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## Discussion on DART Plus

Deputy chief executive of the National Transport Authority Hugh Cregan discusses Irish Rail's announcement of their new DART Plus system that will treble passenger capacity from Maynooth to Dublin City Centre.

[Radio-Clip](#)



## Irish Rail capacity

Irish Rail says it expects to see a swift return to demand once we get through the current crisis. It has announced expansion plans for the Dart network aimed at doubling peak hour capacity. It will see a 2.6 million euro extension of services from Dublin to Drogheda as well as taking a line to Hazelhatch and upgrading the line to Greystones. Irish Rail's Barry Kenny comments.

Also on Q102 4pm bulletin.

[Radio-Clip](#)



FM104 - 17:00 News | 26/08/2020

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## DART expansion consultation

Irish Rail wants to hear your thoughts on plans to expand the Dart to Maynooth. Spokesperson Barry Kenny says services are to increase from 7 an hour to 15, with capacity going from 4,500 passengers an hour to just under 14,000. (Repeated on 5pm News on Q102; 6pm News on FM104 and Q102)

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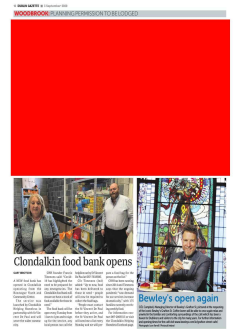


## Barry Kenny on DART Plus

Corporate Communications Officer with Irish Rail Barry Kenny discusses the launch of a public consultation on the DART PLUS system which will treble capacity on trains from Maynooth to Dublin city centre

[Radio-Clip](#)





# Dublin's newest DART station back on track

GARY IBBOTSON

**IRISH rail** is set to lodge planning permission for Dublin's newest DART station at Woodbrook, between Shankill and Bray.

The rail network's 32nd station will form part of the Woodbrook Strategic Housing Development serving a population of more than 5,000 people.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) will fund the building of the station and a planning application is set to be lodged before the week is out.

The new station will have two 174 metre platforms to accommodate full size eight-carriage DARTs.

It will also feature a connecting bridge between

the platforms with ramps and stairs to ensure access for those with reduced mobility.

Jim Meade, chief executive of Iarnrod Eireann, said: "Bringing the DART to a brand new community is an exciting prospect for us in Iarnrod Eireann and designing a community to have public transport central to how it functions is exemplary planning."

"We look forward to working with the NTA, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, and developers Castletown in delivering our newest DART station to Woodbrook."

Elsewhere the first phase of public consultation for DART+ West, which could treble capacity



from Maynooth to the city centre, has been launched.

It envisages a new service to Maynooth/M3 Parkway on the Sligo

line, to Hazelhatch and Celbridge on the Kildare line and from the city to Drogheda on the Northern line.

Transport Minister

Eamon Ryan said the project will have a "hugely positive impact" on areas providing "an integrated, electrified, fast and reliable rail network".

The extension will provide transport links for Glasnevin, Broombridge, Pelletstown, Ashton, Castleknock, Coolmine, Clonsilla and Leixlip.

Fianna Fáil TD for Dublin North West, Paul McAuliffe, welcomed the news. He said: "The expansion to Maynooth/M3 Parkway will involve the electrification of 40km of track and increase capacity from seven services an hour to 15 which increase passenger numbers from 4,500 to 13,750."

"DART+ West is the first phase of a programme that will eventually see the electrification of other lines bringing the service to Celbridge and Drogheda."

"I would encourage the public to engage with the public consultation process and have their voices heard on this which will be a transformation for the city."



# M3 Parkway DART+ West extension plans unveiled

**CORRIDOR** First phase of public consultation on new service which would treble capacity

## ANN CASEY

PROPOSALS for the extension of the DART line to the M3 Parkway which have been unveiled by Iarnród Éireann, have been hailed as great news for Meath.

**Iarnród Éireann** and the National Transport Authority have launched the first phase of public consultation for DART+ West which will see the DART extended to both M3 Parkway and Maynooth.

DART+ West, is set to treble capacity of the rail system from Maynooth/M3 Parkway to Dublin city centre. The public consultation documents can reviewed at [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie).

It is art of a major plan for new electrified Dart services to Drogheda on the Northern line, to Celbridge on the Kil-



**DART+ West, is set to treble capacity of the rail system from Maynooth/M3 Parkway to Dublin city centre.**

dare line, to Maynooth and Dunboyne on the Sligo line, as well as an enhanced service on the southeastern line.

Cllr Damien O'Reilly said it was great news for Meath and encouraged all commuters to provide feedback on the proposals.

"Construction is expected to begin in early 2022 and with completion expected in 2024," he said.

Cllr Nick Killian said it was

welcome news. "The sooner, the better. It will have to be recognised that it is serving quite a large area including Ashbourne, Ratoath and Dunshaughlin, as well as Dunboyne.

