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Re: Dublin Metro West Design Options at Belgard Road/Embankment Road

To Whom It May Concern,

The Railway Procurement Agency (RPA) is currently preparing a Railway Order application for Metro West, the proposed orbital line that will connect the towns of Tallaght, Clondalkin, Liffey Valley and Blanchardstown with Metro North to Swords and the City Centre.

As part of the design development along the route, RPA have identified the requirement to design an interchange between Metro West and the Luas Red Line at Belgard. Late last year, two design options were developed, one option on a bridge and the other in an underpass.

RPA published these options in September last year on the Metro West section of RPA website (www.rpa.ie) and invited the public to make observations and submissions on the proposed concepts. RPA also held a public consultation meeting on the evening of Tuesday the 30th September in the Belgard Heights Community Centre where RPA engineers and representatives were on hand to explain the concepts and answer queries.

The feedback from this consultation highlighted a number of key concerns of residents of the area that can be summarised into the following headings:

- the visual impact of the bridge and possible overlooking of residences;
- traffic impact of the project and
- the impacts on the area during construction.

Following this feedback, RPA undertook a more detailed design investigation of the two options proposed to identify, in more detail, the design and construction requirements, traffic impacts, costs and visual impacts.

This technical evaluation, has led to the conclusion that the bridge option is the most suitable solution and is the one that will now be progressed to Railway Order application. The results of this evaluation also showed the underpass option to be in excess of 2.5 times the cost of the bridge option.

Having selected the preferred option, RPA will now progress the design in a way that seeks to reduce or eliminate many of the concerns and issues raised. As part of our design progression we will now be considering landscaping and architectural measures to assist in integrating the scheme as best as possible into the surrounding area.

I now invite you to make observations on the proposals and indicate to us any issue or concerns you may have and how we could address them. I would also welcome any suggestion you might have to enhance the design of our scheme.

Please find enclosed, with this letter a sketch of the design that will be progressed. It should be noted that this is an artistic impression only and engineering drawings being developed by RPA will provide more detail for the proposed solution here.

You can let us know your opinion and suggestions by post, phone or email.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact RPA on 1800 676464 or at info@rpa.ie.

We very much value your input to this process and I look forward to your response.

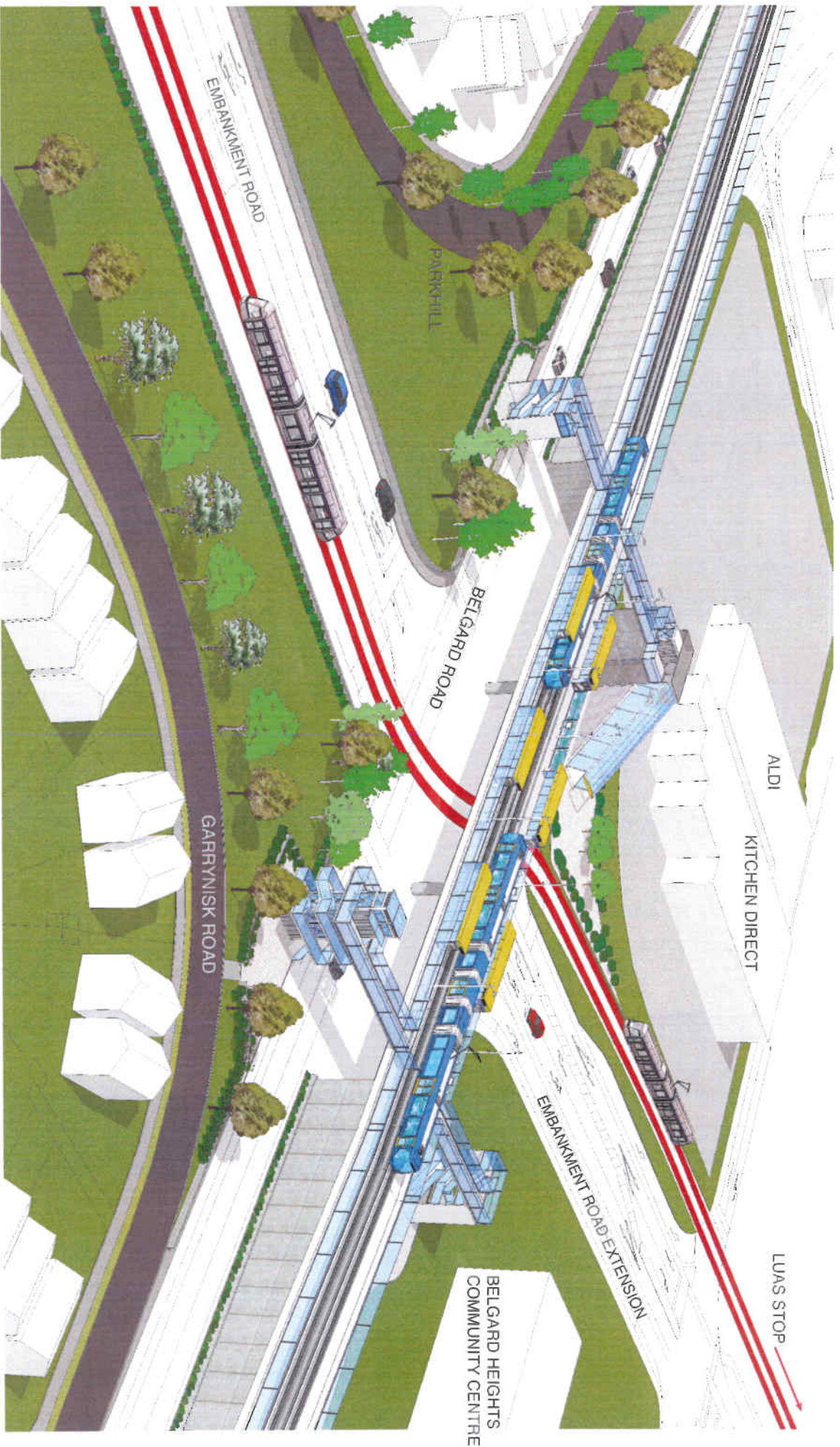
Yours Faithfully,



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