mature trees, devastate hundreds of attractive gardens, irreversibly change whole neighbourhoods, .	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-2203	Access to sustainable high quality and quick forms of public transport is essential along with the provision of safe accessible cycling infrastructure to allow Cork to grow as a modern city.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2204	My question/suggestion is will measures like cul de sacs, traffic lights, one way traffic, height restrictions on one side etc be used as a deterrent to this new increased danger. Lower Kent Road already has traffic cutting through from Tramore road to Pearce road, with the introduction of priority bus traffic lights on route H, the traffic volume cutting through lower Kent Road will become more dangerous to kids playing on the green especially.	The need for traffic management measures will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses.
NTA-C9-2208	The parking outside cork constitution provides children and families the opportunity to enjoy the rugby provided by the historic club. This parking also provides much needed spaces for big matches at both pairc ui rinn and pairc ui chaoimh.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-2213	To cycle from Blarney to the rest of Cork City you need to cycle along a busy dual carriageway or on a path next to it where people walk. While there is a bus service to Blarney it's obviously not adequate. There are huge traffic jams every morning. It's unsafe to cycle, there are no cycle lanes in the village or surrounding roads. The busy road up from the local secondary school doesn't even have a pavement.	Blarney is outside the scope of the Sustainable Transport Corridor project. The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2217	Current buses are unacceptably unreliable and slow. The additional dedicated bus routes are essential to restoring some faith in the system and making it more attractive, benefiting everyone in the process via reduced traffic, emissions, journey times, and costs.	The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-2217	Cork cannot handle its current level of traffic and intends to grow substantially over the next decade. This growth can only be supported by public transport and cycling as there is no possibility of adding significant additional amounts of road capacity or parking.	Noted
NTA-C9-2217	If Ireland is to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels we have to reduce our car dependence.	Noted this statement supports the aims of the project.
NTA-C9-2217	The overwhelming need for such a project should take precedence, and it should be built where needed.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2219	As a resident of High Street, I wonder what possessed you to ever consider removing parking in favour of none.	The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.
NTA-C9-2221	There is also mass removal of our cultural heritage in the form of limestone walls, with no mention of having genuine stonemasons to replace (which I assume means there is no budget to replace these, therefore complete destruction). Cork in particular is built on hundreds of small quarries, several in the Douglas Street, High Street, Capwell, Douglas Road and Southern Road area alone, thus the removal is to strip the area of its ancestral provenance.	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-2221	In addition, many road widening schemes, such as the existing Skehard road scheme widened the road to an extent where it is now a lawless motorway, resulting in daily extremely frightening transactions for active travel users, decreased biodiversity, which reduces mental health satisfaction, lowers mood and increases lung and cardiac issues.	The proposals have been updated to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions. The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily.
NTA-C9-2221	The removal of hundreds of mature trees and the replacement with only minimal numbers of sapling trees is abhorrent. There has been no attempt made to save or successfully relocate the trees (as is done in Japan and Singapore consistently when infrastructure impinges on their current location), nor replace with the same amount - or as should be in a climate crisis - more.	The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees. However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.
NTA-C9-2221	Ireland lags very seriously behind in this aspect so in theory I strongly support a bus connects proposal. Overall bus connects can only enhance the city and its liveability, in particular with our extremely high NO2 levels (linked with early mortality) and the impending increasing population, but also for visitor's who have little options at the moment.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2223	<p>why are you getting rid of basically all the trees along boreenmanna road? first of all the trees make the city look nicer which i'm sure is the only thing you guys care about and secondly we need to be planting trees not cutting them down? enough trees have been destroyed and burned in cork alone so we need to be planting more to make up for our mistakes, not furthering the problem with a so-called sustainable system.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2227	<p>I think in general instead of widening roads (removing gardens and trees/green areas) to facilitate all the lanes needed (footpath x 2 - bike lane x 2 - bus lane x 2 - car lane x 2) the first option looked at should always be to remove 1 car lane and make the road one way. Green space is vital in cities and the removal of trees and green areas should be a very last resort, remove a car lane instead. The same applies to on street car parking. dutch style bike lane design - do not reinvent the wheel here, use the best designs available, especially when it comes to bus stops, roundabouts and junctions in general. Also, hills need to be kept in mind when deciding bike routes, divert the cars to the steep route, not the bikes. (ie bike route to st lukes) There is also a need for hard segregation and proper enforcement of bus and bike lane encroachment, if the lanes are full of cars they are pointless. Additional measures such as park and rides, congestion charges will need to be introduced to further encourage modal shift. Finally please make decisions based on evidence based information and not anecdotal statements, those that shout loudest, have a political position or have the largest number of signatures should not give them the final call over any decision.</p>	<p>Ensuring one way systems do not result in overly circuitous travel routes, particularly for cyclists is a challenge. Cycling facilities will be provided as per the relevant guidance. This statement proposes park and ride and congestion charges. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-2227	<p>I agree with the need for a comprehensive overhaul of transit in cork city. The climate crisis is upon us and walking, biking and public transport need to be the top priority when it comes to moving people around the city. Facilitating cars needs to be moved to the very bottom of the list.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2246	<p>I am generally in favour of the proposed planned routes</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2247	<p>If parking is removed where will the residents park?</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>

