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RPA- Luas Citywest – Line A1

New Transport Minister, Dr. Leo Varadkar. T.D. was in Cheeverstown in West Tallaght today to see the first test run (gauge run) on the new Luas link to Citywest and Saggart.

Luas Line A1 will deliver top quality public transport services to established local communities and will facilitate the developing Citywest business area. It is estimated that 2 million extra Red Line passenger journeys will be made annually as a result of this new line.

Luas Citywest (Line A1) is the new 4.2km light rail link off the Red (Tallaght-The Point) Line at Belgard and running to Saggart in West County Dublin. The new line includes 5 new stops, 2 new substations and a 300 space park at Cheeverstown.

This new line has been developed by means of a partnership between the public and private sectors and it is expected that passenger services will start in July.

The private sector consortium which came together to partner the Railway Procurement Agency in the delivery of Line A1 is Citywest Luas Ltd. (CLL).

CLL is a group of local landowners and business interests (comprising of Davy Hickey Properties, Harcourt Development Limited and HSS (Mansfield Group).

Line A1 will deliver a new option in top quality public transport to communities such as Cairnwood, Ambervale, Belgard Green, Fettercairn, Kilmartin, Brookview and Ardmore.

The expected run time from the terminus at Saggart /Garter Lane to the City Centre would be approximately 55 minutes while the projected run time from the existing Belgard stop to Saggart will be 10 minutes.

The new line will offer a 10 minute frequency at peak and the Tallaght terminus will have a six minute frequency at peak.

The total project cost estimate is just under €150m with the Developer's contribution estimated at 55% of the total.

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