



Dublin-Area Bus Network Redesign

Revised plans for routes A3, D4, D5 and 82
in the Tallaght and Ballycullen areas

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Detailed plans for these new services were published in 2020, following three rounds of public consultation. The NTA reviews all routes before operation to make sure that they are up-to-date, and sufficient capacity will be provided. As a result, there are some adjustments to the plan. This booklet outlines the details.

- **Route A3** was previously to serve Blessington Road, Old Blessington Road and terminate at Tallaght town centre. It will now instead serve Firhouse Road and the Ballycullen Road, running every 12 minutes.
- **Route D5** was previously to serve Seskin View and Castletymon, every 30 minutes. These areas will now be served instead by **route D4**, every 12 minutes. Route D4 also serves Killinarden Heights and Tallaght town centre.
- **Route 82** was previously to run via the Tallaght Bypass, then to Tallaght town centre and Killinarden Heights. It will now serve Tallaght Village, Tallaght town centre and Kiltipper, every 20 minutes.

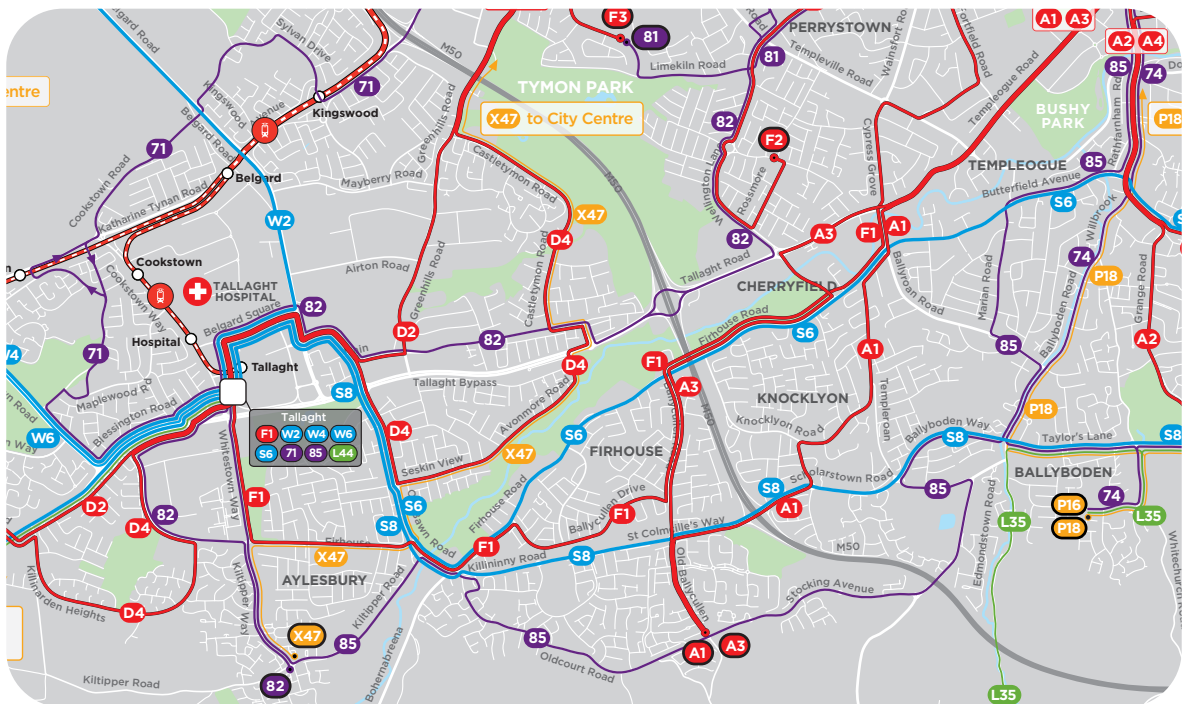
The updated routings will provide more effective capacity increases across this growing area

- Capacity along the Ballycullen Road will be doubled compared to the original plan. This means that extra space will also then be available on new route A1 in Knocklyon, as some Ballycullen residents will use route A3. There is potential to later extend one of routes A1 / A3 into Ballycullen Gate.
- Castletymon and Seskin View will have much more frequent service on route D4, every 12 minutes instead of every 30 minutes.
- New route 82 will serve Tallaght Village every 20 minutes, replacing half-hourly route 54a. New routes P43/P44 will also serve Tallaght Village and plans for them are unchanged. They will run between the Blessington area and the City Centre via Tallaght, Templeogue, Terenure, Rathgar and Rathmines, replacing routes 65 and 65a.