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NTA-C9-2247	A big cost to the environment with the removal of trees.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2251	<p>The submission includes some general recommendations for placement of bus stops, particularly in light of the bus network redesign in Cork.</p> <p>These recommendations are summarised as follows:</p> <p>The routes that bus stops will be serving need to be considered when choosing locations. All bus stops should be provided in legible stop pairs, as close as possible to directly opposite each other, to ensure that people can travel in both directions to or from each stop location. Bus stops should be placed in locations that serve all routes in all directions at interchange locations. Stops at interchanges should also be located in close proximity to each other to minimise walking distances during interchanges.</p>	<p>The design of bus stops will be developed as topographical survey becomes available and the design process progresses.</p>
NTA-C9-2252	I object to the proposal of the bus corridors which will have a detrimental impact on the flora and fauna throughout the city with the proposition to cut down so many healthy trees.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-2252	I also object to the propositions to purchase private gardens to facilitate the planned corridor, especially where this will have a considerable negative impact on the families involved.	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-2254	With heavier traffic that has impacted on the Primary and Secondary schools in this area ! That has seen the tragedy of loss of life! How can parents safely collect their kids !	BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.
NTA-C9-2260	100% Support for this plan. While there are some issues to be ironed out, the NTA should get on with it and create a modern and sustainable form of public transport that all the people of Cork can avail of, regardless of their socio-economic standing.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2260	Cork needs adequate and safe cycle lanes so its residents can cycle safely along key corridors to schools, places of employment and other amenities like sports grounds and shops. Cyclists are among the most vulnerable group on the roads and infrastructure needs to be put in place to protect them on roads. The Bus Connects plan is critical to creating these key corridors.	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2261	This proposed road restructuring of the Mahon to The City via Boreenmanna Road makes absolutely no sense whatsoever and will ruin a perfectly route that already exists and works perfectly and already accommodates all the proposed changes outlined by this plan.	This non-statutory public consultation was undertaken to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.
NTA-C9-2262	No information has been provided on how the proposed routes have been selected and no alternatives have been provided for the majority of designs.	Draft Options Report were provided as background information to assist in understanding the alternatives considered.

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NTA-C9-2262	<p>Treelines, hedgerows and parklands have not been clearly represented on the drawings. The constant change in orientation between maps is very confusing. Each map should at the side show which other map(s) will show the continuation of the scheme. Map 10 & 11 It is not clear if a new bridge is proposed by the revised layout where high street meets southern road. The level of detail provided is wholly inadequate.</p>	<p>The current proposals have been designed using the latest Ordinance Survey Mapping, which is standard practice for the early stages of design of transport infrastructure projects. The OS mapping used was the most accurate and up-to-date mapping information available at the time. Detailed three-dimensional (3D) topographical surveys for the entire route have been procured and will be used to inform the next stage of design. Additionally, a range of other surveys will be conducted (for example, detailed tree and traffic surveys) to gather data that will also be used to inform the next stage of design.</p>
NTA-C9-2262	<p>I welcome the overall bus connects scheme aim to make the public transport network in Cork more reliable and increase capacity for the transition away from dependence on individually owned, largely fossil fuel powered vehicles. I also welcome improvements in cycling infrastructure which will hopefully continue the uptake of cycling, particularly amongst school going children and parents in the local area</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2262	<p>Information with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) should have been provided with the consultation documentation. the consultation cannot possibly comply with the Aarhus Convention to which Ireland is a signatory.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2267	<p>Why would a new cycle lane be created for Wilton rd when a cycle lane known as Schoolboy Lane already exists at the moment which links magazine rd to Glasheen Rd. This would seem to be a waste of our money. I believe Schoolboy lane can be extended from Magazine Rd to Western Rd via unused culvert over the Glasheen river. A cycle lane at rear of our houses would also remove access from those houses to the green area which has been enjoyed by our children down through the years.</p>	<p>Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>
NTA-C9-2281	<p>An Taisce Corcaigh welcomes the BusConnects Cork project and support the main principles underlying the project as set out in the NTA documentation.</p>	<p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-2282	<p>I fully support the Cork Bus Connects project as outlined.</p>	<p>This support for the BusConnects project is welcomed.</p>

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NTA-C9-2284	I am in favour of the current bus connects plan as presented.	The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.
NTA-C9-2290	To minimize mature tree loss, it may be possible to move footpaths & bike lines, inside the tree line, or inside existing walls. For example on Boreenmana road, it may be possible to retain several trees through such a scenario. Where a junction radius are being narrowed, any build out of path/kerbing should contain tree planting. A good example of this from the plans is the junction of Langford Row and Infirmary Road, but it seems like this can be repeated in many other locations, even with one or two trees at smaller junctions. Together with this Bus Connects plan Cork City Council should begin an ambitious tree planting programme across the city. Every street corner deserves a tree, and every wide street deserves to be an 'avenue'. While nothing can really replace a mature tree, this principles can perhaps make the loss of trees more palatable. Also, please consider a range of sizable city trees, including Lime or London Plane etc, rather than smaller trees that seems to be a trend lately. We have an opportunity to repeat the foresight of our ancestors when they planted majestic trees along the Marina, Centre Park Road, etc I commend the Bus Connects plan for the quiet-way planned in STC K along Douglas Hall Lawn/River bank. This route however should be extended (perhaps through the lands at Douglas community school?) to meet the Tramore Valley park entrance. Many other quietways/greenways may be possible such as connecting Tramore Valley Park to Ballyphehane (and onwards) via underpass at the south link to join with greenway near Harvey Norman. Similarly, extending the Ballybrack trail to Tramore valley park (perhaps using the laneway between Tesco and Morris house) Any opportunity to create such routes should be seized– particularly where they can link Communities to schools	<p>The revised proposals for Boreenmana Road retain many of the existing trees. Where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p> <p>This submission proposes extensions to routes outside the scope of the Sustainable Transport Corridors. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-2290	Experience tells me that there is a very high tolerance from both Gardaí and the City Council for much anti-social behaviour by car drivers. Parking on footpaths, bike lanes, blocking junctions, driving in bus lanes etc are a daily part of traffic in Cork. For the bus connects plan to be successful, a zero tolerance approach must be taken for such actions.	Noted
NTA-C9-2290	There has been much discussion about loss of trees. I am very conflicted by this, but appreciate that it is perhaps unavoidable in many areas. Some suggestions to counter this	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-2293	<p>*Contraflow Cycleways should be used extensively in Cork to increase the mesh side of the cycling network</p> <p>*Could Kent station be deemed a priority node on the walking and cycling network, ensuring adequate age-friendly seating along the routes to the station, sheltered secure parking in proximity to the station itself, and bike share scheme stations also made available.</p> <p>*Cork enjoys quite a few vibrant pedestrianised streets. Please do not use Dismount Cyclist signs as the network is designed and delivered. People will instinctively slow down but some disabled cyclists cannot dismount from their cycles which are used as mobility aids for independent living</p> <p>*Any trees that are being removed need to be replaced with others of similar maturity (or multiple trees) and should not be removed where private car traffic can first be reduced. Where</p> <p>*Could congestion of pedestrians and cyclists be the main objective to alleviate, then congestion of those taking public transport, over and above any private car congestion. This would follow the DMURS Hierarchy of Street Users and make active and public transport modes competitive and more convenient and comfortable to those using inefficient private car transport.</p> <p>*Could any ecar charging points be part of a traffic management plan, and not encroach on current and potential active travel infrastructure roll-out. Ideally space could be grouped together, and removed from on-street parking to outskirts or specific estates.</p> <p>*Where radii are being tightened to improve safety for walking and cycling, can these be built out with planting of pollinators</p> <p>*Could roundabouts be redesigned to the Dutch style roundabout standard</p> <p>* Each component of the cycling network needs to be expanded to created a more cohesive network throughout the city with priority nodes for Kent station, bus stops, schools, hospitals, playing pitches and sports clubs, major shopping areas and seamlessly connect with Greenways in the environs.</p> <p>*Bus Shelters should have age friendly seating, comfortable lighting, and sheltered and secure bike</p>	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevent guidance.
NTA-C9-2294	<p>I suggest going back to the plan, note the schools and ask how can this plan partner with the schools to create a transport plan that lessens rather than increases private cars?</p> <p>While one way streets may make it easier for buses, those who feel they need to make a particular trip will end up circling around to get to their destination and create more difficulties in other parts of Douglas.</p> <p>Though it may be unintended the consequences will be there anyway. All the no turns additions are likely to have the same consequences</p>	School travel and providing facilities to support more walking, cycling and public transport trips is an important element of the design process. The proposals close to the schools will continue to develop as the project progresses. The statement on one way streets providing circuitous routes is noted.
NTA-C9-2294	<p>the Fingerpost is an anchor of Douglas heritage and history.</p> <p>find transport solutions that support our environment and sustainability while preserving our heritage.</p>	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.