"We need to have an integrated system which will provide buses from those areas to the Parkway.

"If the government is serious about fighting climate change, they will have to instruct

**Irish Rail** and Bus Éireann to work together, not like at the moment," he said.

DART+ West is the first phase of the €2 billion DART+ Programme of investment which will provide a sustainable, electrified, reliable, frequent rail service significantly increasing capacity on all the rail corridors serving the Greater Dublin Area, through investment in infrastructure and a fleet of new trains.

The first phase of public consultation is designed to present the emerging preferred option for provision of DART+ West to communities and stakeholders along the route.

The feedback will assist in further progressing the design process prior to another public consultation later this year, with the railway order (planning application) process due to take place mid-2021. Con-

struction is expected to commence in early 2022 with completion expected in late 2024.

The project will involve the purchase of additional trains to support new and enhanced DART service, upgrading and reconfiguring existing railway infrastructure in the city centre and the elimination of a number of level crossings to reduce rail/road conflict that limits train capacity.

It will include civil and bridge works to accommodate electrification, corridor widenings and increased service levels as well as upgrades to signalling and communications infrastructure to improve safety and support increased frequency and reliability.

DART+ will increase passenger capacity and train service frequency, allow more people to make sustainable travel

choices and will contribute to a reduction in emissions within Dublin while providing a reliable alternative to private cars.

Once complete DART+ West will enable an increase in capacity of services from seven to 15 per hour, subject to demand, increasing the current passenger capacity of 4,500 per hour to 13,750 per hour.

The Dart expansion programme is a cornerstone of the Government's National Development Plan for 2018 to 2027, and also of its major capital programme, Project Ireland 2040.

DART+ West is the first of the infrastructural projects of the DART+ Programme to be delivered and will significantly increase rail capacity on the Maynooth / Dunboyne M3 Parkway Lines.





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## DART Plus

Plans to expand the DART have been announced by Irish Rail. Spokesperson Barry Kenny says it will bring sustainable, more frequent and higher capacity services to Dublin's rail corridors. (Repeated on FM104 and Q102 News at 2pm)

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nova.ie | 28/08/2020

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## Dart Expansion Plan Published

...area Dart network for Dublin" the NTA said. All are encouraged to review the full details at [www.irishrail.ie/DARTMaynooth](http://www.irishrail.ie/DARTMaynooth) or contact the project team via phone or email. Clint Driberg <http://www.nova.ie...>

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## Public consultation begins on DART extension

...believe that DART+ is a crucial part of providing more people with that option. The Chief Executive of [Iarnród Éireann](#) Jim Meade said: "DART has been one of the nation's major public transport success stories..."

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## 27th August 2020 | Green Gazette Oireachtas briefing: Minister Ryan launches the first phase of DART+ Programme



BACK Minister for Climate Action, Communication Networks and Transport Eamon Ryan TD, together with **Tarrnód Éireann** and the National Transport Authority, has launched the first phase of public consultation...

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## BREAKING: Radical new DART+ plan for Dublin launched

...information on the Emerging Preferred Route Option and details on how to give feedback, please visit [www.irishrail.ie/DARTMaynooth](http://www.irishrail.ie/DARTMaynooth) Most Popular New seafront cycle path for Sandymount set for six month trial...

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## WEST LAID PLANS Details of new 'transformative' €2billion DART+ unveiled by Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan

...The overall DART+ project aims to double peak hour capacity by 2028 with new trains and stations. **Irish Rail** said: "DART+ is a transformative programme of investment which will provide a sustainable, electrified,..."

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# Dart extension aims to double capacity

Estimated cost of DART+ to Drogheda, Celbridge and Maynooth exceeds €2.6bn

**OLIVIA KELLY**  
Dublin Editor

Plans for the €2.6 billion extension of Dart services from Dublin to Drogheda, Celbridge and Maynooth, first announced 15 years ago, have been published by the National Transport Authority.

The expansion programme, rebranded DART+, aims to double peak-hour capacity from 26,000 passengers an hour in each direction to 52,000 an hour per direction by 2028, with more trains and new stations, to create a “full metropolitan area Dart network for Dublin” said the authority.

The project will involve five main elements: electrification of services on the three commuter lines; purchase of new Dart trains; and upgrade of the existing southern Dart line to Greystones.

The Maynooth project will be first of the three lines to progress, with public consultation on the route beginning today.

