

## Progress Update – Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2018

### A. Dunkettle Interchange Project

- Archaeological Investigation Works are continuing at the Dunkettle Interchange site. To date, one fulacht fiadh has been uncovered. The initial sweep of the site will be completed this month and we expect that the fulacht fiadh site and any other archaeological sites uncovered will be fully resolved well in advance of Main Construction Works. The photograph below shows archaeological test trenching ongoing near the M8 Cork/Dublin Motorway.
- Detailed Ground Investigation Works will get underway in potential soft ground areas, at locations of proposed structures etc. during this month. The majority of these works will be offline but commuters will certainly notice the increased level of activity at the Dunkettle site.
- The Main Construction Works will get underway early in 2019. In advance of that, we will be progressing works at the Silversprings Interchange on the N8, commencing early next month. These works will regularise both inbound and outbound lanes in the Interchange area. Details of traffic management measures proposed during the Construction Phase will be set out in future updates but these Improvement Works will be completed in advance of the Dunkettle Interchange Main Construction Phase.
- Cork County Council are also advancing a scheme aimed at improving traffic flow in the general Little Island Interchange area. Tenders for the works required will be invited next month and again the intention is to complete these works in advance of the Dunkettle Interchange Main Construction Phase.



## **B. N40**

- An Intelligent Transport System is proposed for the N40 Cork South Ring Road area. The system will include closed circuit TV coverage of the road network, permanent electronic Variable Message Signs, provision of real time Journey Time Information etc.
- On completion, the system will allow remote monitoring of the entire network, greatly improve incident response times and the availability of real time Journey Time Information will allow motorists to plan their journeys in advance. More detailed information on this system will be circulated in future updates.
- The area covered will include the N40 itself, approaches to the N40 including N28 Cork/Ringaskiddy road, N27 Cork City to airport road and N71 Cork/Bandon road. The N8, M8 and N25 approaches to the Dunkettle Interchange will also be covered.
- Works to install the necessary communication ducting are already underway. Works to identify ground conditions at the various ITS installation points will be getting underway in the coming days.
- In order to minimise disruption to traffic, virtually all works during this Phase will be carried out under night-time working. We expect these Phase 1 Works to be completed early in December 2018.

## **C. Sarsfield Road Area**

- Following on from the recent Siac Construction Works in the general Sarsfield Road Roundabout area, completion works will be progressed during this month. In order to minimise disruption to traffic, any works in this area requiring lane closures will be carried out under night-time working.
- Works are also ongoing on the Sarsfield Road itself between Sarsfield Road Roundabout and Wilton Roundabout.
  - The currently ongoing works on the northbound lanes will reach completion before the end of this month.
  - The dedicated left in lane to Wilton Shopping Centre in this area will be re-established within this time period, probably before the end of next week.
  - Works will then switch to the centre median and to the southbound lanes.
  - Again in order to minimise disruption to commuters, there will be an increasing focus on night-time working in this area over the coming weeks.
  - A detailed Programme for the works on the Sarsfield Road is currently being developed in consultation with the appointed Contractor, McGinty & O'Shea Ltd but is hoped that works on the Sarsfield Road will reach substantial completion by early-December 2018.

As always, if there are any queries in relation to the works please contact us on (021) 4520180 or by email on [roadconstruction@ccc-site.com](mailto:roadconstruction@ccc-site.com).