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NTA-C9-2294	<p>First, I am grateful that this is coming to fruition and I support the goals of the plan for greater access to usable public transport and more opportunities for active travel.</p> <p>I note there is a seemingly huge loss of mature trees and integrated hedgerows and other vegetation. The proposal notes the loss of 297 trees.</p> <p>That number and observation of the maps leads me to believe this may be underestimated.</p> <p>The loss of trees alone from the bridge over the Mangala may well account for 30-50% of this number.</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2295	<p>The proposals would make deep and significant changes to how people are used to travelling around Cork at the moment, discommoding people in the short term as a better multi-modal system is built in place of the current car-dominated system.</p> <p>Please proceed with and don't water down this transformational plan</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2298	<p>Issues with reliability of services and information</p> <p>Possible error in stop - Map 17</p>	<p>The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.</p>
NTA-C9-2301	<p>With all these bus corridors both I and my family would like to use the bus more. On several occasions in the past the bus has failed to come due to a driver not showing up for work. Can it be made a policy that all buses run.</p>	<p>The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.</p>
NTA-C9-2302	<p>It appears the focus of Busconnects is getting passengers into the city a few minutes earlier and to get more people to ditch their cars - very little return for the investment of over 600 million. Why not get all the STCs to terminate at the one point in the city to facilitate all travellers.</p> <p>Ask a wheelchair user who has to travel from Douglas to Holyhill daily - will have to wheel from South Mall to Patrick St to get the new BusConnects</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2303	<p>Cork City Council acknowledge that cities and towns evolve over time and the objectives in the Development Plan aims to protect the unique character and built fabric of the city. Proposals for new development must have regard to the built heritage of the City which contributes significantly to the city's identity, taking into account its street pattern, local architectural building styles and public spaces. See Chapter 8 of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028. The proposed works may affect protected structures and National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) structures in terms of their fabric, curtilage and/ or setting. Cork City Council will engage with the National Transport Authority through the planning design phases to ensure that any necessary changes or alterations to the character of historic structures are carried out in a sensitive manner.</p>	<p>Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.</p>

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NTA-C9-2303	<p>It is noted that the BusConnects Sustainable Transport Corridors proposal meets with the Cork City Green and Blue Infrastructure 2022-2028 objectives with respect to access and connectivity which is welcome.</p> <p>It is recommended that a suitably qualified ecologist and arboriculturist is employed to assess the impacts of the proposals on the biodiversity of the proposed route and to propose suitable mitigation measures to avoid any significant impact on the biodiversity of the proposed routes. These specialists should also supervise the implementation of the mitigation measures during the construction phase of this project.</p> <p>hepreparation of a landscape plan identifying how best to integrate both existing and newly created green space opportunities along each of the Corridors into the wider Green Blue Infrastructure in the city is recommended. See Objectives6.2, 6.9, 6.11and 6.22of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.</p> <p>The design of the Sustainable Transport Corridors should seek to include the delivery of nature based sustainable urban drainage systems where possible. Where such systems prove impractical, the transport corridors should seek to minimise additional surface water run-off from any of the upgradedcorridorswhere possible. See Objective9.4of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028.</p> <p>The BusConnects Sustainable Transport Corridors traverse through a number of key urban centres in Cork (i.e. Blackpool, Ballincollig, Douglas, etc..)and the delivery of a more place-making approach to the design of the active and public transport facilities in urban centres as described in Chapter 11 of the Cork City Development Plan 2022-2028 is recommended</p>	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-2342	<p>I see no reference to an economic cost / benefit analysis in the plan. All aspects of a plan of this scale needs to be economically assessed under the rules and procedures of “The Public Spending Code” as set out by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform published on the 8th May 2019.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was undertaken to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>

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NTA-C9-2342	I submit that there will be widespread significant negative Environmental Impacts on the neighbourhoods and on the individual property owners if this plan proceeds to construction. I do not see this matter being adequately addressed in the draft plan.	<p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-2342	Over half the submissions already made (and in some areas over two thirds) , think this Plan is worse than what presently exists in the area. Surely this suggests the public are reasonably happy with the status quo and that the entire plan should be shelved	<p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p> <p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) undertook the first round of public consultation on initial proposals for the twelve Sustainable Transport Corridors proposed under BusConnects Cork. During this consultation phase almost three thousand submissions were received in total. All of the submissions were reviewed and considered as part of the ongoing design process for each corridor. In addition, we held six Public Information Events, five Community Forums and hosted numerous meetings with approximately thirty-five residents' groups, business groups and other special interest groups. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>

