South Fingal Transport Study makes a number of key transport recommendations

Fingal County Council has published the South Fingal Transport Study (SFTS), a strategic land-use and transport study involving the development of a multi-modal transport strategy for the South Fingal area which includes areas such as Swords, Dublin Airport, Clonshaugh, Balgriffin and Baldoyle.

Among the key recommendations to be delivered within the study timeframe up to 2027 are the upgrade of the R132 Airport Roundabout, the provision of a Western Airport Access Route, the prioritisation of the Swords Core Bus Corridor and the construction of a high quality sustainable transport network to serve the expanding town of Swords.

In September 2017, Fingal County Council (FCC) commissioned Systra transport planning consultants to undertake the South Fingal Transport Study (SFTS).

Working with Systra, the Study included the identification of capacity constraints in the transport network across public transport, walking, cycling, and roads; an assessment of surface access issues within the study area including in and around Dublin Airport; and the development of a framework to inform future development including the numerous Local Area Plans and Masterplans proposed for the area.

The SFTS was presented to the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure and Transport Strategic Policy Committees today (Monday).

The study examined the transport network in South Fingal and makes recommendations of key transport infrastructure and outlines levels of land use development that will enable its sustainable growth leading up to the delivery of MetroLink and beyond.
It is an objective of the Fingal Development Plan 2017 -2023 that a comprehensive feasibility study of the South Fingal be carried out to produce a strategic vision and overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Fingal County Council's Director of Services for Planning & Strategic Infrastructure AnnMarie Farrelly said: “We are particularly pleased to publish this Study on the basis of having worked collaboratively with colleagues in the National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Dublin City Council to ensure a coordinated approach with respect to transport planning and land-use development and priorities.

“The challenge now for Fingal County Council will be to consider the recommendations in more detail, secure funding where required and bring the proposed schemes through the planning process in a timely manner, with the overall objective of ensuring the sustainable development of Fingal for future generations.”

To see the full South Fingal Transport Study, visit https://bit.ly/2RqqUjj.

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