The authority plans to seek a

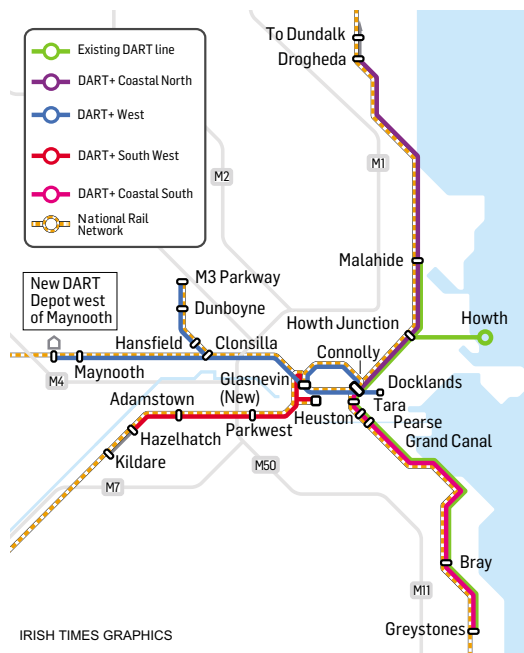
railway order, the planning application for rail infrastructure, from An Bord Pleanála in the first half of next year.

In addition to electrification of the 40km of existing Sligo line as far as Maynooth/M3 Parkway to allow for Dart services, this project, dubbed DART + West, will also mean elimination of level crossings along the route to end conflicts with road traffic.

In the second half of next year another order will be sought for DART+ South West, to electrify the Kildare line as far as Hazelhatch/Celbridge. Three new stations are proposed, subject to assessment, at Cabra, Heuston west and Kylesmore south of Ballyfermot.

### Northern line

It is likely to be the second half of 2022 before an application is made for DART+ Coastal North, the electrification of the service to Drogheda on the northern line, which will mean Darts running north from their current terminus at Malahide.



IRISH TIMES GRAPHICS

The upgrade of the line from Connolly to Greystones is being rebranded as DART + Coastal South. The authority will seek a railway order for this project, which will involve the elimina-

tion of troublesome level crossings, at the beginning of 2023. In parallel, the authority is buying a new fleet. The tender process for 600 carriages, equivalent to 75 trains, is under way

with the contract scheduled to be awarded in early 2021.

The expansion programme was allocated €2 billion under the National Development Plan to run between 2018 and 2027. But it emerged last February that new cost estimates drawn up within Irish Rail put the overall bill for the project at more than €2.6 billion.

Final costs, according to the authority, will be established only when designs are complete.

### Interconnector

The expansion plans were proposed in 2005 along with the creation of a Dart “interconnector” or underground service in the city area.

In 2010 Irish Rail applied to An Bord Pleanála for a Railway Order for the €4.5 billion Dart Underground project to link Heuston station to the Dart line, with underground stations at Spencer Dock, Pearse Station, St Stephen’s Green, Christ Church and Heuston.

In November 2011 the project was shelved by the Fine Gael-Labour government. The following month the board granted the railway order. The tunnel is not included in the expansion plans published yesterday.



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## A DART TO THE FUTURE

PLANS for a new €2billion DART+ were unveiled yesterday by the Transport Minister Eamon Ryan.

The National Transport Authority revealed details of the "transformative" project, which will extend the existing service from Dublin to Drogheda, Celbridge and Maynooth.

DART+ West will be the first that gets under way, heading out to Maynooth/M3 Parkway lines.

Once complete, the NTA says it will enable an increase in capacity of Dart services from seven to 15 per hour, increasing the current passenger capacity of 4,500 per hour to 13,750 per hour and the electrification and re-signalling of some 40km of lines to the city centre.

However, six level crossings will close on the Maynooth Dart line, with the NTA promising other arrangements "particularly in areas such as Ashtown, Coolmine, Porterstown, Clonsilla and Barberstown".

But with locals raising concerns over access to different areas, Deputy Chief Executive with the NTA, Hugh Creegan, explained that alternatives must be put in place because with the new project, the level crossings will be unsustainable. He said: "Currently those level crossings get closed very frequently during busy peak periods, sometimes up to 40 minutes out of the 60 minutes in the peak hour.

"And then, as our train frequencies increase, what will happen is the period of time that the level crossing has to be shut, the DART actually increases. So clearly that's not a sustainable situation.

"What's looked at as part of this project is what replacement networks in terms of roads and bridges need to be put in place to allow people to still continue about their journeys. So our plan has put in place three road bridges and three pedestrian cycle bridges along the network."

Asked about concerns residents may have, he told RTE Radio's News At One: "People will still be able to access all their houses. There will be no loss of access to any house, that's not part of the project.

"But obviously when you're building a big scheme like this, there are changes that need to be put in place to facilitate the project.

"And in this case, we do have to look at these road networks in these particular areas and see what the appropriate replacement arrangements are." The NTA has opened public consultation for the project, with a planning application to be made next year.

The aim is to have construction on the DART+ West line begin in early 2022 and completed in late 2024.

