

Transport & Mobility Forum

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Cork Public Bike Scheme

Dear Anne,

The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is representative of a group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable travel. TMF fully support sustainable modes of travel measures and policies. Sustainable travel will; reduce congestion on roads, improve air quality, support a low carbon economy and improve public health through physical activity.

Two bike surveys were carried out in Cork in 2017; one by TMF (public survey) and another by Cork Chamber (members survey) to assess the effectiveness of cork public bike scheme to date. The bike scheme has been hugely successful in take-up of numbers using public bikes and the surveys illustrate great potential for growth. We recommend concentrating on the river valley / lower levels for ease of use.

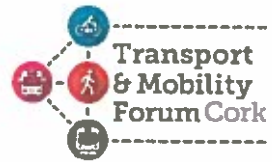
Following the survey results, we request that the National Transport Authority extend the public bike scheme to the following general areas;

- Cork University Hospital,
- Cork Institute of Technology,
- Cork County Council offices,
- Blackpool,
- Blackrock and the Marina.

We understand that bike stations should be a maximum of 5 minutes walking distance apart (300-500m), to improve accessibility and address ability to dock/return a bike when a station is full. In terms of this basic pattern in which the Cork Bikes were set up in Cork City Centre, many of them (especially outlying Blackrock and Blackpool) do not fit into that scheme.

Our suggestions for expansions in more specific locations are:

- Mardyke Arena at western end (to serve Mardyke Arena, UCC Western Gateway and Victoria Cross student accommodations)
- Cork County Hall, Carrigrohane Road (serving County Hall, Kingsley Hotel, Lee Fields and commuter car park)
- Victoria Cross (at Centra, space permitting, serving student accommodations)
- 3 stations along College Road to cover south side of UCC Campus:
 - Gillabbey Street (opposite Abbey Tavern)
 - College Road / Main Campus (at Gaol Walk or Boole Entrance)
 - College Road / St Francis Ave (to cover UCC Brookfield and Bon Secours Hospital)
- South-eastern city centre:



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- Anglesea St / South Terrace + Langford Row (to cover medical complex and South Infirmary Hospital)
- Red Abbey (to cover western Douglas St area / Nano-Nagle-Centre including UCC School of Architecture)
- St. John's College

These locations would require new bike stations, additional bikes and complementary bike lanes, where feasible. Should you wish, we are happy to offer site specific locations for the general areas identified above. Should you have any questions, please forward to the email address transportandmobilityforum@gmail.com below.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephan Koch'.

Stephan Koch (Chair)
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