

Sandyford to Cherrywood (Line B1)

Construction of the Sandyford to Cherrywood Extension of the Luas Green Line, Line B1 has begun. The start of construction is an important milestone towards delivery of top quality Luas services.

Works Progress

CLG Ltd. who have been contracted to carry out **minor works** which include site clearance, necessary changes to fences and walls and so on began work in late February. These minor works will take about 4 to 5 months to complete and are not expected to give rise to any significant level of inconvenience.

Looking Ahead

A contract for the **upgrading and realignment of Ballyogan Road and the diversion of underground pipes and cables** has just been awarded to SIAC Construction. The Contractor has now set up site offices. In overall terms we expect to see all of the work under this contract completed by mid-2008. The good news here is that, looking ahead, the Ballyogan Road area will not only be served by Luas but the road itself will be properly aligned and upgraded to modern design and safety standards.

A contract for the construction of the **major structures** along the line has recently been awarded to Laing O'Rourke. Following the establishment of site compounds works will commence on the bridge over the Leopardstown/Brewery Road Roundabout, two bridges over the M50 Motorway at Carrickmines and Leopardstown and the underpass near Laughanstown Lane. We expect work will commence in April and we would expect to see completion of all works by the end of 2008.

We plan to award a contract for **Luas railway infrastructure** within the next few months. This will cover track-work, stops, overhead power lines and the power supply and other systems which are necessary to run a top quality Luas system. The work involved under this contract will be completed in 2010.

All of the work to be carried out will be in accordance with the final approved plans for the line which have been the subject of much planning and consultation over the course of the last six years or so. The plans and other documents relating to the line may be viewed online at http://www.rpa.ie/luas/railway_orders/line_b1.

Contractors will take all reasonable steps to ensure that inconvenience is kept to a minimum. At the same time, contractors must, in everybody's interest, ensure that good progress is made with the work in hand.

Maintaining our excellent safety record will be given top priority and we ask everybody who may live or visit or pass through areas where Luas construction work is underway to help us to ensure that nobody gets hurt.

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