Minister Ryan hailed the project, saying: "The first phase, DART+ West, will have

a hugely positive impact, not just at its terminal points in Maynooth and Dunboyne, but in areas like Glasnevin, Broombridge, Pelletstown, Ashtown, Castleknock, Coolmine, Clonsilla, and Leixlip, all of which will now be on an integrated, electrified, fast and reliable rail network.

"If we are serious about reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and I know I am, this is precisely the kind of project that should be happening."

The overall DART+ project aims to double peak hour capacity by 2028, with new trains and stations.

Irish Rail called it a "transformative programme", with Chief Executive Jim Meade saying: "DART+, with DART+ West as its first phase, will bring sustainable, fast and frequent train services to tens of thousands of new and existing customers.

"We encourage commuters, residents, communities and all stakeholders to participate in the public consultation to ensure we understand and incorporate their views in the ongoing design process."

Minister Ryan unveiled DART+ plans yesterday ON THE PLUS SIDE Programme ... Meade

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## Ryan rolls out Dart expansion to Drogheda and into Kildare

A MAJOR extension of the Dart network was announced yesterday that will include two new lines into Co. Kildare and an extension north into Co. Louth.

The plan includes new services to Maynooth/M3 Parkway on the Sligo Line, to Hazelhatch and Celbridge on the Kildare Line, and an extension beyond Malahide on the Northern Line as far as Drogheda.

Transport Minister Eamon Ryan said: 'I believe that these Dart+ plans are so important. We know that when people are offered a sustainable alternative to commuting by car, people respond positively.' However, Social Democrats' transport

spokeswoman Catherine Murphy said: 'Despite huge population growth in Kildare in recent decades, chronic under-investment in public transport has negatively impacted on the lives of local commuters, resulting in unsustainable car journeys to Dublin city. 'While any investment in our public transport network is to be welcomed, it must be noted that this announcement is an enhancement of an existing rail network. The Dart underground continues to be the missing piece in the jigsaw if we are to achieve a fully integrated, future-proofed public transport system that will get people permanently out of their cars.' Iarnród

Éireann chief Jim Meade said: 'Dart has been one of the nation's major public transport success stories and Dart+, with Dart+ West as its first phase, will bring sustainable, fast and frequent train services to tens of thousands of new and existing customers.

'We encourage commuters, residents, communities and all stakeholders to participate in the public consultation to ensure we understand and incorporate their views in the ongoing design process.'

Plan: Eamon Ryan announces Dart+

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## Kildare TD Welcomes Opening Of DART Extension Consultation.

...the first round of consultation on the project, which will run on the Kildare and M3 Parkway lines. **Irish Rail** is also planning to run 15 trains there within four years, as opposed to the current 7. Construction...

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## Have your say on DART extension to Maynooth and Celbridge

...existing infrastructure and developing additional interchanges with other public transport modes. **IrishRail** notes that the population in Dublin and the surrounding areas is growing rapidly "and the city is..."

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## Details of three line DART expansion revealed



By Sarah Finnan August 26, 2020 at 2:25pm **Irish Rail** has announced plans to expand the city's DART service, aiming to bring sustainable, more frequent and higher capacity services to Dublin's rail service....

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## Irish Rail reveals details of plan to extend DART to Maynooth

**Irish Rail** is calling for feedback on the DART+ project, which plans to cater to three times as many passengers from Maynooth. The project - the first part of a wider DART expansion programme - aims to...

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## Dart expansion plan to Maynooth opens for public consultation

...<https://t.co/HcNlQyFQgH> pic.twitter.com/ZEpukHTTrSc — **Iarnród Éireann** #StaySafeSaveLives #HoldFirm (@**IrishRail**) August 26, 2020 The NTA plans to seek a railway order, the planning application for rail infrastructure,...

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## Public asked to have say as new details on DART+ plans that add new routes and trains unveiled

...know I am - this is precisely the kind of project that should be happening." Chief Executive of **Iarnród Éireann** Jim Meade said: "We encourage commuters, residents, communities and all stakeholders to participate..."

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## Proposals to extend DART to Dunboyne unveiled

...capacity of the rail system from Maynooth/M3 Parkway to Dublin city centre can be reviewed at [www.irishrail.ie/DARTMaynooth](http://www.irishrail.ie/DARTMaynooth), as public consultation begins. Cllr Damien O'Reilly said it was great news for...

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## Public Consultation On Extension Of DART To Kildare Opened.



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## Dart extension to Drogheda, Celbridge, Maynooth envisaged in expansion plan

A monthly "short hop" ticket covering rail, Dart, **Dublin Bus** and Luas services will cost under €220 a month. Photograph: David Sleator The Dart expansion programme aims to double peak-hour capacity to 52,000...

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**Maynooth and Celbridge gets Dart line link launched today Plans for 40Km of electrification and re-signalling of the Maynooth and M3 Parkway lines to the city centre**

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