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1. **Feedback from Department of Transport Information Seminar on Transport 21 Capital Infrastructure Framework**

An Information Seminar on Transport 21 Capital Infrastructure Framework was held on Wednesday 18th April in Finnstown House, Lucan by the Department of Transport.

The seminar was chaired by Tom Doherty, Deputy County Manager South Dublin County Council. Peter Byrne, CEO South Dublin Chamber and a number of Chamber members attended.

The following are the panellists who gave presentations on their agencies role in the implementation of the Transport 21 projects with a short summary of their presentations.

Maurice Tracey – Department of Transport

Presented an overview of the national implementation of Transport 21. The Department are pleased with both the implementation timetable and the budget for same to date. Maurice felt that the full programme will be completed on time and in line with budget. He could not confirm when the Dublin Transport Authority would be established as the legislation has not gone before Government.

John Ryan - Dublin Bus

The Clondalkin Bus Corridor has had its first buses running on it since mid March 2007. This will be of particular benefit to those working in Clondalkin and Grange Castle. The fleet will be increased by 130 buses some of which have come into service and a number of these are larger three axel buses which hold more people. The bus service to Citywest will be improved and new bus corridors will be developed in Tallaght. Whilst there will be no real time information available to passengers this year this is being looked into. Dublin Bus is considering locating a new bus depot in the county.

Tom Flynn - Iarnrod Eireann

The good news for South Dublin County was the opening of the Adamstown Train Station and the work done on the Kildare Route Project. This project would see the number of lines increase on the Kildare route from two to four allowing for local trains and national trains to be separated thus increasing frequency. A concern about this project is that it stops in Hazel Hatch. Clearing work on this line has commenced and further work in being undertaken. Tom also highlighted the frequency of the Dublin Cork line which is now every hour and the many other developments that are being undertaken from new stations to new carriages to bring our rail travel up to the highest standard.

Gerry O'Brien – National Roads Authority

An overview of the development of our national roads was presented. A focus was given to the M50 and the main interchanges in our area. This is progressing well and stages two and three will be commencing this year. The N4 improvements should also commence this year as tenders have been received for this work. When asked about Newlands Cross Gerry said discussions have taken place with the County Council and RPA and that plans were been drawn up to address this as a matter of priority. When asked about what he called the Outer Leinster Road he said a group was working on this and would be coming back with proposals for the route.

Tom Manning – RPA

Luas is proving to be a success and Luas Trams on the Red Line (Tallaght Line) will have additional carriages which will increase capacity by 40%. These new carriages will be phased in. The Railway Order for Line A1 (Citywest Luas Spur) has not been signed off yet and the Chamber expressed its concern at this delay. Tom however expected that this will happen shortly. On Metro West the RPA will put forward its proposed route in July this year and expects to have this project completed on time. An overview was given of the other Luas and Metro lines being considered and developed.

NOTE: The Chamber has distributed by post a leaflet on the New traffic layout at N7 (Red Cow) Interchange. *Stage 2 of the traffic layout changes takes effect from 30th April 2007.**

2. Networking Event this evening

co-hosted by Westpark Fitness, The Salon Health & Beauty by Jennifer Duggan and Café to Go

Date: 24th April
Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Venue: Westpark Fitness, Greenhills Road, Tallaght
Cost: No Cost to Members
Contact: Marie Finnegan. T: 4585230, email: marie@sdchamber.ie

Enjoy some free samples from The Salon.

Café to Go will provide refreshments and all attendees can enter a draw for 3 months FREE Membership to Westpark Fitness.

3. South Dublin & Kildare Skillnet Training Courses

Lean Six Sigma

Date: 17th May
Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm
Cost: Subsidised cost €125 - Retail cost €375
Trainer Qualified to Black Belt in Six Sigma

Finance for non-Financial Managers to include Debt Collection course

Date: 22nd May
Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm
Cost: Subsidised cost - €125 Retail cost €375
Venue: Chamber Academy, South Dublin Chamber, Tallaght Business Centre, Whitestown Business Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24

To book or for further details contact Mary at tel: 01 4585235 or email: mary@sdchamber.ie

4. Member Directory 2007 and Annual Report 06/07

By now all members should have received by post (or will do so in the coming days) a copy of the 2007 Member Directory and the 2006/07 Annual Report. We hope that you will find it a useful resource when making new contacts and doing business with fellow members. **It is important to let us know** if you have a change of contact details, including contact person, address, telephone and website address to ensure your correct details are included in future publications. Changes can be emailed to elaine@sdchamber.ie or mary@sdchamber.ie

Note: M&K Meats Ltd new website address: www.mkmeats.eu

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