



26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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Email: [Redacted]

Re: FOI request IE\_FOI\_568

Dear [Redacted],

I refer to your request dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on by my office on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

**Request:**

- Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, - the minutes of the DART+ project board meetings between February and April 2022 inclusive.

**Response:**

I, Mr. Mark Conroy, Decision Maker have now made a final decision to Part Grant your request on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Please find response document and schedule of records attached.

Please note that The Board minute meeting for April is not yet agreed upon, therefore, not available at this time.

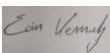
**Rights of appeal**

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the FOI Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, Connolly Station, Amiens St, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to [foi@irishrail.ie](mailto:foi@irishrail.ie). You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays, however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Officer on [Redacted] or by email at [foi@irishrail.ie](mailto:foi@irishrail.ie)

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Mark Conroy, FOI Decision Maker, Dart +, Iarnród Éireann

Freedom of Information Request:  
Schedule of Records for IE\_FOI\_568 : Summary for Decision Making

Record No.	Date of Record	Brief Description	No. of Pages	Decision: Grant/Part Grant/Refuse	Section of Act if applicable	Record Edited/Identify Deletions
1	11.02.2022	IE_FOI_568 Board minute meeting DART+ Febuary	3	Part Grant	S37	Personal Information of Others
1	11.02.2022	IE_FOI_568 Board minute meeting DART+ Febuary	2	Part Grant	Section 36 (1)(c)	Commercially sensitive information which could prejudice the conduct of negotiations
1	11.02.2022	IE_FOI_568 Board minute meeting DART+ Febuary	2	Part Grant	Section 29	record contains matter relating to a deliberative process of a public body (IE) and it's premature release could be considered contrary to the public interest as no decision has been made yet.
2	11.03.2022	IE_FOI_568 Board minute meeting DART+ March	3	Part Grant	S37	Personal Information of Others
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Signed:  
Eoin Kennedy  
Freedom of Information / Data Protection Office

## DART+ Programme Board Meeting

**Date:** 11/02/22  
**Time:** 09:00  
**Location:** MS Teams

Name	Company	Initials	In Attendance
<b>Board Members</b>			
Peter Muldoon	Iarnród Éireann (Chair)	PM	Y
Billy Gilpin	Iarnród Éireann	BG	Y
Peter Smyth	Iarnród Éireann	PS	Y
Éamonn Ballance	Iarnród Éireann	EB	Y
Hugh Creegan	NTA	HC	Y
Eoin Gillard	NTA	EG	Y
Tamara Vazquez	NTA	TV	Y
<b>In Attendance</b>			
Colm Reynolds	Iarnród Éireann	CR	Y
Mike Finan	Iarnród Éireann	MF	Y
Ricardo Santos	Iarnród Éireann	RS	Y
Paul Wilcock	Iarnród Éireann	PW	Y
Mark Conroy	Iarnród Éireann	MC	Y
James Dunne	Iarnród Éireann	JD	Y
Damien McConnell	Iarnród Éireann	DMC	Y
Gary O'Halloran	Iarnród Éireann	GOH	Y
John Reville	Iarnród Éireann	JR	Y
Hilton Sanders	Iarnród Éireann	HS	Y

### Minutes Table

Minute Number	Minute
1.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January '22 were agreed as presented with the following clarification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. During a post Programme Board meeting it was decided to seek to engage further with [REDACTED] prior to progressing with the further public rounds of consultation in the Ashtown area.</li> </ul> <p>2. Review of actions from the previous meetings resulted in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Meeting with EG &amp; TV to review the Budget Increase &amp; Scope Change paper was held. Action closed;</li> <li>b. Approach to public consultation process for DART+ Coastal South to consider recommendation made. Decision to proceed as per the recommendation. Action closed;</li> <li>c. Definition of required cycle parking facilities on DART+ West route provided in the progress report. Action closed;</li> <li>d. Senior Counsel opinion on the railway station planning consent process was received and distributed. Action closed;</li> <li>e. Review of BEMU charging under the OHLE while running remains a work in progress. Action open.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>DART+ Fleet Update</b></p> <p>1.DMC provided an update on the fleet related projects.</p> <p>2.PS noted the potential for a claim from the contractor arising from a request for additional livery options.</p> <p>3.DMC noted a potential time related risk on the 41 ICR project associated with the availability of parts for the passenger information system remains and an emerging risk associated with the quality of safety approval documentation being prepared by the Hyundai Rotem team.</p>
3.	<p><b>DART+ West Update</b></p> <p>1.MF provided an update on project progress, with the following specific items noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It was noted that a meeting has been sought with [REDACTED] re the Ashtown re-design. It was agreed that an NTA/DART+ Project meeting will be held to review the outcome of [REDACTED] meeting and agree the way forward.</li> <li>b. Meetings progressing well with KCC re OBG14 design solution. HC requested that the project team investigate what could be done at Leixlip/Confey St. to facilitate a bus turning circle. It was noted that EG</li> </ul>

