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Local Transport Plans and the Statutory Plan-making Process

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A Guide to the Local Authority and Regional Assembly Staff Training Webinar

You can find the recording at this link: <https://www.opr.ie/local-authority-staff-training-june-2025/webinar-june-2025/>

Webinar Overview

Local authorities have made significant strides in recent years with the integration of Local Transport Plans (LTPs) into the statutory plan-making process. To help build on this progress the NTA are examining issues which have arisen and are in the process of updating their guidance for local authorities with respect to the Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) methodology for the preparation of LTPs. With presentations from The NTA and the OPR, this webinar provides an overview of how the NTA proposes to address identified issues and highlights where improvements to the process of preparing LTPs and their integration into statutory plans can be made.

Local Transport Plans, Lessons Learnt & Revising the ABTA Methodology

Julie Galbraith – from 00:00-29:40 and 54:45-1:01:00

[Land-use and Transport Planner, NTA.](#)

Julie's presentation sets out the NTA's learning relating to LTPs from their perspective as funding and oversight body. She also provides insights into the revision of the Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) methodology, which sets out the process for preparing LTPs. She highlights measures to help local authorities achieve objectives during the process and outlines key points like consultation, integration and implementation as they relate to LTPs.

Experience of Local Transport Plan Preparation

John Keating – from 29:40-54:45

[Senior Planner, OPR.](#)

John's presentation provides insights into Local Transport Plan Preparation from his previous role with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, and also provides the OPR's perspective on LTPs. John's presentation emphasises the importance of an integrated approach to the process, distilling key priorities and preparing strong concepts to make a robust plan, which can serve as a framework for future infrastructure investment.

To help you navigate the webinar recording, we have provided a timeline of these presentations on the next page.



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03:00	LTP Programme & Progress to Date
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29:40	John Keating – Senior Planner, OPR Introduction – Building on Progress Made
31:45	LTP Project Brief & Procurement
34:00	Project Management Structure
35:00	Role of Project manager & Cross Departmental Input
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40:15	Baseline Assessment
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42:25	Competing Interests – Taney Cross Urban Design and Transport Planning
45:05	Dealing with Constraints – Dundrum Road & Dundrum Cross
48:20	OPR's Perspective & Key Takeaways
54:45	Julie Galbraith – Land-use and Transport Planner, NTA Purpose of revising the ABTA
55:55	Planning Hierarchy
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