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NTA-C9-2353	It is not clear if I can use all or any of the other corridors from the Ballincollig Corridor. My question is: are the different corridors going to be linked at a central point or even will each corridor connect to each of the corridors at some point.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2429	Overall it was an unstructured event - you could pick up booklets with the proposed plans and look them up on large screens (that took forever to load!).	Noted
NTA-C9-2437	Overall it was an unstructured event - you could pick up booklets with the proposed plans and look them up on large screens (that took forever to load!).	Noted
NTA-C9-2480	Please advise if this work was carried out inhouse by NTA or by a consultant. If the latter please provide the name of the consultant firm, the approximate number of man-hours consumed by the Consultant to get to this stage of the "work", the location(s) where the work was carried out and the percentage of the budget manhours actually spent in Cork and Ireland, whether they are on a fixed price and if the selected was the low bidder? how many were spent on the streets of Cork looking at properties, surveying, talking to property owners and executing other field work that might assist the assessment process	This consultation is focused on obtaining feedback on the proposals for infrastructure on Sustainable Transport Corridors. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.
NTA-C9-2480	there are very short periods of time allowed for any impacted person or indeed the general public to form an opinion on your proposals. Your web site borders on the unintelligible; dates for meetings and submission dates are almost impossible to find as are other details of the process. Please provide the name of the accountable person (Project Director, Business Manager etc.) so that I can correspond with someone whose name is not BusConnects Cork and can sign his/her name I would appreciate a copy of all the relevant background documents that have evolved into the goals and strategies of this project I would be intrigued to follow in your footsteps to see how the documented route became an emerging preferred route. provide documentation for all meetings, formal and informal, your staff, and Consultant (if one exists) have held to date with the Council Members, Executive and professional staff of Cork City Council Did any Politicians, Local, National or European or any one on behalf of such a person or any other person lobby the NTA Have you informed any of the residents in these and other areas as to what is coming down the bus lane at them? If not, why not? Notices in a newspaper don't count. It is unclear as to whether your documents are to scale; or whether photographic reductions have been made; The maps you have used as background are hopelessly out of date publishing during the summer holidays is undemocratic	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.

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NTA-C9-2480	<p>Please define and provide the relevant reports on traffic studies, travel times and analyses that were completed on the relevant route.</p> <p>When were these studies completed; were there any extraordinary events on the days the studies were complete (bad weather, Christmas shopping, road accidents or whatever)?</p> <p>Were data collected on multiple days at similar times to assess or eliminate unusual circumstances etc.?</p> <p>Have you considered these and other impacts on these neighbourhoods? If so, please provide the relevant analyses and reports?</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2482	Lack of support due to devaluation of property on Douglas Road	<p>BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. In doing so the properties close to the Sustainable Transport Corridors will benefit from improved accessibility and connectivity to the range of services and facilities located within the catchment of the routes.</p>
NTA-C9-2482	Issues with timing of the letters during summer post covid, tight deadlines, letters only send to homes with CPOs, website convoluted, maps not to scale	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held. The current proposals have been designed using the latest Ordinance Survey Mapping, which is standard practice for the early stages of design of transport infrastructure projects. The OS mapping used was the most accurate and up-to-date mapping information available at the time. Detailed three-dimensional (3D) topographical surveys for the entire route have been procured and will be used to inform the next stage of design. Additionally, a range of other surveys will be conducted (for example, detailed tree and traffic surveys) to gather data that will also be used to inform the next stage of design.</p>

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NTA-C9-2482	Lack of support due to risk of subsidence	As the design progresses geotechnical studies will be undertaken to establish ground conditions and ensure the concerns raised about subsidence are appropriately managed throughout the scheme's development.
NTA-C9-2491	A better solution is to have smaller buses and better timetables	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2491	Proposals will destroy local heritage, trees and stone walls	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.
NTA-C9-2516	Bus lanes should not be used for Taxi's and they should not be 24 hr	The hours of operation of bus lanes will be subject to further studies. It is unlikely that all the bus lanes will be 24hrs.
NTA-C9-2517	cycle lanes on footpaths are difficult to cycle on plastic wands on cycle lanes make it difficult to weave in and out of traffic	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2520	cycle lanes are too narrow the wands within cycle lanes take up too much space	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2521	There is absolutely no point in creating Bus Connects if you are going to use Bus Eireann to run the routes. The current Bus Eireann city bus public transport service leaves a lot to be desired.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2608	Busy time of the day the 207 bus is woefully inadequate but overall it works, the new plan won't	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2642	additional comments to discuss on no10 service to waterfall -proposed bus stops and locations -bus infrastructure (bust stops, footpaths) -timetables	This statement relates to Waterfall. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Trnasport Corridors.
NTA-C9-2650	I work as a tradesperson and need to drive my car containing tools and materials right to my customers door I feel these changes will make it harder for me to access my customers and get to my work	Accessibility by private vehcile is still available with the proposals. Cork is growing and needs a bus network that works for a developing city. The aim of BusConnects Cork is to deliver an enhanced bus system that is better for the city, its people and the environment. BusConnects Cork is designed to provide a better, more reliable and more efficient bus service for everyone in addition to providing safe cycling facilities along key routes.

