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The improvements in Talbot Street and its surrounding areas are parts of ongoing efforts to both protect and enhance this historic part of our City Centre.

Dublin City Council's City Co-ordination Office has developed an Inter Departmental approach to address the street's needs and ensure that Talbot Street grows as a vibrant and welcoming space for both residents and visitors alike.

The creation of a multi-agency Working Group under the City Co-ordination Office, bringing multiple stakeholders together, is a significant step towards ensuring the success of this particular project.

By bringing together Officials from various City Council Departments and key area based stakeholders the Group has overseen the planning, coordination, and delivery of various positive interventions, ensuring that they complement each other and work towards a shared aim of rejuvenating the area.

New Lighting at Talbot Street Bridge



Artwork at Talbot Lane



Greening



Festoon Lighting



Works to Carriageways & Footpaths



One of the improvements to date focuses on footpaths and carriageways, which are key to enhancing the pedestrian experience and ensuring safe access for all forms of transport.

Given that Talbot Street is a central hub for public transport—with Connolly Station, Busáras, and the Luas close by—upgrading roads and pedestrian routes will help smooth the flow of traffic, while also making the area more accessible for cyclists and pedestrians.

Enhancements to public lighting are crucial. The City Council focused on upgrading existing street lighting to ensure better visibility and safety, especially at night. Feature lighting on the Talbot Street Bridge will not only improve safety but also showcase the historic bridge, making it a key visual element for both locals and tourists alike. The addition of festoon lighting gives the street a welcoming look and feel.

The addition of a number of bespoke green spaces softens the urban landscape, making it more welcoming and environmentally friendly.

A major focus is the introduction of pop-up uses for vacant or underused buildings. This could include temporary shops and artistic spaces that could ultimately animate the area.

Finally, improvements to shopfronts and design elements will give the area a more cohesive and attractive visual identity. By working with local businesses and state agencies we can encourage more vibrant and appealing storefronts, enhancing the character of Talbot Street while supporting the local economy.

Talbot Street Bridge



Iarnród Éireann
Infrastructure

Works carried out by Iarnród Éireann Infrastructure



Community Engagement

Celebrating Community Art with Scoil Chaoimhín

In September 2024 Irish Life CEO Declan Bolger and Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin joined the talented students of Scoil Chaoimhín for a special event: the unveiling of their art mural on Marlborough Street.



Community Policing on Talbot Street



Shop Front Improvement Scheme



Testimonials

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the public realm improvement works carried out by Dublin City Council on Talbot Street including paving, planting and lighting. These works alongside festoon and Christmas lighting have made a significant positive difference to the ambience of the street. I note too, plans by Irish Rail to improve the vista of the Talbot Street Bridge and the potential for shopkeepers to avail of a shopfront improvement scheme, all of which will consolidate public realm improvements.

*Quote from Nial Gleeson,
Chief Executive Officer,
Uisce Éireann*

Talbot Street has a long and proud history. It is the seat of public transport on the city's northside being the introduction to the city's northern commercial core for many. In recent years it has faced its challenges, however, once again it is forging a new path as a key city centre thoroughfare. With the combined efforts of Dublin City Council, the business community, transport companies, Government and Government agencies we have the potential to re-create the street that Dubliners are calling for. The momentum is with us, we all now have a part to play in realising our collective ambition.

*Quote from Richard Guiney,
Chief Executive, DublinTown*

In relation to the improvements on Talbot Street. The new pavements look really well, and the various colours on the bollards really stand out. I have asked some tenants what they thought of the improvements, and they said the overall look of the street is much cleaner, colourful and more inviting.

Quote by Linda Crowe, Linders Property

Testimonials CONTINUED

It's been great to see the revitalisation of Talbot Street and the surrounding area. Dublin City Council has done great work with pathway replacement and 'greening'. The planting really lifts the area, and I know many visitors have commented on that. By investing in modern infrastructure, improving public spaces, and supporting local businesses, these actions will create a more vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable environment for residents, visitors, and investors alike. Increased Garda presence has also contributed to raising the perception of the area.

A thriving city centre serves as the heart of our community, and through strategic revitalisation such as pedestrian-friendly streets, green spaces, and mixed-use development we can ensure it remains a dynamic and prosperous hub for years to come.

The partnership of Dublin City Council, Dublin Town and all stakeholders has made a significant contribution to the continuing upward positivity that is trending in our city.

*Quote from John Bergin,
Managing Director, Sky Tours*

Acknowledgements

The improvements on Talbot Street would not have been possible without the investment by stakeholders:

Irish Life:	<i>The allocation of a rent-free artist studio space "Studio 1" for mid-career artists, and the creation of the 'City of the Future' mural.</i>
Iarnród Éireann:	<i>Bridge Improvement Works</i>
DublinTown:	<i>Promotion of Shopfront Business Improvement Scheme and festoon lighting</i>
Fáilte Ireland:	<i>Visitor corridor planning</i>
NEIC:	<i>Bridge Feature Lighting/ Wellbeing programmes</i>
An Garda Síochána:	<i>Business Watch</i>
Uisce Éireann:	<i>Leave the Light On campaign</i>



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