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WILLIAM STREET CONTRACT SIGNING 1st July 2010.

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- Project:** William Street/Upper William Street & Sarsfield Street Limerick
Limerick City Centre Re-modelling of Streets & Public Spaces
- Client:** Limerick City Council
Senior Engineer Vincent Murray
Director Pat Dromey
Lead Consultant: Nicholas de Jong Associates, Urban Design and Lawlor & Partners.
Value: € 4.0m (VAT incl.)
- Sub-Consultants:**
- Contractor:** McGinty & O'Shea
Stage: Tender awarded 1st July 2010
- Current Status:** Construction mobilisation – Works commences 5th July 2010
- Description:** The William Street improvement scheme comprises the fourth stage of the Limerick City Centre Re-modelling of Streets and Public Open Spaces Programme, led by Limerick City Council Transport & Infrastructure department. This ambitious initiative aims to make the City Centre a visitor friendly environment and a far more attractive place in which to shop, to visit, do business, and pass the time of day.
- The Remodelling of Limerick City Centre has been under-way since 2001, comprising the creation of a new public square at Baker Place, streetscape improvements at Lower Bedford Row, and a major transformation of Upper Bedford Row (between Henry Street and O'Connell Street) In phase 3 substantial upgrade works have been carried out on Thomas Street, Little Catherine Street, Augustinian Land, Foxes Bow and Block 1 of Catherine Street. Along the riverside major public realm improvements have also been completed at O'Callaghan Strand and Clancy Strand including the new Board walk all of which demonstrate the City Councils commitment to revitalising Limerick City Centre.
- Development of the William Street/Sarsfield Street project has entailed extensive on-going consultation with key stakeholders and the local business and residential community on the street. Limerick City Council is grateful to the stakeholders for the level of cooperation and goodwill It has received throughout the consultation process in developing a scheme that

meets the needs of the various street uses. This project also required the review of city centre traffic management measures and to facilitate the scheme a new road network was introduced earlier this year in the upper William Street area.



View of William Street scheme proposals

The William Street scheme will provide a much needed facelift to the public streetscape which has become very dated. The scheme will consist of widened pavements on the street, re-surfacing in high quality materials including Irish Limestone; improved street lighting and signage; undergrounding of services; distinctive street furniture and new tree planting and public transport facilities including a bus lane, bus shelters and new taxi ranks. Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) will be introduced in Limerick for the first time on this scheme at all the upgraded Bus Stops

The contract for the streetscape improvements has been awarded to McGinty & O'Shea Limited Ltd of Glanmire, Co Cork. McGinty & O'Shea are a very experienced civil engineering contractor and they have completed many high profile streetscape projects including The Patrick Street Upgrade works and The Grand Parade Renewal works in Cork City. The duration of the contract works is anticipated to be 18 months, with completion due for Christmas 2011. It is planned that disruption during construction will be kept to the minimum. The work will be done on a phased basis with work starting in July 2010 on Sarsfield Street and Upper William Street. The main works on William Street will commence in January 2011. The contract will commence on the 5th July with the closure of Sarsfield Street to complete substantial engineering works to sewers and basements. A stakeholder group has been established and with whom regular meetings will be held to monitor the progress of the works.

On completion the this scheme will advance the bold contemporary image for Limerick City Centre. It is intended that the pedestrian-friendly theme will be followed by improvement works to other key streets as further funding becomes available, representing a radical transformation and the

realisation of a new heart for the City Centre.

Attached Photo of the contract signing shows left to right

Photo 1

Seated; Tom Mackey, Limerick City Manager, Cllr. Maria Byrne, Mayor Of Limerick, Fintan McGinty, McGinty & O'Shea. Standing Pat Dromey, Director of Transport and Infrastructure, Limerick City Council and Jim O'Shea of McGinty and O'Shea.



Photo 2

Left to right

Seated; Tom Mackey, Limerick City Manager, Cllr. Maria Byrne, Mayor Of Limerick, Fintan McGinty and Jim O'Shea of McGinty & O'Shea

Standing

Sean McGlynn, Limerick City Council

Huw ap Rhys, Nick De Jong Associates

Andrew Warren, Lawlor & Partners

Brian O Sullivan, Lawlor and Partners

Par Dromey, Director, Limerick City Council

Vincent Murray, Senior Engineer, Limerick City Council

Michael O Shea, White Young Green Ireland Ltd

James O Donoghue, Lawlor & Partners