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	<p>is meeting BusConnects w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Feb '21 to establishments the requirements at this station which will be fed into the DART+ West team.</p> <p>c. On-going concerns with ESB related to both connections and service diversions. Re the oil-filled cable diversion at Sheriff St., HC suggested engaging with TII to see how they dealt with the ESB on this type of diversion.</p> <p>d. The on-going value engineering processes. HC requested that the output of the VE workshops are captured and recorded. CR noted that they will be.</p>
4.	<p><b>DART+ South West Update</b></p> <p>1.CR opened the update on DART+ South West with the topic of the updating and re-approval of the DART+ Preliminary Business Case to facilitate receipt of approval to lodge the Railway Order. It was noted that the scope of the update would be progressed between the project and the NTA; that the PBC would deal with the affordability issue but that the DART+ SW EIAR should include a note eluding to the potential of the project being delivered in phases.</p> <p>2.RS provided an update on project progress, noting the potential delays associated with the delay in the receipt of information from the ESB. HC requested that a list of all the on-going issues with the ESB across the Programme be compiled. A further meeting will be held on ESB engagement.</p>
5.	<p><b>DART+ Coastal Update</b></p> <p>1.PW provided an update on project progress, noting the following key items:</p> <p>a. The design of the BEMU charging interface by Alstom is critical to the programme and is viewed as a significant risk.</p> <p>b. Mitigation measures to off-set electricity supply issues consequent on the medium voltage supply are being developed.</p> <p>c. The DART+ Coastal North PC1 launch is planned for the end of February.</p> <p>d. The estimate received by ARUP on the 24<sup>th</sup> December '21 was [REDACTED]. The latest estimate received in late January is [REDACTED].</p> <p>e. The approach to the public consultations for DART+ Coastal South will consist of having an initial briefing by way of a published document focussed on the closure of the level crossings in advance of the presentation of the emerging preferred option. Public meetings will not be held until the presentation of the emerging preferred option.</p> <p>f. In the context of the [REDACTED] EG suggested a meeting is held to examine the wider impacts of this [REDACTED].</p> <p>g. It was noted that the project is progressing on a 3tph basis for the Bray/Greystones section. It was confirmed that the 3tph solution could be viewed as a first phase of a 4tph if it was decided to progress this in the future.</p>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>1.HC queried if additional support in the areas of legal advisory services and cost estimation are required. CR noted that legal services are supported by CIE legal team and senior counsel. CR noted that a procurement process for the provision of reference forecast costing services is nearing completion. GOH noted that independent cost reviews are to be provided by the design teams. CR noted that the support in these areas would be the subject of on-going review.</p>
	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> March '22 @ 09:00hrs

#### ACTION TABLE

Date	Action	Owner	Comment
<b>New Actions</b> (This section refers to actions recorded at this meeting)			
11/02/22	An NTA/DART+ Project meeting will be held to review the outcome of the [REDACTED] meeting and agree the way forward.	CR	Meeting held and way forward agreed.
	Following a meeting with Busconnects, w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb '22, the requirements at Leixlip/Confey station will be fed into the DART+ West team.	EG	Latest design to be issued to the NTA by cob 11 <sup>th</sup> March.
	Engage with TII to see how they dealt with the ESB diversions.	MF	A line of communication has been established with TII's Utility Design Manager. A meeting has been

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			scheduled to discuss issues and lessons learnt.
	A list of all the on-going issues with the ESB across the Programme to be compiled.	CR	List of issues gathered and available.
	A meeting to be held to examine the wider impacts of [REDACTED].	PW	
<b>Open Actions</b> <i>(This section refers to actions recorded at previous meetings that have not been closed out by the last meeting)</i>			
27/08/21	Review if it is possible to charge the BEMU from the existing OHLE while running and if not what upgrades to the existing OHLE would be required	DMC	Work in Progress

## DART+ Programme Board Meeting

**Date:** 11/03/22  
**Time:** 09:00  
**Location:** DART+ Project Office & MS Teams

Name	Company	Initials	In Attendance
<b>Board Members</b>			
Peter Muldoon	Iarnród Éireann (Chair)	PM	Y
Billy Gilpin	Iarnród Éireann	BG	N
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John Reville	Iarnród Éireann	JR	Y
Hilton Sanders	Iarnród Éireann	HS	Y
Arthur Avkhadiyev	Iarnród Éireann	AA	Y
Donnchadh Connolly	Iarnród Éireann	DC	Y