Map 1: previous (2020) plan



Map 2: new (2025) plan

Why have the plans changed?

Currently there are around 2,500 passengers per typical weekday boarding route 15 in the Ballycullen and Knocklyon areas. In comparison, approximately 350 passengers per day board routes 54a and 65 in Tallaght village and up to Spawell, and there are about 675 passengers per day getting on those routes in Tallaght town centre. This means that the majority of passengers will benefit from the new arrangements.

What connections will be available to and from Tallaght village?

- Route 82 will run between Kiltipper and Poolbeg via Tallaght and the City Centre. It replaces current route 54a between Kiltipper, Tallaght and Perrystown, then continues via Crumlin village, Kimmage and Kenilworth Road to Rathmines, St Stephen's Green, Pearse Street and onwards to a new development site in Poolbeg. The route will run every twenty minutes with additional capacity at peak times.
- Peak-time routes P43 and P44 will provide three journeys in the morning peak between the Blessington area and the City Centre via Tallaght town centre, Tallaght village, Templeogue village, Terenure, Rathgar and Rathmines. Three journeys will run in the reverse direction during the evening peak. See maps 5 and 6 for details of peak-time routes P43 and P44.

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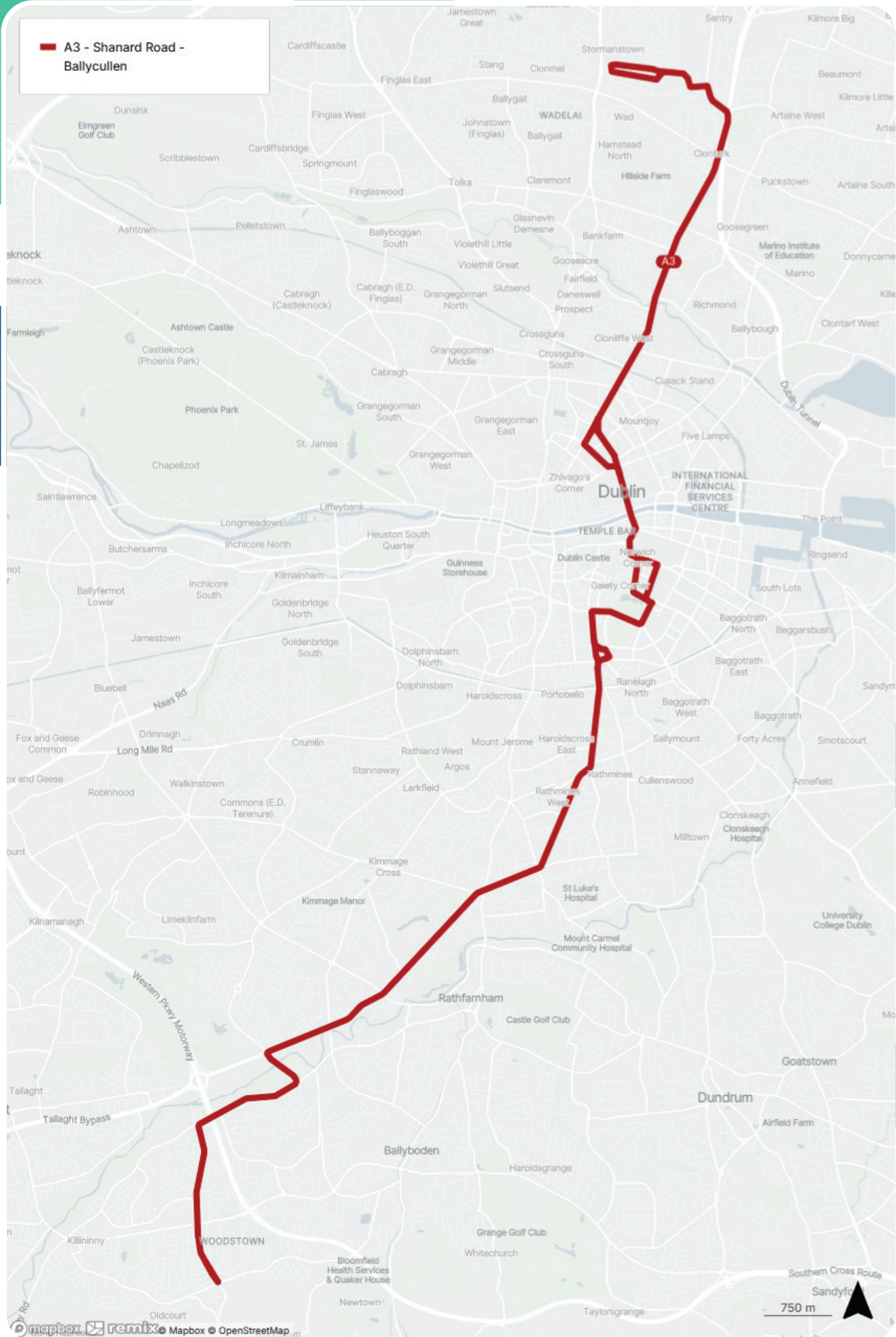
- New routes D2 / D4 via Walkinstown and Crumlin, replacing routes 27 and 77a in spring 2026.
- New route F1 via Firhouse, Kimmage and Harold's Cross, replacing route 49 from autumn 2025.
- The Luas Red Line.

