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Saturday, October 31, 2009
First tracks laid for initial phase of reopening of Dublin-Navan rail line

Minister for Transport Noel Dempsey, arms outstretched, was joined by CIÉ chairman Dr John Lynch and Co Meath councillor Noel Leonard to mark the first track being laid on the Dunboyne commuter railway line yesterday. Minister for Transport Noel Dempsey, arms outstretched, was joined by CIÉ chairman Dr John Lynch and Co Meath councillor Noel Leonard to mark the first track being laid on the Dunboyne commuter railway line yesterday.

Photograph: Jason Clarke

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The first tracks of phase one of the reopening of the Dublin-Navan railway line were laid yesterday. The 7.5-km double-track line begins at Clonsilla where it will branch off from the Maynooth-Dublin line and ends at a park and ride facility at Pace near Dunboyne, Co Meath. The line is due to open next year. The service will offer through trains from Pace, located beside the M3 motorway, via Clonsilla to the Docklands station in Dublin.

Trains will initially run half-hourly at peak times but this is expected to build to 15-minute intervals as demand increases. Offpeak services are initially to be hourly but this too may increase as demand rises.

Trains will comprise commuter rolling stock. The reopening of the line will also facilitate the development of the Hansfield Strategic Development zone, which will feature a new railway station. According to Iarnród Éireann design work has also commenced on phase two of the project, the section from Pace to Navan.

An application for a railway order for phase two is due to to be lodged in mid-2011, following public consultation with residents, landowners and interested parties along the route. A preferred route that is mostly on the alignment of the old Navan rail line has been chosen.

The Clonsilla to Navan line was closed in 1963 and Dunboyne has not been been served by rail since 1947. Under phase one a new Dunboyne station is to have a park and ride facility for up to 300 cars.
The re-opening of the line to Navan, as an electric railway, was initially due to have been completed by 2015, but it is expected there will be some slippage with this timing.

Speaking as he inspected the work yesterday, chairman of CIÉ Dr John Lynch said the company was “delighted at how well this key project is progressing and the laying of the first track is a significant milestone to rebuild and reopen the line . . . which will be enormous benefit to commuters in the wider Meath area and west Dublin”.

Separately the Railway Procurement Agency confirmed yesterday that the Luas extension to the Point will open in the first two weeks of December.

The extension from Connolly Station to the point will have stops at George’s Dock, Mayor Square, Spencer Dock and the Point.

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The Irish Times - Thursday, November 12, 2009
Rail services to resume across Malahide viaduct from Monday

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IARNRÓD ÉIREANN is to reopen the viaduct at Malahide, Co Dublin, and resume normal commuter services on Monday, it has confirmed.

Northern commuter and Belfast Enterprise services have been disrupted for almost three months since a section of the viaduct collapsed on August 21st. In a statement yesterday, the company said major physical works had been completed and that test trains would operate on the line until Sunday.

Iarnród Éireann has spent more than €4 million rebuilding a weir which had collapsed and reinstituting a pillar on which the viaduct stands. Reinforcement to other pillars was also carried out and the works have also included replacement of the bridge and track.

The final details will be reviewed by the Railway Safety Commission tomorrow for approval. However, the works have already been examined by independent structural engineers and the commission.

For at least two weeks, speed will be restricted to 25km/h, to be raised to 50km/h for another fortnight and finally to normal speed of 90km/h. The company said this was normal on all new tracks and would not affect service reliability.

The 5.40am train from Dundalk to Pearse Station will be the first passenger service to use the reopened line as full rail services resume. Iarnród Éireann has warned that replacement bus services will not operate and that strengthened routes 33XC and 33D will be scaled back.

The company has apologised to customers for the disruption and thanked them for their patience. The collapse was caused by erosion of the weir at sea-bed level which undermined the support of one pier, Iarnród Éireann said. The investigation into the cause of the incident was continuing and would be concluded early next year.

Iarnród Éireann had assessed the Malahide viaduct just four days before the collapse and no remedial action was carried out. Iarnród Éireann said its inspection regime for bridges on the rail network would change following the Railway Safety Commission’s investigation into the collapse.