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NTA-C9-2696	The move to corridors for buses also seems to threaten easy access and exit from homes in several places	The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people in the area to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated that traffic conditions will improve. The proposed scheme, in combination with a more reliable bus service and enhanced cycle facilities can facilitate a modal shift for the corridor, with the potential to reduce vehicular traffic. The proposals are therefore anticipated to result in more public transport, walking and cycling trips.
NTA-C9-2696	More time and attention has to be given to work on possible traffic loops, possibly a South Douglas Road/Douglas Road one, which would be welcome by many who live on the route	Ensuring one way systems do not result in overly circuitous travel routes, particularly for cyclists is a challenge.
NTA-C9-2696	The idea of doubling the width of the road - albeit in some areas and not the total length -to 16.8m or 55feet wide is surely inimical to the idea of a residential city and relegating the idea of community and locality to the bottom of the list priorities only to let CORRIDORS become the sole and primary concern.	This non-statutory public consultation was undertaken to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.
NTA-C9-2696	The chosen route seriously impacts on biodiversity	<p>Based on the submissions made to the public consultation process and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions</p> <p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>

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NTA-C9-2696	I note the plan aims to eliminate over 80 mature trees and although the intention is to replace in number but not in the same location. It would appear that the location of some existing trees contribute not just to the environment but to the visual landscape. Making little parks in other places cannot be regarded as balance.	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2696	I am reliably informed that the proposals run contrary to the CMAT, Cork City Cycling Plan and the DLUTS plan. If this is the case, it would seem to show a gross disregard for the locally- informed and well-researched schemes that already exist. In theory, it is possible that ideas from all schemes could be incorporated for the better good but disregard for existing proposals does not reassure.	<p>BusConnects is the National Transport Authority's programme to greatly improve bus services. It is a key part of the Government's policies to improve public transport and address climate change in Cork and other cities. It is included within the following national and regional policies: The National Development Plan 2021 – 2030; Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy 2040; and The Climate Action Plan 2023.</p> <p>Cork is growing and needs a bus network that works for a developing city. The aim of BusConnects Cork is to deliver an enhanced bus system that is better for the city, its people and the environment. BusConnects Cork is designed to provide a better, more reliable and more efficient bus service for everyone in addition to providing safe cycling facilities along key routes.</p>
NTA-C9-2696	I would not like the extremely short front gardens of many houses on the route to be further cut in an effort to so widen the road. People living those houses are then brought much nearer to a traffic environment (with an increase in volume and noise).	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>

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NTA-C9-2696	The necessary detail in all the myriad documents you provide have made it difficult to assess many of the proposed plans, and especially to do so when the many maps provided are less than clear in places. While it must be appreciated that efforts have been made to calculate travel time to work etc., any such improvements cannot be allowed to obscure the negative results that are legion and must be addressed. I note that in places, the maps do not seem to show newly built houses or other buildings .	The current proposals have been designed using the latest Ordinance Survey Mapping, which is standard practice for the early stages of design of transport infrastructure projects. The OS mapping used was the most accurate and up-to-date mapping information available at the time. Detailed three-dimensional (3D) topographical surveys for the entire route have been procured and will be used to inform the next stage of design. Additionally, a range of other surveys will be conducted (for example, detailed tree and traffic surveys) to gather data that will also be used to inform the next stage of design.
NTA-C9-2696	In part of the BusConnects documentations offers a suggestion that walking an additional 600 metres to get a bus in the new system, as opposed to what was available before, would be a minor inconvenience. At least the suggestion stopped short of advocating them walk as a healthy measure. I wish to point our that a significant number of residents are older in age groups or are families with small children - that distance is not one that makes it easy to avoid car travel in favour of taking buses, particularly in wet weather. Rather it might force people to use cars when they would prefer to use the bus.	Noted
NTA-C9-2696	There is no indication of a comprehensive traffic survey having been carried out	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2777	We must protect and preserve our heritage and history	Following consideration of the public submissions about the Emerging Preferred Routes, the Sustainable Transport Corridor proposals have been reviewed and amended. Potential impacts on boundary walls and other heritage features will continue to be reviewed as the design progresses to establish how the impacts on heritage can be reduced.

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NTA-C9-2777	<p>The proposed number of trees to be cut down is scandalous.</p> <p>The importance of biodiversity and maintaining levels should be of utmost importance</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2777	<p>The taking of parts of peoples gardens in many of the areas is simply unacceptable and extremely unfair</p> <p>A persons garden is their sanctuary</p>	<p>Land acquisition will be required to facilitate the construction of this scheme but is only proposed where it is considered necessary to achieve the scheme objectives. This need will continue to be reviewed as the scheme progresses. Following a review of the submissions received and further analysis, a number of amendments have been made to the scheme as part of the design development, some of which reduce or remove the impact on adjacent properties.</p> <p>Where land acquisition is required, the NTA will engage with the relevant landowners to agree measures where possible, to mitigate the direct impact of the proposed scheme. Should Compulsory Purchase Order be required, this process will fairly and impartially assess the impact of the proposed scheme on properties and provide for mitigation measures including for the construction of new boundary walls, provision for parking, access, and landscaping. For further information on the CPO process please refer to the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland's (SCSI's) guidance: https://scsi.ie/consumer/disputes-resolution/cpo/.</p>
NTA-C9-2783	<p>I am writing to offer my hearty support of the BusConnects Sustainable Transport Corridors and accompanying cycle network.</p> <p>I hope that our efforts will mitigate the harm to our global population. A commitment to sustainable transport infrastructure and a strong cycling network will form part of that effort.</p> <p>there will be a tangible positive impact of the corridors in local communities</p> <p>Job creation, improved air quality, increased frequency bus services and enhanced pedestrian infrastructure will all enhance the city.</p> <p>I will be appreciative of a safer commute, and I hope with time others will agree.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2788	<p>We currently have the 203 bus which serves Lehenaghmore. – Turners Cross – City</p> <p>A huge amount of kids in the area get the 203 bus to school in the morning and evening.</p> <p>The new 4 route is proposed not to go to turners cross, I think this will lead to more kids getting the car to school which defeats the whole purpose of bus connects!!</p> <p>So can the 4 route be routed through turners cross?</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>

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NTA-C9-2788	<p>well done on the bus connects plan I think the overall plan is badly needed to develop better connectivity around cork city.</p>	<p>The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.</p>
NTA-C9-2799	<p>Ballinlough bus route 215 is currently twice an hour & is never on time. New bus route for 215 is now going to be bus route 20. Once an hour is insufficient for the amount of residents in the area. There are many people using the bus to go to work in the city or Blackpool or Blarney. Adding the Bessboro business park to the bus route is great but needs to go to Mahon Point/Jacobs Island due to the amount of workers in the area also and the bus needs to travel at least 3 times an hour. New route 1, 1A, 1B on Boreenmanna Road is now going to improve greatly. The new routes on South Douglas Road is 3, 3A, 3B, 7 & 8 along with route 1, 1A & 1B is to far for some of the residents on the Ballinlough Road to go to get the bus, along with a high change that they are full & not pick them up at all. New Route for Crosshaven/Myrtleville/Fountainstown is now going to be 40, 40A & 40B is going to be either twice an hour or once an hour along with having to get off at Carrigaline to change buses. The local residents of Crosshaven/Myrtleville/Fountainstown would find this quite annoying in terms of changing the bus, reduced times of the new routes, tourists will not be bothered to visit Camden Fort & the beaches. Blarney & Cloghroe both new timetables are quite shocking due to limited times & trying to get to & from work.</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2799	<p>Along with taking into account not removing the amount of trees to be removed</p>	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2803	<p>the amount of crime being committed on public transport is absolutely appalling. Nobody is safe now on a bus or a train because the transport authority choose to ignore that it's their responsibility to ensure that passengers can travel without being verbally or physically assaulted</p>	<p>This statement raises issues about crime and safety. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>

