

Station on track for 21st century

By ANNE SHERIDAN

A DRAMATIC re-development is planned for Colbert Station on Parnell Street which is estimated to cost in the region of at least €1m and is being billed as a "truly 21st century building".

"We really are looking at a truly 21st century facility. While we would very much like the project to go ahead, it is subject to funding and permission," said Erica Roseingrave, a spokesperson for Bus Éireann.

"The new building would be completely state of the art, streamlined and filled with light. It would be beneficial for all our staff and customers and it would also be more comfort and safety driven," she said.

Permission is currently being sought for development at Colbert Station—the third busiest train station in the country—which is a protected structure. A new two storey Bus Station



Colbert Station is set for a €1million facelift to make a "truly 21st century building"

compromising of ticket offices, waiting areas, staff accommodation and public toilets amongst other works will comprise the

main development of the station.

The development will consist of the demolition of an existing single storey

ancillary structure. Plans to remove redundant rail tracks, a public car park to the north and west of the site, and Bus stands are

also indicated.

The bus station would move from the right to the left hand side of the current station and the existing bus station would be converted into a car park. A landscaped garden is planned for the front of the station, where a car park is currently situated. An internal walkway would also connect the rail and bus station, providing greater ease of mobility for customers.

"It's a very large project and a great investment, which would deliver huge improvements for our customers, especially as we would be focusing on more facilities for disabled customers," said Ms Roseingrave.

She went on to say that the investment cannot be underestimated and all parties are very hopeful that it will go ahead. Subject to funding and planning permission, the predicted date for the commencement of the project is spring 2007.

"The full scale of the development could possibly take up to two years," she said. The project will be funded by the Department of Transport through the Accessibility Fund.

CHRONICLE BRIEFS

Soccer on RTE

RTÉ Television has secured the rights to broadcast UK Premiership Football highlights up to and including the 2009/2010 season. RTÉ Television will thus broadcast highlights from the full range of Premiership matches beginning with the 2007/2008 season.

David Kitt

DAVID Kitt has recently completed his fifth album Not Fade Away which is due for release in late August. As a warm up for the album he is doing a short run of solo dates. Tickets cost €18 and doors open at 8pm.

Trad Group

THE trad group Liadan will perform in Friarsgate on Friday 28th July at 8pm. This critically acclaimed six piece band won the much sought after title of Best Band at the 2005 Lorient Interceltic Festival. Tickets €15/€12.

Car robbery

A CAR that was parked overnight in Kilquane Drive, Shannon Banks between 8pm on July 17 and 7am the following morning was broken into. A car stereo was stolen.

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