



## Belfast City Council

**Report to:** Development Committee

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**Subject:** Presentation Belfast on the Move Update

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	DRD Roads Service requested an opportunity to update members on the 'Belfast On The Move' programme which is currently underway in Belfast city centre.
1.2	'Belfast on the Move' was launched by the Minister for Regional Development in City Hall on the 30 September 2010. Committee endorsed a response to the proposed 'Belfast On The Move' consultation in December 2010.

<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Members may wish to note that the Council response in December 2010 generally supported the 'Belfast on the Move' proposals to promote sustainable transport options for the city centre. The proposal to reduce the amount of unnecessary through traffic in the city centre and increase priority for pedestrians and public transport in the city centre was welcomed along with the need to provide sufficient dedicated parking spaces for disabled people. The Council emphasised the need to ensure the measures do not adversely impact on the accessibility of the city centre for leisure, shopping and business use.
2.2	The Council supported a strategic approach to traffic management in Belfast to integrate the 'Belfast on the Move' city centre transport proposals with the rest of the city. The potential for displaced traffic from city centre streets to cause congestion elsewhere or create adverse impacts on residential communities should be continually monitored and managed.
2.3	It should be noted that the Council did not endorse the longer-term proposal for the completion of the southern section of the City Centre Ring (Bankmore Link).

	This proposal is not part of the work currently programmed. The Council highlighted design concerns and the need to consider sustainable transport options such as the implementation of Rapid Transit, Park & Ride and expansion of Quality Bus Corridors prior to building new road infrastructure.
2.4	Details of the 'Belfast on the Move' work programme are outlined in Appendix 1.

<b>3</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
3.1	There are no Equality and Good Relations considerations attached to this report.

<b>4.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
4.1	Members are requested to note the presentation from DRD on the 'Belfast On The Move' programme and the opportunity to clarify or highlight issues regarding the programme of works.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
There is no decision tracking attached to this report.	

<b>7.</b>	<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
DRD - Department for Regional Development BOTM – Belfast On The Move STEM - Sustainable Transport Enabling Measures	

<b>8.</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix 1 'Belfast on the Move' work programme	

## Appendix 1 – Belfast On The Move

Programming of works for Sustainable Transport Enabling Measures (STEM)

	Location	Works and Benefits	Timescale - duration of works
1	Victoria Street	Bus Lane and Toucan crossing	October 11 - 4 weeks
		Cycle Track	June 12
2	Grosvenor Road / Durham Street Phase 1	Left turn slips and signal alteration - Improves bus movements	Jan – Apr 12 - 12 weeks
3	Sandy Row / Hope Street	Traffic Signal Installation - Controls traffic with priority to Hope Street	Feb – Apr 12 - 10 weeks
		Hope Street 2 way	April 12
4	Great Victoria Street / Bruce Street	Left Turn Slip - Introduces traffic to two way in Hope Street	Jan – Mar 12 - 8 weeks
5	Oxford Street to May Street	Provide bus lanes, bus gate and signal alterations - to reduce traffic flow towards West	May 12 - 2 weeks
6	May Street to Howard Street	Provide bus lanes, bus gate and signal alterations - to reduce traffic flow towards West	May – July 12 - 7 weeks
7	Linenhall Street	Introduce 1 way and kerblines alterations	June - July 12 - 3 weeks
8	College Avenue	Construct new alignment, kerblines alterations and provide bus lane while maintaining right turn to College Square North - to reduce traffic flow towards South.	May – July 12 - 10 weeks
		Ban right turn into College Sq North	Sept –Oct 12 - 4 weeks
9	Ann Street	Provide contra flow cycle lane	2012
10	College Square East / Fisherwick Place	Provide bus lane in College Sq. East. 1 general traffic lane straight and left turn - To reduce traffic flow southbound	July '12
		Construct new alignment, kerblines alterations without bus lanes in Fisherwick Place	July – Nov 12 - 16 weeks
		introduce right turn into Grosvenor Road	Sept 12
11	Great Victoria Street	Construct new alignment, kerblines alterations without bus lanes	Aug / Sept 12 - 6 weeks
		Introduce Bus lanes	Nov 12
12	Albert Street	Traffic Signal Installation	Sept – Nov 12 - 8 Weeks
13	College Square North / Durham	Introduce One way traffic movements and cycle provision	Oct – Nov 12 - 4 weeks

	Street / Grosvenor Road	Barrack Street Stopping up	Sept - Oct 12 – - 2 weeks
14	Grosvenor Road / Durham Street Phase 2	Junction improvement	Jan – Mar 13 - 12 weeks
15	Queens Bridge / Queen Elizabeth Bridge to Titanic	Provide bus lanes and associated works	Jan – Feb 13 - 5 weeks
16	Donegall Square East	Construct new alignment, kerbline alterations and provide bus lane	Jan – Feb 13 - 3 weeks
17	Adelaide Street	Introduce 2 way and kerbline alterations	Jan – Feb 13 - 2 weeks
18	Wellington Place to Chichester Street	Provide bus lanes, bus gate and all signal alterations	Feb - March 13 - 6 weeks
<b>Total for ALLWORKS</b>			<b>Oct 11 – March 13</b>

Potential additional works should further funding become available

19	CCTV		
20	VMS		
21	Resurfacing -	Hope Street	
		May Street	
		Upper Queen Street	
		Others	