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NTA-C9-2806	Over half the submissions already made (and in some areas over two thirds) , think this Plan is worse than what presently exists in the area. Surely this suggests the public are reasonably happy with the status quo and that the entire plan should be shelved.	The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Enhancing the bus network is consistent with the National Development Plan which envisages a significantly enhanced bus service for Cork . The Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy envisages that the realigned bus network will carry around 45 million passengers per annum and 32,000 passengers during the AM morning peak. Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths, and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided.
NTA-C9-2806	I submit that there will be widespread significant negative Environmental Impacts on the neighbourhoods and on the individual property owners if this plan proceeds to construction. I do not see this matter being adequately addressed in the draft plan.	The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.
NTA-C9-2806	I see no reference to an economic cost / benefit analysis in the plan. All aspects of a plan of this scale needs to be economically assessed under the rules and procedures of “The Public Spending Code” as set out by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform published on the 8th May 2019.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2813	Private enterprise is what pays all our wages and I think the private car owner should be looked after as a priority.	Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys.
NTA-C9-2813	I think private transport is more important and you're proposals make life more difficult for the private car owner	The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Enhancing the bus network is consistent with the National Development Plan which envisages a significantly enhanced bus service for Cork . The Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy envisages that the realigned bus network will carry around 45 million passengers per annum and 32,000 passengers during the AM morning peak.

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NTA-C9-2814	I would recommend installing a couple of garbage cans along the bus routes and emptying them regularly. I find the "keep douglas clean" signs hypocritical.	This statement raises issues about litter. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors.
NTA-C9-2830	There's no bus/cycle route towards Ballyvolane, where earlier this year planning permission was granted for 275 houses and 70 apartments as referenced here https://www.corkbeo.ie/news/local-news/huge-housing-development-corks-northside-23535287 How are the people living here and the surrounding area supposed to access the city without a car?	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2830	I don't know how many people I've heard complain about how there is a lane there one minute and gone the next. This forces cyclists into public road traffic and puts both cyclists and motorists in danger. This article quotes that Ireland had the highest rise in cycling deaths in the EU between 2010-2020 https://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/ireland-had-highest-rise-in-cycling-deaths-in-eu-in-nine-year-period-report-1.4159467 The European Transport Safety Council states in the article 'sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling must be made safer not only to cut deaths and injuries but also to help the environment. It recommended better urban planning, 30km/h speed limits and other traffic calming measures.'	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2830	If the bus lane is not continuous from point A to point B, i.e. the bus needs to integrate into public road traffic in order to progress along the route, then this in my opinion is a major failure and disservice to what you are trying to achieve with sustainable traffic corridors. Not prioritising buses and the timeliness they need to have along their routes to be successful defeats the point in encouraging people to use public transport. I know much more people would be inclined to use buses if they were on time, myself included.	It is unlikely to be feasible or appropriate to provide bus lanes for the entire length of the STCs. Bus priority is proposed via bus lanes, bus gates and signalised controlled priority. A Bus Gate is a sign-posted short length of stand-alone bus lane. This short length of road is restricted exclusively to buses, taxis and cyclists plus emergency vehicles during the hours of operation of the Bus Gate. It facilitates bus priority by removing general through traffic along the overall road where the bus gate is located. Signal Control Priority uses traffic signals to enable buses to get priority ahead of traffic where both buses and traffic are sharing the same lane, but it is only effective for short distances.
NTA-C9-2830	There is no proposed route to Glanmire yet it is also part of the city just like Ballincollig. Given the significant housing development going on there at the moment e.g. Ballinglanna (which has 608 new homes) and Richmond Rise it seems ridiculous not to have a bus/cycle lane going to Glanmire, otherwise you are forcing the people who live there to be car dependent to access the city.	The Sustainable Transport Corridors are proposed on the busiest routes into and out of the City Centre. Bus will continue to use other routes including to serve Glanmire and Ballinglanna.
NTA-C9-2830	I'm delighted that bus lanes and cycle facilities are being prioritised in Cork city	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.

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NTA-C9-2832	<p>Some parts of Cork city far from city centre are absolutely isolated. They either don't have access to public transport at all or have it very rare with the bus stops extremely far from home.</p> <p>I'm talking about areas behind Bishopstown (e.g. Ballinhassig), Ballincollig, Blarney, Glanmire, Little Island, etc. Nowadays any of these parts.</p> <p>Considering housing crisis the decision to improve bus routes scheme would be very efficient. In a sense that more people would be attracted to choose a house in Cork superb. As not everyone has a car/can drive.</p>	<p>This statement relates to the Bus Network Redesign project. This consultation is focused on the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-2832	<p>I suggest to make bus routes from Cork to all the beaches around Cork: Kinsale, Crosshaven, Youghal, etc. Especially in summer.</p> <p>There's a bus Cork-Youghal already, but I suggest to make it every half an hour in summer months. As in hot days it is a real trouble to get into bus from Cork and from Youghal especially. No space in the bus and people have to wait for 2 or 3 hours to get a space in the following buses.</p> <p>There's also a bus to Crosshaven, but it doesn't go to any beach. Other beaches are simply unavailable for those who don't drive.</p> <p>This measure would help to improve ecological situation as well. As less people would be using cars hopefully.</p>	<p>This statement relates to the Bus Network Redesign project. This consultation is focused on the Sustainable Transport Corridors.</p>
NTA-C9-2840	<p>Getting an expert from AMERICA to deal with bus routes. AMERICA is not a bus culture.</p> <p>Empty non environmentally friendly double decker buses driving around all day</p> <p>Smaller buses more frequent makes more sense</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2840	<p>Why are the routes going to the city centre</p>	<p>These are the busiest routes where interventions will deliver the most benefit to passengers.</p>
NTA-C9-2840	<p>Taking away car spaces has proved disastrous in the city centre.</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>

