Dear Community Forum Member,

## This is a no-reply email address. Please feel free to email queries to <u>cbc@busconnects.ie</u>

We are emailing you to provide a status update in relation to the BusConnects Dublin Core Bus Corridors specifically the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme.

The NTA applied to An Bord Pleanála in September of 2022 for approval of the Scheme under Section 51(2) of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended), along with a submission for confirmation of the associated Compulsory Purchase Order.

An Bord Pleanála has now issued its decisions, being to approve the Scheme, subject to conditions, and to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). A copy of the Scheme approval is available here and a copy of the CPO confirmation here.

Following An Bord Pleanála's determinations, various public notices and notifications are required to be issued and this will be published/issued at the appropriate time.

While a notice of the confirmation of the said order was published on 18th April 2024, it has come to the National Transport Authority's attention that due to administrative errors, a small number of plots were omitted from the schedule to that notice and there was an error in one part of the notice in relation to the name of the scheme and therefore the National Transport Authority is publishing this corrected notice.

## **Construction Stage:**

Subject to completion of various processes, the NTA will now be developing a construction sequence taking account of any planning consents received, along with documentation to allow procurement to commence for the construction stage of the Scheme.

It is expected that all twelve corridors will be completed in 2030 with the first construction contracts to be awarded at the end of 2024 and on-site construction commencing early next year. The construction of the corridors will be delivered on a phased basis in order to reduce the traffic impacts that could arise should all twelve be constructed concurrently. In relation to the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor, it is likely that the Scheme will be implemented in the first half of the overall Core Bus Corridor construction programme.

During 2024, detailed communication arrangements for the construction phase will be developed to ensure that residents, community groups, businesses and public representatives are kept fully informed and have access to relevant liaison personnel during the delivery of the Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

**BusConnects Team**