

LUAS TESTING

WATCH OUT FROM THE TRAMS!!

During September the systems testing phase will commence for the new Docklands extension. This will involve the movement of trams between Connolly Stop and The Point Stop on a regular basis. There are no passengers allowed on the Luas during this test phase. Please note the following safety messages:

During testing the traffic flow will change. Please see Special Edition Update No. 24 for a full breakdown of all traffic movements along Luas Docklands Line C1.

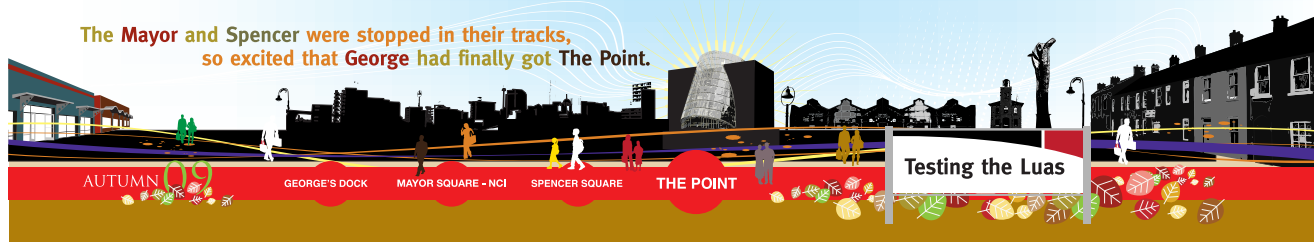


POWER AND COMMUNICATION WORKS

The power and communications network for the future Luas Red Line - Docklands Extension (Line C1) has really taken shape. Over the last 8 weeks the following changes took place along the entire line.

- All electrical power cabinets for the Luas system are now in place. Please note that the Luas is fed from its own power sub-station and the running of Luas trams will not affect power supplies to local businesses or residents.
- Installation of the electrical loop detection system under the tracks, which corresponds with the overhead wires and signalling, is complete. During tram operations, this system will send data to and from the tram and will communicate with nearby traffic lights at junctions to allow the Luas go through.
- The Overhead Contact System (OCS) was fully installed onto poles and fixed to the buildings. As with the existing system, traction power for the Luas comes through these overhead cables. Every cable you see is live and will remain live. You are reminded for your own safety to keep clear of the cables and poles. For more info regarding restrictions on activities near the OCS please refer to www.rpa.ie, or contact Luas Freephone 1800 300 604

Due to the site space constraints and traffic/pedestrian management issues some of these OCS installation works were carried out during evening shifts and over weekends. RPA wishes to thank the local residents for their patience and co-operation during these works.



TRACK WORKS

MAYOR STREET LOWER

Between La Touche House and Commons Street

The track installation is nearing completion and we want to thank all the businesses involved for their co-operation during this phase. Our contractors continue to maintain access to all buildings and closely manage the pedestrian flows in the areas. The final footpath and surfacing works will continue over the next 2-3 months with a moving work site system while again keeping access and egress in mind to all properties.

Until commissioning of the new, permanent traffic signals at Harbourmaster Place, the temporary traffic lights at Harbour Master Place will remain in place to manage the traffic flow. In the interest of Health and Safety, we would ask all road users and pedestrians to follow the signs and use the walkways provided.

The track installation across the car park entrances between 1 and 2 George's Dock and the laneway between 3 and 5 George's Dock are in the second phase now and the stop/go access will be lifted once the tracks have been completed

Between Commons Street and Guild Street

The installation of kerbs and footpaths will continue in this area for the next few weeks. At the end of Mayor Street Lower cars are able to turn left and right onto Guild Street again.

Alderman Way

The traffic flow remains one way from Commons Street towards Guild Street. The traffic management and fence lines are set up to enter one way at Alderman Way East (near Guild House) and to exit at Alderman Way West (near Bank of Ireland). We remind road users, in the interest of Health and Safety, to obey the traffic signs and the one way traffic flow on Alderman Way.

Spencer Dock

Vehicles using this route to exit from Spencer Dock are required to turn left (southbound) onto Guild Street in the direction of North Wall Quay. It is planned to open the bridge to eastbound vehicular traffic in September when the traffic signals are installed. The viewing galleries will be opened to pedestrians at this time.

MAYOR STREET UPPER

Between Spencer Dock and Castleforbes Road

The footpath works in front of the residences on Upper Mayor Street are continuing along with the implementation of traffic signals and public lighting.

Between Castleforbes Road and the Point Stop

The construction of the footpaths and road layout on the south side of this street have started and drainage works are currently under way.

Traffic flow in the Mayor Street Upper Area

Since the re-opening of The O2, there has been an increase in traffic activity for concerts and events. We would urge the visiting public to respect the residents parking on Mayor Street Upper and follow the one-way traffic flow as outlined below. Please respect local traffic diversions in this area.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Railway Procurement Agency in association with Temple Bar Cultural Trust and Dublin Culture Night have launched the 3rd RPA-Luas Art Competition. We're looking for the best art form using the theme of Luas Docklands (Busáras – The Point). The competition is open to anyone aged 16 years or over and any art form is acceptable. The closing date for entries is Friday 30th October 2009. The winners will be announced toward the end of 2009. Further information including how to enter, who can enter, the rules of the competition and other frequently asked questions are available on www.luas.ie or by Freephone 1800 300 604.



I SHOP THE LINE

RPA encourages people to support local business in the multitude of shops, services and venues available to them. Details of the shops close to the construction of the new Luas Docklands Line C1 are available on: http://www.rpa.ie/en/projects/luas_docklands/Pages/IShoptheLine.aspx