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Re: Preferred Route Corridor – City Centre to Broombridge

Dear Resident,

The Railway Procurement Agency has identified the preferred route corridor for the proposed Luas Line D (city centre to Broombridge via Broadstone/Grangegorman). This line will form part of an overall Luas line – Line BXD – from the current terminus of the Luas Green Line at St. Stephen's Green through the city centre to Broombridge via Grangegorman and Broadstone.

Luas Line BXD is a key component of the Government's Transport 21 investment programme and will form the basis of an extended Luas network for the city.

Luas Line BXD will provide a link between the two existing Luas lines, which will extend the Green Line further into the city centre and offer good interchange with the proposed Metro North at a number of locations.

The new 5.6 km line will serve city centre communities, Cabra and Phibsborough and the significant planned development of a unified DIT campus at Grangegorman. In addition there will be an interchange with the Maynooth rail line services of Iarnród Éireann at Broombridge.

The first phase of this route selection was completed in 2007 when the preferred route for BX between St. Stephen's Green and O'Connell Street was selected. The selection of the preferred route for Line D now allows the BX and D projects to be merged as one for design development and progression to a single Railway Order application.

The selected route from the city centre to Broombridge is based on route options that were presented to the public in September 2008. Over 30,000 premises in the catchment area were circulated with the potential route options and a series of Open Days took place commencing in October 2008. Many submissions and comments were received and were taken into account by the project team in the assessment of the options.

The preferred route that has emerged is a route option from the city centre to Broadstone via Dominick Street with a connection to Line BX via Parnell Street. Parnell Street has been selected as the preferred route for connection to Line BX (See map of the new line attached). North of Broadstone, the selected route will use the former Broadstone railway line to an

interchange station at Broombridge on the Maynooth railway line. A Luas depot will be sited in the vicinity of Broombridge.

RPA will soon be commencing the next phase of consultation focussing on design issues such as confirmation of alignment detail, Luas stops and access, proposed depot, and other matters. For further information on Line BXD go to <http://www.rpa.ie/en/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Manning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Tom Manning
PR Manager
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