

Project Update – St. Stephen's Green Area

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The St. Stephen's Green Area extends from the junction of St. Stephen's Green West, St. Stephen's Green South, Cuffe Street and Harcourt Street to the junction of St. Stephen's Green North and Dawson Street.



Construction of Luas Cross City, an extension of the Luas Green Line, is now starting in a number of areas. We'll do our best to keep disruption to a minimum while making continual progress towards completion in 2017 and the launch of passenger services.

The initial works will involve checking for old cellars, often long since abandoned, extending out under footpaths and roadways. Where necessary, these cellars will be backfilled. Works will start with the excavation of a narrow and shallow slit trench to expose the cellar roofs. The length of these slit trenches will be less than 30 metres in most instances.



In the St. Stephen's Green area cellar works will be limited to only one location at the corner of St. Stephen's Green and Dawson Street. We expect to see works starting at this location during week commencing 1 July, with some setting up activity on site for a few days before the actual work starts.

These works do not require significant traffic changes and access to premises and car parks will be maintained throughout the works.

The contractor will establish a construction team welfare facility on St Stephen's Green North.

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During the next three months we will also provide initial information on heritage works which will start later in the year as contracts are signed and construction start dates and other details are finalised. Heritage works involve the temporary removal of a number of statues, monuments and other items of heritage value which would otherwise be in the way of the works. All items will be carefully stored for later reinstatement.

Following these works utility works will start. These works will involve laying new pipes and cables in footpaths clear of the tram path so that existing pipes and cables under the tram path can be made redundant.

With everything out of the way the track, stop and systems works will start. These works will focus on laying track, building stops and erecting overhead cables.

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Luas Cross City will connect shopping and business districts with frequent trams serving convenient central stops from St. Stephen's Green to Parnell St. The line will also serve the thousands of students heading for the DIT Campus at Grangegorman and the established communities of Phibsborough and Cabra. A high quality Luas network connecting with all main line rail services and hundreds of bus services is now in sight. The numbers are impressive – 10 million extra passengers, 800 jobs during construction and a mere 24 minutes from "The Green" to Broombridge when the first trams start running in 2017.