

MINUTES 97th MEETING OF TII BOARD

ITEM

Subject:	TII BOARD MEETING	Meeting No:	97
Location:	TII Offices, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8, with some contributions by video link (Teams)	Date held:	Doc Revision:
		28 May 2024	Approved

ATTENDEES

BOARD CHAIRPERSON	Gareth Llewellyn
BOARD MEMBERS	Aidan Skelly
	Mary O'Donovan
	AnnMarie Farrelly
	Damien Ó Tuama
	Des Kenny
	Peter Walsh (CEO)
	Colette Byrne
	Sadhbh O'Neill
	Michael Wall
APOLOGIES	Patricia O' Shea
	Aebhric McGibney
MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE	Sandra McCarthy (Head of Governance and Legal, Secretary Designate)
	Marie Mulvany (Executive Assistant)
	Audrey Keogh (Director of Business Services, Interim Secretary)
PRESENTERS	Paul Farrelly (Head of Procurement) – <i>Item 4.1</i>
	Cathal Masterson (Director of Commercial Operations) – <i>Item 4.3</i>
	██████████ (MetroLink Client Partner) – <i>Item 4.3</i>
	Paolo Carbone (Head of Public Transport Capital Projects) – <i>Item 4.3</i>
	Michael Horan (Head of Land & Property Services) – <i>Item 4.4</i>
	██████████ (A&L Goodbody Solicitors) – <i>Item 4.4</i>
	Seán O' Neill (Director of Corporate Communications) – <i>Items 4.6 & 8</i>
	Donal Minnock (Operations Manager - Motorways) – <i>Item 5</i>
	Pat Maher (Director of Network Management) – <i>Item 5</i>
	Nigel O' Neill (Director of Capital Programmes) – <i>Item 6</i>
	Geraldine Fitzpatrick (Head of Roads Capital Programme) – <i>Item 6</i>
	Declan Wylde (Head of Finance) – <i>Item 7</i>
	Claire Carbery (Communications & Engagement Manager) - <i>Item 8 and 4.5</i>
	Rachel Cahill (Director of Executive Office) – <i>Item 8</i>
	Donal Dunne (Luas Operations Manager) – <i>Item 10</i>
	Helen Hughes (Director of Professional Services) – <i>Item 10</i>

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1.0 PRIVATE MEETING

In keeping with its obligations under the Code of Practice, the Board met for 30 minutes before the commencement of the meeting without the Executive or Secretary present.

2.0 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Michael Wall informed the Board of his role on the Board of the Abbey Theatre. No specific decision relevant to this interest was on the Agenda. No other conflicts of interest were declared.

3.0 COMMITTEE UPDATES

Infrastructure Committee

The Committee Chair advised the Board of the following matters discussed by the Committee: The Infrastructure Committee of the Board reported on a three part presentation that it received in May on a) Moving Together, the Government's strategy for improving efficiency of mobility, b) TII's Project BRUCE relating to road user charging and c) NTA's Demand Management Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area. The Board commended the presentation and encouraged wider dissemination of options available to government for the funding of the maintenance of transport assets.

4.0 GOVERNANCE & LEGAL UPDATE/RISK MANAGEMENT

(4.1) The Board **noted** the contracts valued over €50K executed by TII in April 2024. These were presented by Paul Farrelly.

(4.2) The Board **approved** the appointment of the new Head of Governance & Legal, Sandra McCarthy, as Board Secretary from 1st September 2024 and Audrey Keogh continuing as Interim Secretary until this appointment takes effect.

(4.3) Cathal Masterson, together with [REDACTED] and Paolo Carbone, joined the meeting to provide a verbal update on MetroLink capability and capacity status. [REDACTED]

Two secondees have been onboarded to the project team to support the Project Sponsor in standing up the governance and people arrangements.

An update is to be brought back to the Board in 3 months.

(4.4) Michael Horan, together with Alan Roberts presented to the Board on the third-party agreements which are being developed, or have been entered into, as a consequence of the proposed MetroLink Railway Order and its associated impacts on properties. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

(4.5) The Board expressed its support for and approved the sponsorship of the Transport Ireland Conference on the basis of the Board papers before it and opted, in the interests of time, to proceed without presentation.

(4.6) Seán O’ Neill joined the meeting to address the Annual Report 2023. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The Chairperson acknowledged that certain requirements must be met in the Report, but observed that there is nonetheless flexibility and, in addition to using current data, the report should be more exciting reflecting the notably good work that goes on in TII and the professional staff working in the organisation . It was **agreed** that the report will be updated and a fresh approach will be adopted by TII for the 2024 Annual Report.