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NTA-C9-2840	<p>You would have started on a door to door basis or set up forums before all these books were printed (thousands of euro) websites made (thousands of euro) and these routes from Dublin and where ever else they were decided from.</p> <p>why are you not consulting with the OPW, School Networks and other bodies</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p>
NTA-C9-2840	<p>why wasn't the research done before all this was implemented</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2841	<p>I would like you to improve all bus connections, especially the ones who link to working places, such as the Cork Airport Business Park, in the direction Cork to Kinsale and vice versa.</p> <p>Could it be possible to have more buses at peak working time, when people need to go to the office and at the end of work shifts when people need to go back to the city centre?</p>	<p>The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/. The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2842	<p>Bus-stops should have shelters wherever possible.</p> <p>There are examples of bus shelters where footpaths are too narrow for a different design.</p>	<p>The BusConnects project involves the provision of new bus stops and shelters with better signage and information. As the project progresses bus shelter details will be developed. It is recognised that bus shelters are an important provision within the project.</p>

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NTA-C9-2842	On tree-lined avenues consideration should be given to putting the cycle- lane inside the tree line for cyclists turning left are they stopped from proceeding or can they have a flashing amber to look out for pedestrians wanting to continue straight on?	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2842	Contact with the Cork Cycling campaign & Pedestrian Cork should be sought about the junction design for Busconnects	As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-2842	it will be necessary to remove some trees, however it should be when no alternatives have been found	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as any mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2842	Very supportive of the Busconnects project but understand that some property owners will be impacted	The NTA welcomes this positive feedback and support for the scheme. The NTA will continue to engage with the public through the consultation process to facilitate the development of a scheme that maximises the benefit to all.
NTA-C9-2846	Extend the 208 service to Ballincollig via the Curraheen Rd & turning right at the Maglin road to the town centre and back again. There has been massive growth in Ballincollig over the last 25 years, but there is no bus service between Bishopstown and Ballincollig to reflect this growth and interconnection.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2846	While the provision of cycling infrastructure is welcome, there also needs to be consideration for other aspects of cycling infrastructure. In particular, secure and convenient parking facilities.	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2846	Signalised junctions are a huge health and safety concern Best practice would suggest that 'Dutch Style' roundabouts are the optimal solution to traffic, pedestrian and cyclist mobility and safety. The introduction of typically 12m width of carriage way will induce speeding at times of low traffic I would suggest the introduction of a 30km/hr speed limit that is monitored with permanent speed cameras.	Junction design and proposal for speed limits will be developed as the project progresses.
NTA-C9-2847	How come the link to consult the national transport on your Bus networks leads nowhere repeatedly?	The BusConnects Cork Network Redesign public consultation was carried out in advance of this consultation and is now closed for submissions.

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NTA-C9-2848	The STC has a bus lane in each direction. This is unnecessary.	It is not clear which STC is being referred too. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.
NTA-C9-2848	The Bus Real Time information system, which is supposed to track the location of busses in real time and provide estimates of when they will arrive at various bus stops - Getting it working should be a top priority. it's quite easy to run busses in both directions at the same time. A simple display (or just a red/green light) would tell the driver of they need to wait at the stop for a bus coming in the other direction to pass.	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.
NTA-C9-2848	Bicycle lanes are a lovely idea. But having them right next to car and bus lanes is not It carries the risk of being hit by a motor vehicle. It's not safe for children to cycle a system of cycleways that is completely separate from the road network would be the way to go, and one that future generations would thank us for	Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2848	If the STC concept has never been proven elsewhere, are we really prepared to permanently change our city	Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. The Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy envisages that the realigned bus network will carry around 45 million passengers per annum and 32,000 passengers during the AM morning peak.
NTA-C9-2869	I object to the bus connects plans	Noted
NTA-C9-2876	What really surprises me is that nobody from busconnects used a drone or a computerised model to see if this would work. Show us it working ? It's 2022 surley some tech savvy person would come up with a working virtual model? Anyone with a bit of sense if they came out and walked around would see this plan cannot work.	The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme. The BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible, and efficient alternatives to car journeys it is anticipated the project will reduce pollution and ease congestion.
NTA-C9-2879	Route 202 (current), Route 4 (future) I am a regular user of R202/202A. The service is very good except for some non-delivery on timetables and usually at predictable times such as early Sat evening. 2. The original proposal was that the new Route 4 would terminate at Kent Station. I understand that it will now serve Lenaghmore so is a much longer route. Is this longer route likely to cause more delays/disruption to timetable delivery? 3. Route 11 (future) stops There are currently only one bus stop outbound on the Blackrock Road between Ballintemple Village and Church Rd., and none inbound, as the service on this route (current 212) is relatively recent. I assume this will be addressed?	The National Transport Authority (NTA) launched its new design for the Cork Metropolitan Bus Network in June 2022, details on this can be seen here: https://busconnects.ie/cork/busconnects-cork-new-bus-network/ . The New Bus Network is a separate project to this scheme.

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NTA-C9-2915	Objection to the suggestion of removing a vast amount of trees on all corridors!	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2929	Cork and its suburbs is a very hilly city and the proposed 112Km of cycle lanes will tempt very few people to use them, particularly during the long wet cold weather.	Ebikes are increasing in popularity and greatly assist the challenge posed by Corks topography. The weather in Cork is similar to other cities that have large numbers cycling everyday.
NTA-C9-2955	All bus shelters must be covered from the elements	The BusConnects project involves the provision of new bus stops and shelters with better signage and information. As the project progresses bus shelter details will be developed. It is recognised that bus shelters are an important provision within the project.
NTA-C9-2955	All trees cut must be replaced and we should be planting more	<p>The NTA recognises the environmental, visual and amenity value of trees, foliage, and planting in the urban landscape. Hence, the NTA is committed to enhancing sustainable transport in Cork whilst maintaining the environmental, visual and amenity value of plants and trees through the retention of existing trees and / or replanting of trees as appropriate. The revised design proposals have reduced the number of potentially impacted trees.</p> <p>However, there will still be a need to remove some trees. As the scheme design progresses the design will seek to retain as many mature trees as possible. Moreover, where trees must be removed from roadsides and footpaths, a comprehensive replanting programme will be put in place. This programme will use mature or semi-mature ready-grown trees where appropriate and where it is feasible, plant them as close as possible to the original locations. This will ensure every tree removed will be replaced as part of the project.</p>
NTA-C9-2955	we need to plan with schools to manage the traffic in certain areas including Wellington Road and Gardiners Hill/ Dillons Cross.	Noted.

