The Galway City Council Mobility Team (GCCMT) met on Thursday 30th July. Progress for the week ending 31st July 2020 is summarised below.

**Phase 2 Implementation**

- Dominick Street Lower: 4 planters and bollards will be installed on 31.07.2020. The additional space will facilitate businesses to apply for Covid-19 temporary licences for tables and chairs. Applications are welcome through application forms available from [www.galwaycity.ie/mobilityteam](http://www.galwaycity.ie/mobilityteam). Engagements are ongoing with the Westend Traders Association in relation to proposals for the area.
- Middle Street: Engagements continue to take place with businesses and residents on the proposal for Middle Street.
- Dyke Road changes are progressing with sockets for bollards installed. A Variable Messaging Sign (VMS) is available to notify road users of changes. When statutory signage is received, the bollards will be installed.
- Stencils to mark pedestrian symbols on extended pathways in areas including Eglington Street and Forster Street are on order.

Further detail will be made available as these plans/designs progress.

**Please note all interventions due to their temporary nature will be under constant review and adjustments or changes may be required at short notice when required.**

**Race Week**

Galway City Council has convened further meetings this week with An Garda Síochána in relation to the management of Race Week. To date no issues in terms of large crowds congregating in the city have occurred. The City Council continue to work closely with AGS and remain on standby to deal with any issues that may arise.

**Park and Stride**

The re-launch of the Park and Stride scheme is being progressed, in anticipation of children returning to school in September. A ‘soft launch’ will publicise the scheme in August, to make parents aware of the Park and Stride locations, with a full launch in September, once schools are open and can receive leaflets/permit stickers for parents. See [www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride](http://www.galwaycity.ie/parkandstride)

**Tables and Chairs Licences**

Additional applications for Temporary Covid-19 Tables and Chairs Licences have been received this week, and are under review. Five licences will have been granted as of w/e 31.07.2020.

It is anticipated that the additional space on Dominick Street Lower will lead to further applications.

Applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis, with the maximum duration to the end of September 2020.

Application forms remain available for any eligible businesses wishing to apply at: [https://www.galwaycity.ie/mobilityteam](https://www.galwaycity.ie/mobilityteam)
**Speed Limit Review**

As per last week's update, a review of Speed Limits in the city is currently being undertaken. The statutory 30 day public consultation process in accordance with Section 9(4) of the Road Traffic Act 2004 will commence on 31.07.2020. Details on how to make submissions will be available on [www.galwaycity.ie](http://www.galwaycity.ie) and will be promoted through social media. All objections and submissions received will be considered.

**Mobility Dashboard**

Traffic counts on the N6 Bothar Na dTreabh are approaching normal levels with traffic down 17% compared to the same period last year. Traffic counts at Glenascaul are also steadily increasing, this may be an indication of tourists returning to the city.

Footfall in the city remains significantly down at just over 150,000 compared to over 900,000 for the same period in 2019. The cancellation of the Galway Arts Festival and the Galway Races happening behind closed doors have had a significant effect on footfall counts.

Summary mobility data can be found at [https://mytrafficcounts.com/dashboard-galway-public](https://mytrafficcounts.com/dashboard-galway-public). This website is best viewed in Chrome.

**GCCMT Meetings**

The meeting on Thursday 30th July was the final formal meeting of the Galway City Council Mobility Team. Initiatives will continue to progress, with meetings called as they are required. Cross departmental collaboration continues, and updates on initiatives will be shared with Elected Members, representative groups and the public through a number of channels, including the Galway City Council website and social media accounts, press releases, and statements.

Further formal meetings of the GCCMT will be convened as the need arises.

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