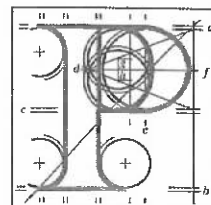


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**An
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Progressive Friends Taxi Association
Frank Okonkwo
C/O Galway City Partnership
3 The Plaza
Headford Road
Co. Galway

Date: 29 November 2022

Re: BusConnects Galway Cross-City Link Scheme.
University Road to Dublin Road, Galway City.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above-mentioned proposed road development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

Please note that the proposed road development shall not be carried out unless the Board has approved it or approved it with modifications.

The Board has also received an application for confirmation of a compulsory purchase order which relates to this proposed road development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in respect of any application before it, in accordance with section 218 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board will inform you in due course on this matter. The Board shall also make a decision on both applications at the same time.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton
Executive Officer
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RE: Bus connects Galway: Cross-City Link (University Road to Dublin Road) Scheme: 12th September 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Progressive Friends Taxi Association Galway is a group of Taxi drivers operating in Galway city and county and was formed 2007. Ours aims are to ensure that all members adhere to the rules, code and conduct of National Transport Authority and Taxi Regulatory commission and also to ensure that our customers/consumers are treated in a fair manner with mutual respect and understanding.

We are writing in respect to public consultation input of the aforementioned Cross-City link in Galway. Published from 16th September 2022 valid to 18th November 2022
Progressive Friends Association of Taxi Operators have effectively participated in several capacity in the industry and have effectually intervened in matters concerning adherence to standard and on-going progress of the SPSV operation in Galway, Ireland.

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With a view of continued commitment to improve taxi industry, and the quest to provide PFA increasing membership the enabling supports deemed necessary for their business, we outline our concerns.

Our submission and Observation are thus as follows:

PFA and her members certainly appreciate the key importance of the bus connects scheme and its affiliation with the national policy within the Project Ireland National Development Plan 2021-2030.

However, looking at the hardcopy of the proposed public transports and cycling / pedestrian's lane of 6.7 kilometres east-west corridor through the city centre we observed an area of concern for the existing taxi rank at Eyre Square, Galway. The diagrams available identify that the current taxi rank will be axed during and after the road project.

Therefore, we stand unanimously to object the likely removal of the taxi rank in Eyre Square.

The Central Part of our business is in the Square; its location is accessible and attracts commuters from all parts of the city, county, including tourist and students.

We extend our objection to An Bord Pleanála, Galway Transport Strategy (GTS), Galway City Council Executive, National Transport Authority (NTA), if the road route project will similarly alter the taxi rank in Eyre Square, Galway.

Thanking you in-anticipation of a reversal and amendment to the route to accommodate the smoot running of our taxi business.

Please find the attached signatories from members of Taxi group in Galway opposing the proposal to remove Eyre Taxi Rank from its current position.

We look forward hearing from you and would welcome a positive response.

Yours sincerely:

FRANK OKONKWO, CHAIR-PERSON



(On behalf of Progressive Friends Taxi Association Galway)

CC. National Transport Authority (NTA) Dublin

CC. Galway Transport Strategy (GTS)

CC. Galway City Council Executive



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