

**Report to the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District meeting on
Monday 20th February 2017
Re: Curraheen Road Bridge Replacement - Progress Update**

To: Chairman and Members of the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District.

Dear Councillors,

I wish to advise that the following progress update on Curraheen Road Bridge Replacement has been received from Dan O'Sullivan, Roads and Transportation Directorate, Cork City Council:

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has recently confirmed a 2017 grant allocation of €700,000 to Cork City Council for the replacement of Curraheen Road Bridge.

As previously advised, pursuant to the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations (Part 8), Council at its meeting of 12th September 2016 recommended that the proposed development proceed subject to one modification, i.e. to retain the existing No. 208 outbound bus stop in its current location opposite the entrance to the University Technology Centre.

A Section 85 Agreement has also been completed between Cork City Council and Cork County Council as the proposed replacement structure lies within the jurisdiction of both authorities.

Agreement has also been reached with the OPW on Section 50 Consent.

Screening for Appropriate Assessment has been undertaken together with reports on the predicted impact of the new structure on the indigenous bat and otter populations.

Due to the intensity and complexity of underground services at the existing bridge location, it is considered prudent to divide the works contract into 2 parts:

Part 1, circa. late March to early June 2017, will involve the permanent diversion of services. This will be accomplished with some minor restrictions to off-peak traffic flow, e.g. the use of a stop-go system.

Part 2, circa. mid June to late August 2017, will involve the replacement of the existing structure. This will be accomplished under a full road closure to allow the safe and expeditious programming of the works. A comprehensive temporary traffic management system will be installed in advance, with a shuttle bus service operating from west of the works to coincide with the normal 208 bus service serving Marymount Hospital and Curraheen Village. Pedestrian and cyclist movement will be facilitated in the vicinity of the works site at all times.

It is anticipated that works will be completed, with Curraheen Road open to traffic, in advance of school re-openings.

**Kevin O' Regan
Municipal District Officer
20th February 2017**