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## News

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MAJOR TRAFFIC disruption can be expected on St Stephen's Green and surrounding streets in the coming months with the start of work to facilitate the construction of the cross-city Luas line.

The changes, most of which will be permanent, will involve the removal of traffic lanes and parking spaces, and the reversal of traffic flow. The work is the first step in a process which will see cars removed from much of the city core to create space for the new tram line.

Work on the line, known as Luas BXD, including filling in basements and diverting utilities, is due to begin next year, with trams operational by 2017. No cars or buses will be able to drive down Dawson Street. All traffic will also be removed, along with all parking spaces, between Grafton Street and Kildare Street on St Stephen's Green North.

Kildare Street, currently one way southbound, will become two-way. Turning left from Kildare Street onto the Green, general traffic will be reduced to one lane heading east to Merrion Row.

Only buses will be able to turn right onto St Stephen's Green East from the Shelbourne Hotel side. Westbound, there will be one general traffic lane, which will turn right onto Kildare Street.

On the east side of the Green, cars coming from Hume Street will be able to turn right only, either to take the lane which eventually turns onto Kildare Street, or to turn onto Merrion Row. Buses from Hume Street can turn left and head south.

At the south end of St Stephen's Green East, buses will turn left onto Leeson Street or go straight ahead to Earlsfort Terrace. There is a laneway just before this junction which provides an exit from the car park of the Permanent TSB head office, and cars exiting here must turn left and continue straight to Earlsfort Terrace.

Car parking will also be removed from St Stephen's Green East and cycle parking will be provided.

With St Stephen's Green West already almost entirely occupied by the Green Luas line, motorists' access will be severely limited.

However, this is just the first in a series of traffic restrictions which will make crossing the city through its centre almost impossible for motorists. The line will run from St Stephen's Green, down Dawson Street and Nassau Street, through College Green, Westmoreland Street and O'Connell Street, where it connects with the Luas Red line.

It will serve the new DIT campus at Grangegorman and terminate at the Iarnród Éireann station at Broombridge in Cabra.

The city council will this month publish plans for the St Stephen's Green works and public submissions can then be made for an eight week period before the plans are returned to the councillors for ratification.

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A story today warning of major traffic disruption next year! The horror.

Just bike it! Most commuters have no excuse for not biking. None at all. So read the above story and worry not, because you'll be on yer bike in 2013, whizzing by all the chaos.

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I lived in Dublin for 10 years and never used a car. Use yer damn bike, or if your afraid, some shoe leather. I live on the side of a remote mountain in Clare now and pine for my bike!

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I like cycling to get around the city, I think more people should do it. But to say there's no excuse not to is just not true, here's 3 for starters:

1. You are expected to follow a one-way system designed for cars not bikes.
2. Bike lanes aren't kept clean and are full of glass and road debris. If you then cycle on the road you will encounter abuse from drivers.
3. Gardai will stop you to enforce the most minor of offences (for example making a left turn when a light is red which is allowed in...  
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eh, wha?

1. so what?
2. Bike lanes are not full of debris and glass, I use them all the time.  
If you get abuse from motorists just give it back to them, you can even gob on their windshield. Remember, they are stuck in a metal tin, you are not.
3. Gardai are no more strict on cyclists than they are on motorists.
4. there is now a dedicated cycle path which can take you from Sherriff street all the way to Rathmines?, There are cyclepaths all over the city now, I believe the metro North will... » more

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i havnt slept from 2:30am till 4:15am due to contractors working on james st the noise of steel on steel is so bad my head is thumping..why havnt i received any warning or letter in the post about this?

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