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Part 8 Public Consultation Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Route as part of Dunkettle Interchange

Dear Mr O'Donoghue,

The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is a representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable and active travel. TMF fully support measures and policies to promote and facilitate the use of sustainable and active modes of travel.

We would like to take the opportunity to comment on the proposed 900m shared use cycle and pedestrian facility between Dunkettle roundabout and Lota. We welcome and support the principle of the accommodation for a shared pedestrian and cycle route proposal at the challenging Dunkettle Interchange, segregated from motor traffic.

On the proposed route, there is a narrow pinch point on the bridge crossing the Glashaboy River adjacent to the N8 road. We ask if it is possible to increase the available width along the route and particularly on the bridge.

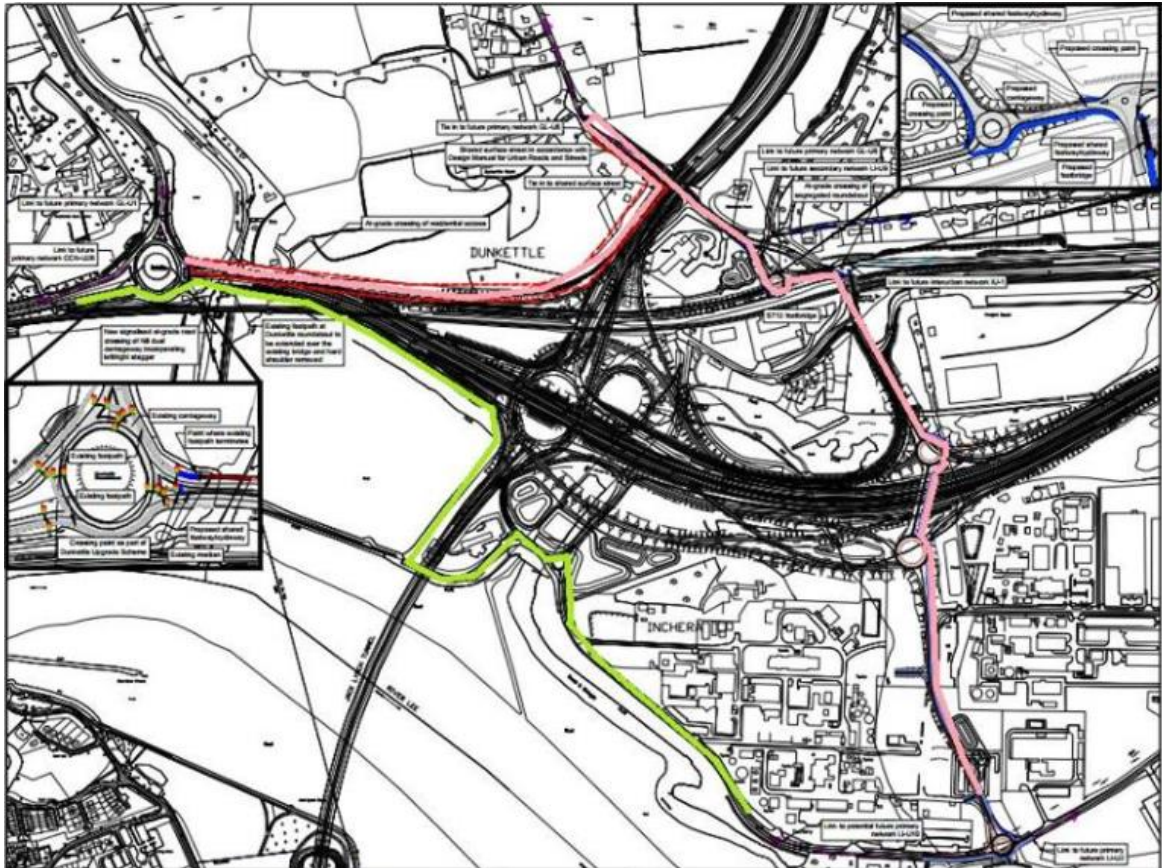
While in principle we welcome the proposal for a shared active travel facility at the Dunkettle interchange, we would suggest and ask consideration be given to a different, alternative route to the south of the interchange instead, as highlighted in green on map below.

The alternative route would have the following advantages:

1. A more direct routing along the waterfront
2. A more scenic character along the water and apart from high volume motor traffic roads
3. No need to cross high volume traffic lanes at western (Glanmire roundabout) and eastern (exit slip road from westbound N25) ends
4. Less need for crossing (over / underpasses) of other roadways, hence less changes in altitude / gradients along the route (important for cyclists)

Point (2) has relevance as the route will be part of the future long-distance EuroVelo/Green route from Rosslare to Cork City Centre and onto the West of Ireland.

Point (3) will be particularly relevant in connection with the future large scale residential / mixed-use development in the Tivoli area, which would also be on the southern side of the N8.



We trust that our suggestions will be taken into consideration. Should you require any clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact us at

transportandmobilityforum@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards

Stephan Koch (Chair)
Transport and Mobility Forum

Note:

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