5.0 PRESENTATION: ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE UNIT, LEGISLATIVE DUTIES

Donal Minnock and Pat Maher presented to the Board.

A ZEVI office was established in DoT in 2022 to direct strategy for the rollout of electric vehicles. The recent Roads and Road Traffic Act 2023 gave TII authority to arrange schemes for the provision of recharging and refuelling infrastructure which includes hydrogen. TII’s Alternative Fuels Project Unit was established in February 2024 in Network Operations to deliver on same. The policy context was outlined to the Board. The first Light Duty Vehicle (LDV) grant scheme has now commenced, and learnings will be taken into the next LDV schemes.

Elements of DoT’s ZEVI office will transition back to TII at the end of 2025. Network Management, Governance & Legal and HR are part of a DoT chaired working group to help give effect to this transition.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Members enquired as to whether there would be competitive pricing. TII does not have any mandate regarding pricing of EV charging. Members further observed that the ESB needs to be aware of the programme as power is a constraint. Members suggested that the focus now should be on user interface, as this will be the backbone of the new transport infrastructure of the future and boosting confidence in electric vehicles is required. ZEVI is currently looking at developing a campaign. Use of hydrogen was also discussed. The Board advised caution in relation to matters in respect of which TII takes ownership.

6.0 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS (SPEND REVIEW)

Nigel O’ Neill and Geraldine Fitzpatrick presented to the Board.

[REDACTED]

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7.0 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONTHLY REPORT

[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8.0 CEO MONTHLY REPORT

Peter Walsh delivered his monthly CEO report.

The following matters in the report were highlighted:

- MetroLink Programme Director – This is progressing. [REDACTED]
- Balance scorecard - Included information on number of fatalities to get to Vision ZERO target.
- Existing infrastructure – The existing motorway maintenance contracts will be extended
- Operations – M50 variable speed limits. Displayed speeds are not enforceable as speed limits.
- TII is being asked to undertake certain actions including procuring signs and poles etc for DoT's Speed Limit Review. TII has sought clarity from DoT on the scope and schedule of tasks being considered to be undertaken by TII.
- National Roads and Greenways conference will be held on 3rd and 4th October. Members asked if Public transport will be showcased also. Some elements will, but consideration is being given to a more targeted event in Dublin later in the year.
- At the prior request of a Member of the Board, an additional item regarding a MetroLink Bridge over the M50 was discussed. The Railway Order application does not include a combined Metrolink plus cycle/pedestrian bridge or separate Metrolink and cycle/pedestrian bridge over the M50 and the Member queried if this could be considered. It was noted that this would have to be a follow-on

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project as, if same did not come up at the Oral Hearing it could not be addressed at this stage. Management was asked to bring a paper to the Infrastructure Committee on this matter.

- NTA is reviewing the proposed MetroLink governance arrangements. The Chair asked that management prepare Terms of Reference for the Programme Board to be Considered at the June meeting of the Board.

(8.1) Seán O' Neill provided the Communications Update after section 4.6 of the meeting.

[REDACTED]

The closure of the Northbound section of the M50 between the N4 and the N3, following a fatal collision, resulted in prolonged congestion over a large area of Dublin. Communications arrangements worked well but there is no viable alternative route crossing the Liffey. Whilst noting that things were managed well, Members expressed reservations about the closing down of any section of road for so long and requested that this be reviewed.

(8.2) Claire Carbery and Rachel Cahill joined the meeting to discuss Strategic Communications.

Members expressed support for the proposed strategy. [REDACTED]

9.0 PRESENTATION: ENT-15 FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY MEASURE, REPORT ON AND REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS, RESULTING IN A FAILURE TO MEET TII'S STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

This presentation was deferred to June.

10.0 HEALTH & SAFETY PERFORMANCE REPORT & PLAN FOR IMPROVING SAFETY CULTURE IN TII

(10.0) Helen Hughes provided this report.

For construction activities and maintenance operations on both road and light rail, there were no reportable lost time accidents in the month.

The sick leave report was provided, and Members requested that the status of Covid from a sick leave perspective be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next report.

(10.1) Donal Dunne provided this report.

For Luas Operations, one incident of a tram passing a signal, with low levels of danger, was notified to the Commission for Rail Regulation. [REDACTED]

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

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	The Minutes of the previous Board meeting held 23 April 2024 were approved.
12.0	MATTERS ARISING
	The progress of matters arising was noted by the Board.
13.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS
	None.
14.0	PRIVATE BOARD DISCUSSION: BOARD EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW
	The Board Effectiveness Review discussion scheduled for the May meeting was postponed to June.

Signed by _____

Chairperson

Date: _____