When will the changes happen and what else is changing?

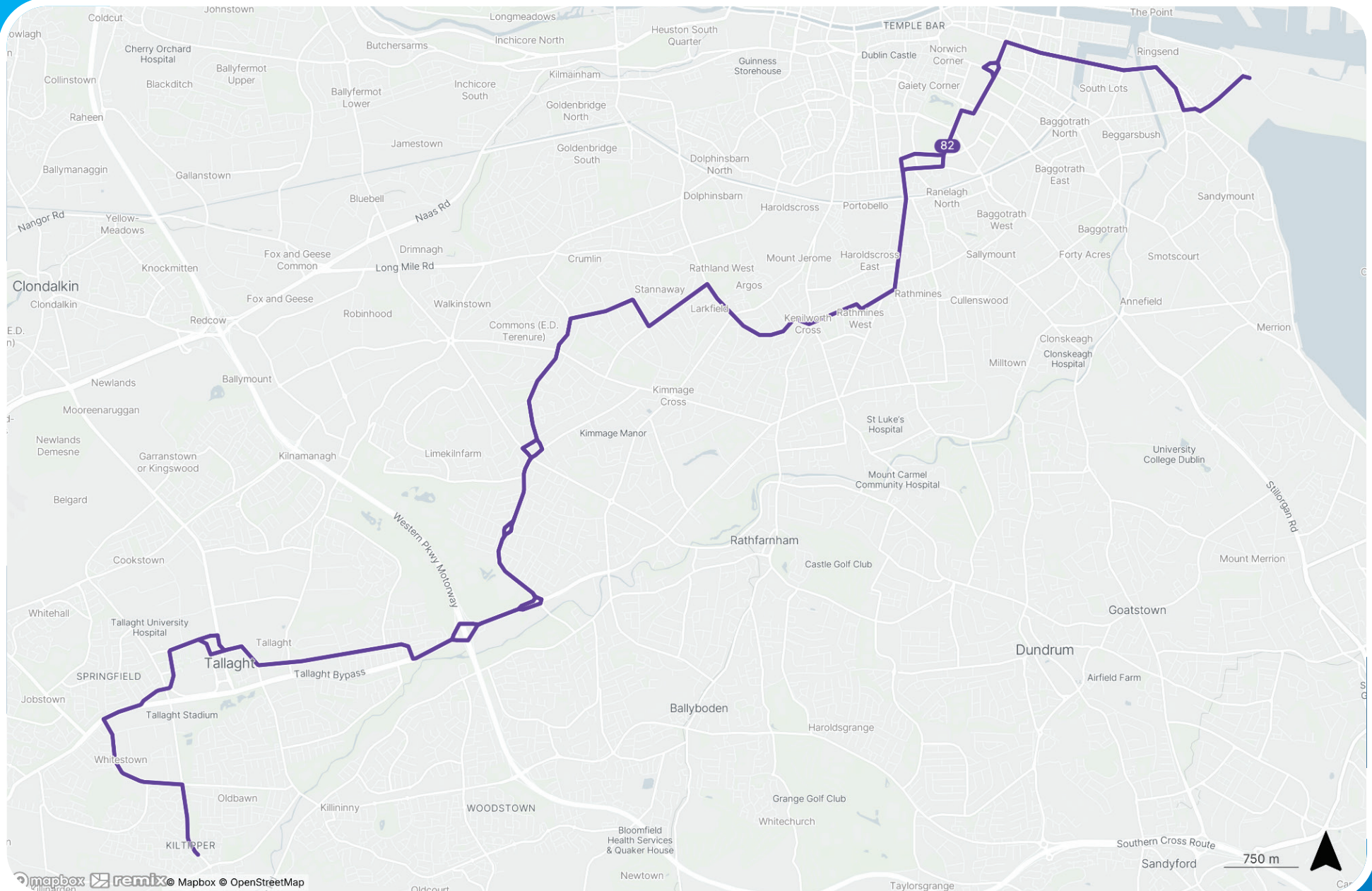
- Routes 82 and F1 will commence in October 2025 as part of the "F-spine" changes, replacing routes 49 and 54a.
- Route D4 will commence in spring 2026, as part of the "D-spine" changes, replacing route 77a.
- Routes A3, P43 and P44 will commence in autumn 2026, as part of the "A-spine" changes replacing routes 15, 65 and 65a.