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NTA-C9-2955	I must stress the need for ongoing engagement. We need more community forums.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-2955	we need more data or a full traffic survey on all proposed bus gate locations.	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement.</p> <p>Detailed surveys and assessments will be undertaken at the next design stage to both inform the design development and assess the impacts of the scheme. Where appropriate, measures will be provided to mitigate any impacts. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.</p> <p>The potential impacts of the proposed scheme will be fully quantified as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p>
NTA-C9-2960	. Everyone gets a bike allowance - grants to be given for pedal bikes, ebikes, messenger bikes, everything on 2/3 wheels is covered. Have bike lanes that can take two bikes side by side so that faster cyclists can pass out easily. And have them continuous and protected.	This statement proposae a grant be given for bikes. This consultation is focused on the infrastructure proposed for the Sustainable Transport Corridors. Cycling facilities will be provided in accordance with the relevant guidelines.
NTA-C9-2960	Get rid of all private cars from the city. I think people will be less resistant to road widening if it does not result in a four-lane highway where once there was a pleasant tree-lined road.	This non-statutory public consultation was undertaken to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.

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NTA-C9-2960	<p>Why are they saying you can drive cars on the road but you can't park them anywhere? Build car parks (attractive ones, with roof-top farms and water features) in various locations for car owners to have their cars</p>	<p>The removal of some on-street parking spaces will be required to facilitate the construction of the scheme. The proposals have sought to minimise this impact as much as possible and identify opportunities to provide replacement parking where this is possible.</p>
NTA-C9-2960	<p>If the footpaths are widened, benches put in and a LOT more trees planted (the current plans show far (!) more red trees than green ones), with flower beds, green patches, space basically, then this would be a lovely streetscape.</p>	<p>Along each route, improvements and enhancements will be made to footpaths, and pedestrian crossings. In addition, there will be investment in local urban realm improvements at key locations, where additional landscaping, pavement treatments and outdoor amenities will be provided.</p>
NTA-C9-2961	<p>It must be noted that we cannot support the plans in their present format based on the significant and excessive impact that is proposed on individuals' homes and businesses properties.</p>	<p>Based on the submissions made to the public consultation process and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p> <p>The potential impact of the scheme will be detailed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process which will be carried out by the NTA during the preparation of a planning application for the scheme. This assessment will include for construction and operational impacts. These impacts will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in their assessment of the scheme.</p> <p>Tackling the challenges of climate change is a priority for Ireland and moving more people to public transport is a key component of the solution. The Climate Action Plan 2023 recently published by the Government, sets challenging targets for increasing travel by public transport plus cycling, and reducing the need for car journeys. Furthermore the population of Cork is projected to grow by 50-60% by 2040, which will result in increased movement of people. Without a better public transport system and cycling network to cater for that growth, traffic congestion will increase and become more widespread and severe. This will cause longer delays and increased pollution in Cork. BusConnects proposals are seeking to make it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and use public transport daily. By providing safe, accessible and efficient alternatives to car journeys it anticipated the daily travel demand for journeys by private car will reduce.</p>
NTA-C9-2961	<p>The plans also fail to take in to account the community connectivity and fabric of the city that is required to allow families, elderly and businesses to function.</p>	<p>This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. Based on the submissions made during the public consultation and the constructive meetings with the various stakeholders, we have amended our initial proposals to address some of the issues raised including incorporating suggestions and recommendations for alternative solutions.</p>

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NTA-C9-2961	The roll out of this scheme and the quality of the information and detail available, particularly to those impacted, has been appalling. It has now led to an atmosphere of distrust and significant work will be required to build up the trust that will be required if any changes can go ahead.	This non-statutory public consultation was performed by the NTA to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. As part of this non-statutory public consultation 2,982 submissions were received. In addition, there has been Community Forums, and a public information events. Furthermore, one to one meetings were offered to all potentially impacted property owners, and the NTA engaged with 35 community and business groups city-wide. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide. As the project progresses, a further round of non-statutory public consultation will be carried out to present these revised designs to the public, this will commence in April 2023. In tandem with this, representatives of local bodies will be updated at Community Forum presentations and a further public information event will be held.
NTA-C9-2968	The “real-time” bus indicators installed at some stops are essentially just a digital display of the aspired to timetable – they bear little or no relation to what buses may actually arrive in the immediate future. The reliability and frequency of service are issues that can be addressed relatively easily with the necessary investment.	The provision of infrastructure to remove buses from traffic congestion, will support the punctuality and reliability of the bus system. The benefit of the proposals are journeys will be faster and, even more importantly, arrival times will be more consistent and dependable.
NTA-C9-2974	older people have been completely ignored in these plans. Everything is online and it will make it impossible for older people to get around. Feels as though the programme is designed to lock older people in their homes as it will be impossible for them to get around as they may find it difficult to walk from one bus stop to another and they cannot cycle everywhere.	This non-statutory public consultation was undertaken to allow early engagement on the project so that the public are included in the project as it progresses. The designs that were presented were not final proposals, but a concept design that was at a level of detail suitable for commencing engagement. We held six Public Information Events, five Community Forums and hosted numerous meetings with approximately thirty-five residents’ groups, business groups and other special interest groups. A media campaign has been ongoing to provide the public with information on the proposals. Landowners who may be subject to land acquisition as a result of the proposals have been directly contacted by the NTA. In addition, over 95,000 information leaflets were delivered to households city-wide.



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