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1.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> 1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> February '22 were agreed as presented. 2. Review of actions from the previous meetings resulted in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting between NTA &amp; DART+ post the [REDACTED] meeting was held and it was agreed to proceed to public consultation based on 'option 10'. Action closed;</li> <li>Following a meeting with Busconnects, w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Feb '22, the requirements at Leixlip/Confey station will be fed into the DART+ West team. NTA subsequently requested the DART+ design. Design provided. Action open;</li> <li>Engage with TII to see how they dealt with the ESB diversions. A line of communication has been established. Action closed;</li> <li>A list of all the on-going issues with the ESB across the Programme to be compiled. List compiled and available if required. Action closed;</li> <li>A meeting to be held to examine the wider impacts of [REDACTED]. Meeting to be organised. Action open;</li> <li>Review of BEMU charging under the OHLE while running remains a work in progress. Action open.</li> </ol>
2.	<b>DART+ Fleet Update</b> 1.DMC provided an update on the fleet related projects. 2.DMC noted the importance of achieving design freeze by the end of April on the exterior livery and internal layouts. PM queried the IE Board's role in this decision. HC requested a document setting out the latest design designs in advance of the May DART+ Programme Board meeting. 3.DMC noted a potential time related risk on the 41 ICR project associated with the availability of parts for the passenger information system. DMC noted that IE will withhold permission to ship without all equipment having been fitted. EG noted the potential impact to the 2022 funding profile. 4.DC provided an overview of the new fleet public consultation process. HC requested the team to ensure that the Disabled Persons Organisation (DPO) form part of the consultees.

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	<p>5.HC noted that the Transport User Group (TUG) will not need to be part of the consultation process but that the project should make a presentation to them in May / June.</p> <p>6.DMC advised that the intention is to award a contract for Rail Fleet Advisory Services to Jacobs in March.</p>
3.	<p><b>DART+ West Update</b></p> <p>1.MF provided an update on project progress, with the following specific items noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of localised consultations at Ashtown had commenced.</li> <li>To mitigate the time delay arising from the receipt of ESB information that the project would progress, at risk, the assessment of the cumulative impacts associated with the option 2 feasibility study to be received during the wee commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March. The validity of this decision is to be kept under constant review as additional information is received from the ESB.</li> <li>HC requested IE to send on the tender for the reference class forecasting service.</li> </ol>
4.	<p><b>DART+ South West Update</b></p> <p>1.CR opened the update on DART+ South West by noting that a 3 month delay to the completion of the Railway Order documents has recently been advised by TTA. CR noted this is being reviewed with TTA to understand why it has occurred and what opportunities exist to mitigate it.</p> <p>2.AA provided an update on project progress.</p>
5.	<p><b>DART+ Coastal Update</b></p> <p>1.PW provided an update on project progress, noting the following key items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programme changes have been identified that will bring the completion date for the BEMU infrastructure back to Q3 '24.</li> <li>The DART+ Coastal North PC1 launched. The main issue arising from the webinars held to date is the safety concerns of Howth Junction St. being used as an interchange change should the Howth branch be operated as a shuttle service.</li> <li>EG requested the 4-tracking study to be sent to them.</li> <li>PM queried what would happen to the field purchased in the closing of the Ennis Lane level crossing.</li> <li>The board was briefed on correspondence received from Arup with respect to their commercial position.</li> </ol>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>1.EG queried the DART+ interface at Kishoge station. AA to review.</p>
<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> April '22 @ 09:00hrs	

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<b>New Actions</b> (This section refers to actions recorded at this meeting)			
11/03/22	PM queried the IE Board's role in the decision-making process on DART+ Fleet livery and internal design decisions. Fleet team to review and consider.	DMC	
	HC requested a document setting out the DART+ Fleet design designs in advance of the May DART+ Programme Board meeting.	DMC	
	HC requested the DART+ Fleet team to ensure that the Disabled Persons Organisation (DPO) form part of the consultees.	DMC	
	DART+ Fleet project to make a presentation to TUG in May / June	DMC	
	Issue reference class forecasting tender to NTA	GOH	
	Issue 4 Tracking study to NTA	PW	
	Consider what would happen to the field purchased in the closing of the Ennis Lane level crossing.	PW	
	Review DART+ interface at Kishoge St.	AA	

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	A meeting to be held to examine the wider impacts of the [REDACTED]	PW	
27/08/21	Review if it is possible to charge the BEMU from the existing OHLE while running and if not what upgrades to the existing OHLE would be required	DMC	Work in Progress