# **Aiding Transport 21**

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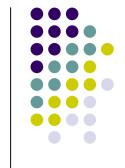


- Founded 2003
  - Improved and integrated rail transport
  - International best practice applied to all services
- Have presented at Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport
- Consulted for O'Reilly Metro Report





- Promote Interconnector
  - www.extendthedart.com
- Luas Link Up
  - No More Gaps
- Metro
  - Needed but 2004 design was flawed
    - Capacity lacking for later orbital Metro
    - Swords not included
- Navan
- WRC
  - For real users not politics



## **Problems with T21 (1)**

- Timetabling of projects ignores the existing users
  - Interconnector timeline
- Priority given to WRC over other rail projects
  - No qualitative analysis for WRC
- Navan delivery date
  - 2015 is too long to wait
- Kildare, Newbridge & Sallins
  - Dropped from Kildare Route Project





- DART to Drogheda essential
  - DTO vetoed DART to Drogheda
  - Drogheda to reach 80-100k in medium term
  - Balbriggan is an unnatural terminus
- Commuters not in Dublin
  - Limerick Patrickswell, Raheen, Nenagh?
  - Waterford Wexford, New Ross?
    - Waterford Dublin via South Wexford
  - Athlone Mullingar
    - Regional + Secondary Intercity



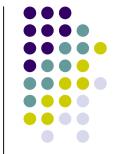


- Promised as phase two of larnród Éireann's 2004-2010 investment program
  - Was a zero cost item !!
- "We certainly intend to use the Phoenix Park tunnel in the short term to bring trains from the Kildare-Newbridge area into Spencer Dock because there is a demand for that."
  - Joe Meagher IE MD, 25/2/2004
- Now impossible

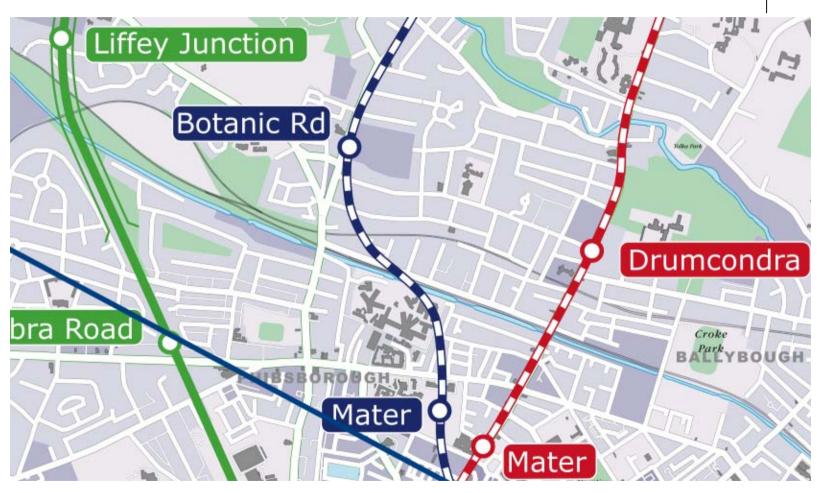
# Joined Up Thinking Not Allowed Here



- Clear lack of joined up thinking
  - Irish Rail's ticket machines are the same machine as used by the RPA
    - But neither can issue a ticket to the others network.
  - Dublin Bus failure to adapt to Luas,
    - Perpetuating failure of DART feeder bus system
- Operators appear fearful that any real integration between services and fares will lead to a division of revenue and passengers



# **Spot The Interchange!**

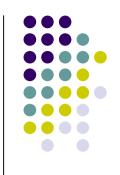


#### Glasnevin



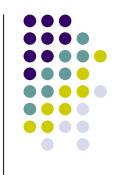
- Perfect interchange location
  - Rail
    - Maynooth, Dunboyne, Longford, Navan, Kildare
  - Metro
    - Swords, Airport, DCU, Metro West
  - Bus
- Reason why it will never happen
  - RPA asked IE if they had any intention of building a station at Glasnevin, on the preferred central (blue) route,
    - IE responded no
- This is the kind of attitude which will sink T21





- One agency to rule them all
  - Need to eradicate interagency turf war internally in CIE and with the RPA
- Must have total power over all transport services and policy in the greater Dublin Region
  - Fares
  - Branding
  - Ticketing
  - Routes





- Should be in charge of route alignments
  - Build to integrate not to suit the whim of IE, RPA
- Critical need to ensure a proper system is built
- Must be a strong cohesive system
  - Many operators
  - One system
  - One image

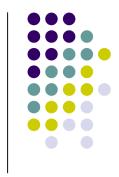
#### Commitment

- It must be completed in full
  - T21 must be seen as a cut down version of what we really need
  - We need T21 plus a lot more.
- T21 stems from a political element
  - Will it survive an election?
  - Will it survive a change of government?
- Long history of not making good on promises
  - NDP, PFC, DRRTS, DART (phase 2, 3 ?)
  - Far too many studies little work
  - The original land use study for Midleton was done in 1978, it will be 2008 before services are restored





- We need to know dates and costs
  - Will the Metro cost €6+ billion over 26 years?
  - When does work on project x start?
- Everyone who will be impacted needs to know now, not in 5 years time
  - Need to identify risks and mitigate
- People want to believe and will only if they can see this is serious.
  - Only official information is on sheets of photocopied A4
    - Not convincing for €34.4 billion spend



## Joined Up

- A fully integrated countrywide public transport system
  - The Swiss Model
    - Infrastructural investment focused on the need to make it work
- Need all stakeholders to play there part
  - County councils in terms of planning to ensure infrastructure and development meet in the middle
- Need to eradicate interagency turf war between elements of CIE and the RPA
  - Need fully independent body to enforce sense.