Complete information will be provided in comprehensive information booklets delivered to homes and businesses in the weeks leading up to each implementation date. All dates are confirmed after checks on operational readiness.

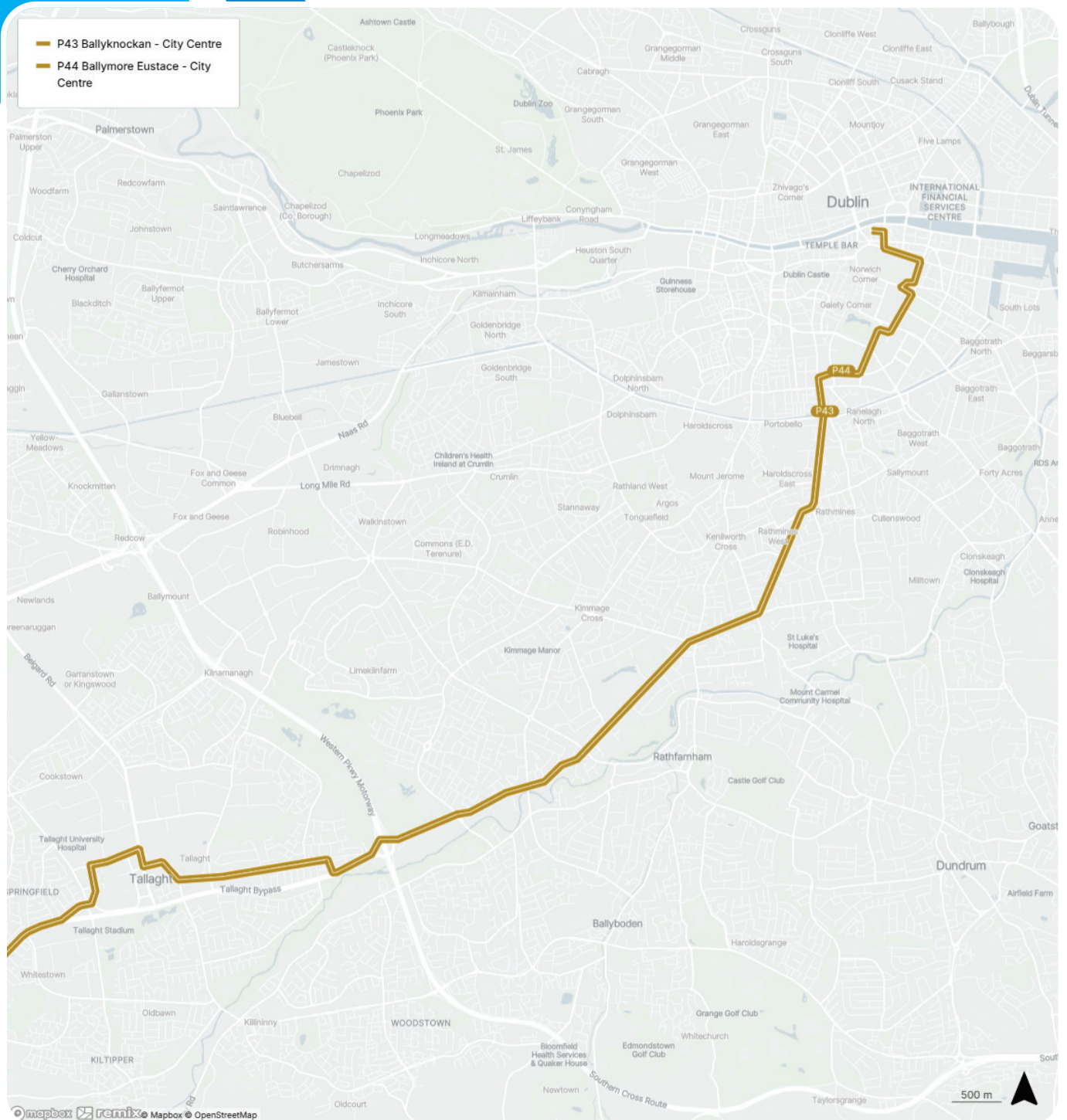




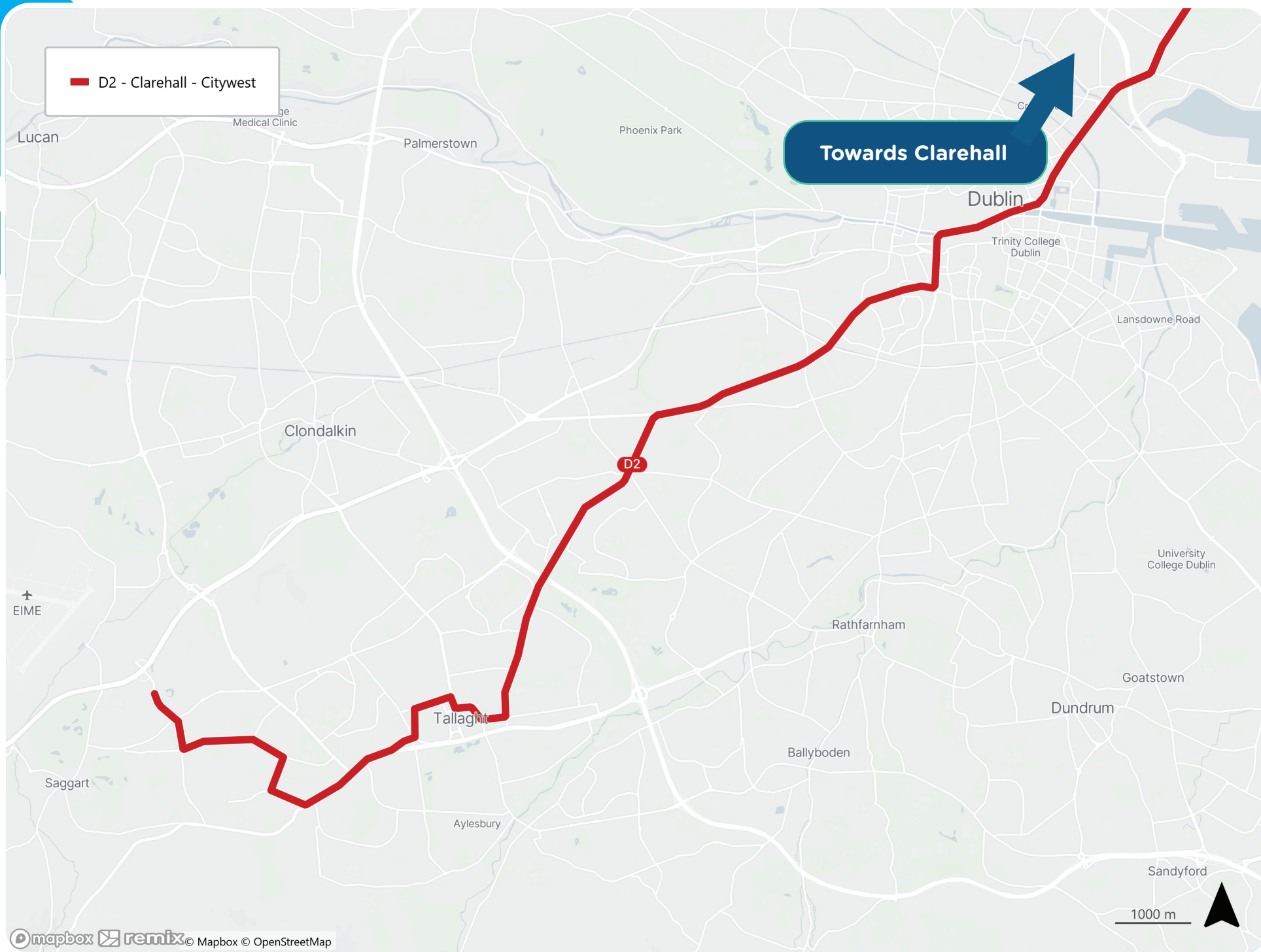
Map 3 – new route A3



Map 4 – new route 82



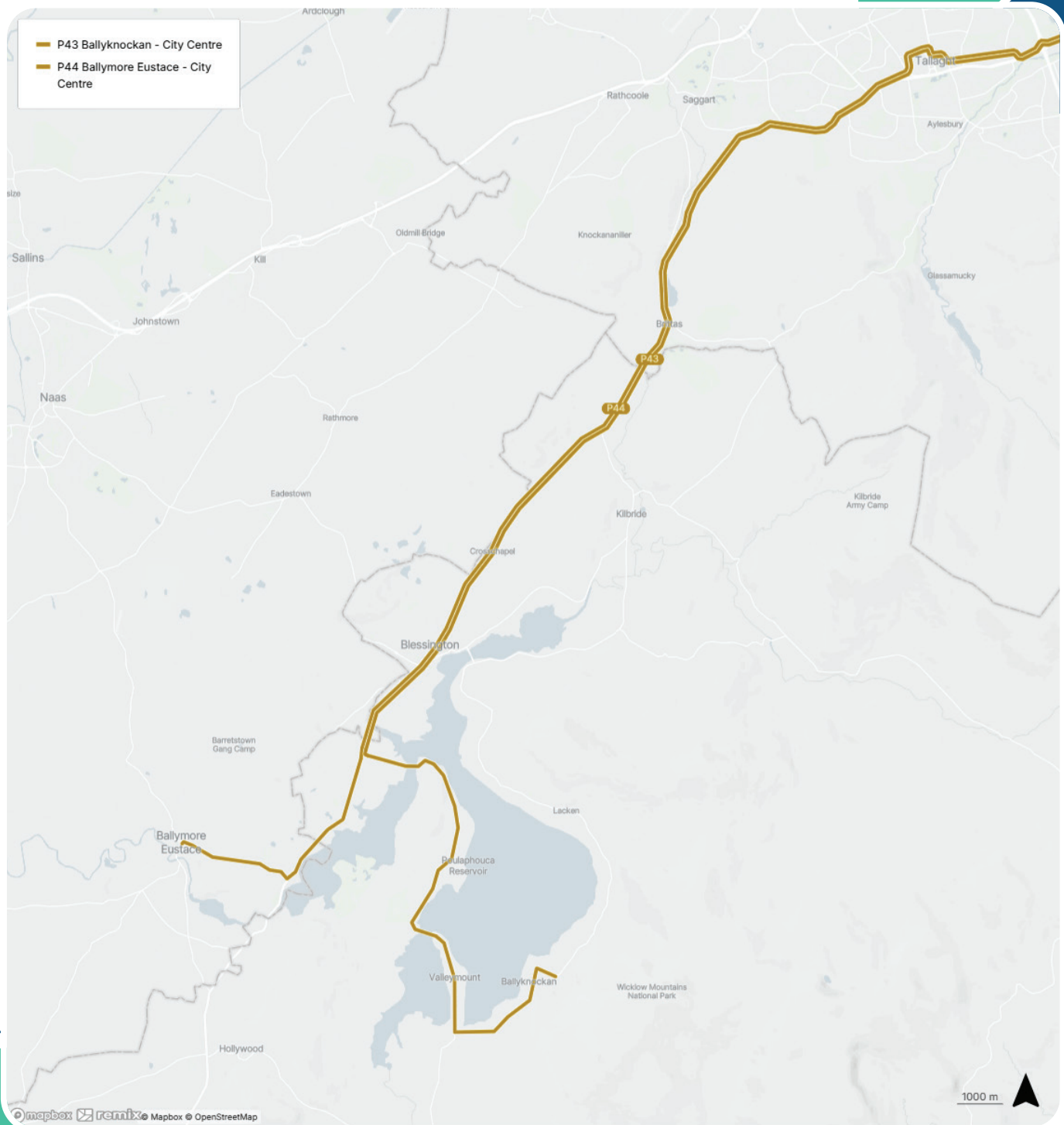
Map 5 - Northern section of new routes P43 and P44 - Tallaght to City Centre



Map 6 - Southern section of route D2 - Citywest to Clarehall



Map 7 - Southern section of new route D2 - Citywest to City Centre



**Map 8 - Southern section of new route D4 -
Fortunestown Road to City Centre**