

UTILITY DIVERSIONS

Ballyogan Road

The installation of the final wearing course on Ballyogan Road will start in March 2009 and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. A 7m wide strip will be installed on the north side of the road first, starting and the Kilgobbin Road end. When this is complete a 3.5m strip will be installed on the south side of the road. During these works a Stop-Go system of traffic management will control vehicle movements past the work-site.

Following completion of the wearing course, road lining and traffic signal installation works will commence. It is planned to complete these works in April.

TRACK AND CIVIL WORKS

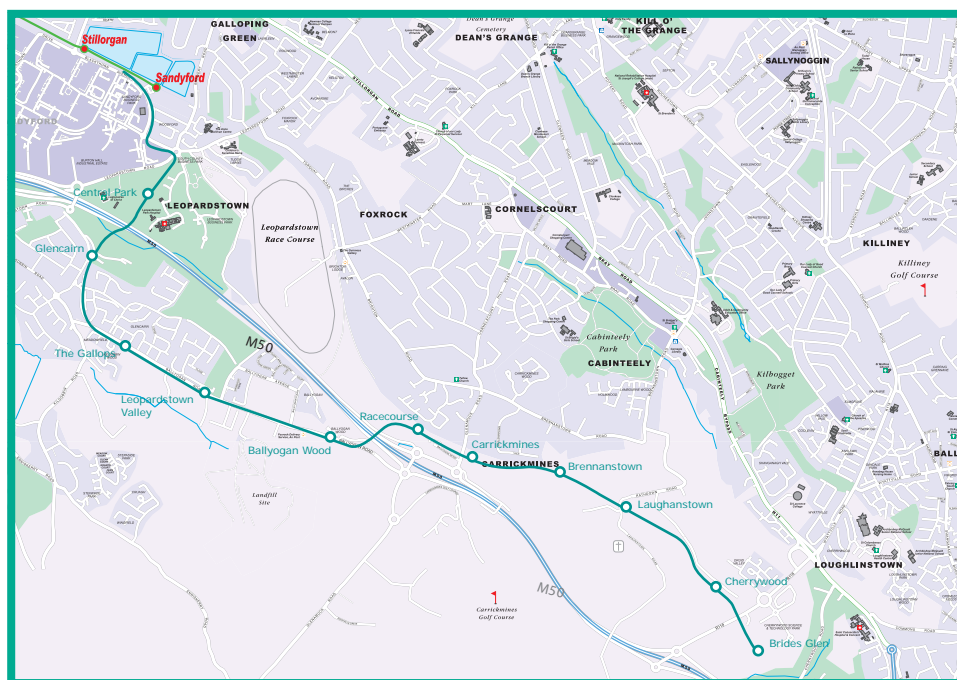
Sandyford Works Depot

The new extension of Sandyford Luas Depot is now substantially complete. New stabling tracks have been provided for the additional trams for the extension. Delivery of these vehicles commenced at the end of February.

Sandyford Stop

The Sandyford stop works are progressing as programmed, and the western section of the extended inbound platform was reopened at the beginning of March. This opening has allowed the commencement of works at the eastern end of the platform which has been in use for the last number of weeks. To facilitate these works, the granite benches and bicycle racks will be removed, and temporary pedestrian traffic management arrangements will be in place in the vicinity of the platforms.

Works have commenced on preparations for track installation in the old Sandyford Park and Ride area.



Line B1 Alignment Map

Blackthorne Avenue/Burton Hall Road Junction

Works have begun on the road surfacing along Blackthorne Avenue, and in areas of the junction with Burton Hall road. The majority of these works at the junction are scheduled to take place at weekends, but some elements will entail lane closures. All vehicles and road users are asked to respect traffic management arrangements and signage that will be in place during the construction phase.

Works have commenced on the track across the main entrance to the Sandyford Luas Depot, which involves the installation of a new temporary access road to the depot, and an adjustment to the public footpaths.

Brewery Road Bridge/Central Park Alignment

Track installation works have commenced on the bridge and in the central park area and are progressing well.

Leopardstown Bridge

The installation of the duct route and emergency walkway has commenced on the bridge and track installation will begin shortly.



Glencairn - Breaking Ground



Laughanstown - Laying the Track

Glencairn to Ballyogan Road Alignment

The construction of the underground substation at Glencairn is progressing, with significant progress being made through tough granite. Extensive consultation is ongoing with local residents committees, business and stakeholders in an effort to minimise the impact to local access arrangements

Carrickmines to Laghaunstown Alignment

The works ongoing along this section of the alignment include the completion of the ground stabilisation activities and the erection of retaining wall structures. The drainage installation is progressing rapidly, taking advantage of good weather conditions.

Laughanstown to Cherrywood Alignment

The works also are progressing in the Laughanstown Road to Cherrywood section of the works. Good progress is being made on the track installation on the viaduct over the Wyatteville Link Road affording panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and sea from the Luas. The works are being carried out in often high wind conditions with downdrafts from the mountains being an ever present occurrence.

New Trams

February has seen a milestone in the project with the delivery of the first of the new 43m trams. These trams are 100% low floor for improved passenger mobility.



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