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Thank you for subscribing! This Bulletin will be published quarterly and aims to keep you informed about opportunities, updates, and insights related to Dublin MetroLink's Supply Chain activities.

Foreword



I am excited to welcome you to the first of our Supply Chain Bulletins, a regular update to the market on what we are planning at MetroLink.

As we begin this journey, I'm pleased to share an important programme milestone. Procurement of the first major contracts to deliver the programme's heavy civil engineering works has begun.

Contract notices have been released for the M401 and M402 contracts, each responsible for the heavy tunnelling, track alignment preparation, stations and structures, forming the core physical infrastructure of Ireland's first metro system.

At MetroLink we recognise that working together with SMEs is a golden opportunity to help one another grow and thrive in a sustainable way.

We want and need SMEs to be part of our journey.

Our goal is to level the playing field and make it easier for you to access information on the opportunities MetroLink will bring and be in a position to take advantage of future opportunities on other projects going forward.

One of the most exciting steps we're taking is the launch of our Opportunity Portal in Spring 2026.

This will be a first for Ireland; a platform that brings visibility to contracts throughout the supply chain.

Our main contractors will be required to advertise their MetroLink opportunities on the portal, and registered businesses will be able to express interest directly.

This isn't about replacing existing procurement systems; it's about widening access and creating transparency.

And because we know some businesses may need to build capability, we'll work with training providers and funding bodies to ensure the right support is available.

Together, we will be larger than the sum of our parts and strengthen Ireland's construction sector for generations to come.

Thank you,

Seán Sweeney
MetroLink Programme Director

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Programme Update

Judicial Review Update

On 23 December 2025, the Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, confirmed that the residents of Dartmouth Square West would be withdrawing their judicial review proceedings in January following constructive mediation. This outcome avoids a High Court hearing and provides certainty for the delivery of MetroLink.

For more details: [Resolution of MetroLink Judicial Review](#)

Contract Notices Now Live

With this matter resolved, our focus turns to advancing enabling works and procurement activities.

The Contract Notices for both the M401 and M402 packages are **now live** through the new MetroLink eSourcing Portal.

To participate in these upcoming procurement opportunities, suppliers must be registered on the MetroLink eSourcing Portal. Please see **page 5** for direct link and registration instructions.

What's Next?

Following on from this, the M500 DBFOM contract notice is scheduled for Q2 2026, reflecting feedback from the market emphasising the value of clear sequencing between the packages.

*MetroLink is going to
change everything*



Programme Update

Update on Procurement Sequencing and PQQ Timelines

M100 Update:

MetroLink recognises the importance of providing clear and reliable information on the M100 procurement process.

To ensure the schedule reflects the most accurate timelines, we are currently completing an internal assurance review.

As a result, the procurement schedule is being updated, and we expect to share the revised more detailed dates by **Mid-March 2026**.

At this point in time, the indicative dates we can provide are:

Contract Packages	Milestone	Date
M14 Utilities & Enabling Framework	Contract Notice: PQQ	Q1/Q2 2026
Archaeology QS	Contract Notice: QS	Q3 2025
M160 Environmental Monitoring (1st Contract)	Contract Notice: PQQ	Q1/Q2 2026
M19 Specialist Heritage	Contract Notice: PQQ	Q2 2026
M20 Minor Works Framework	Contract Notice: PQQ	Q2 2026
M120 Heavy Civils Enabling Works Framework	Contract Notice: PQQ	Q1/Q2 2026

Contract Packages	Milestone	Date
Programme Delivery Partner (PDP)	Contract Notice & ITT	Q4 2025 (19.11.25)

M400 & M500 Update:

MetroLink has carefully considered all feedback alongside programme, procurement and legal considerations and has implemented several updates.

The PQQ submission period will be extended to provide bidders with more time to prepare submissions, supporting strong competition and value for money.

A gap will be introduced between the commencement of the M401 tender competition, the M402 and M500 tender competitions.

Contract Packages	Milestone	Date
M401 (South)	Contract Notice	Q1 2026 (03.02.26)
	PQQ Period	Q2 2026
	ITN Issue	Q3 2026
	Contract Award	Q3 2027
M402 (North)	Contract Notice	Q1 2026 (03.02.26)
	PQQ Period	Q2 2026
	ITN Issue	Q4 2026
	Contract Award	Q4 2027
M500 (DBFOM)	Contract Notice	Q2 2026
	PQQ Period	Q3 2026
	ITT Issue	Q4 2026
	Preferred Tenderer	Q1 2028
	Financial Close	Q4 2028

- **Bold dates** – Published
- Regular dates – Proposed



Programme Update

MetroLink Introduces New eSourcing Portal and Previews Upcoming Opportunity Portal

1. eSourcing Portal – Streamlining Direct Procurement

MetroLink's new eSourcing Portal is now **live**, serving as the central hub for managing direct procurement opportunities, including PQQs and ITTs. This system simplifies access, submission, and tracking for suppliers.

In line with legal requirements, Prior Information Notices (PINs) and Contract Award Notices will continue to be published via E-tenders. They will include a link to the eSourcing Portal for the PQQ and ITT.

For more information and to register:

- [MetroLink eSourcing Portal FAQ's](#)
- [MetroLink eSourcing Portal](#)
- [E-Tenders](#)

2. Opportunity Portal – Maximising Opportunities for SMEs

In line with government policy, MetroLink is committed to creating an environment that actively engages SMEs and provides clear routes to access our supply chain.

In Spring 2026 we will launch our Opportunity Portal which will offer:

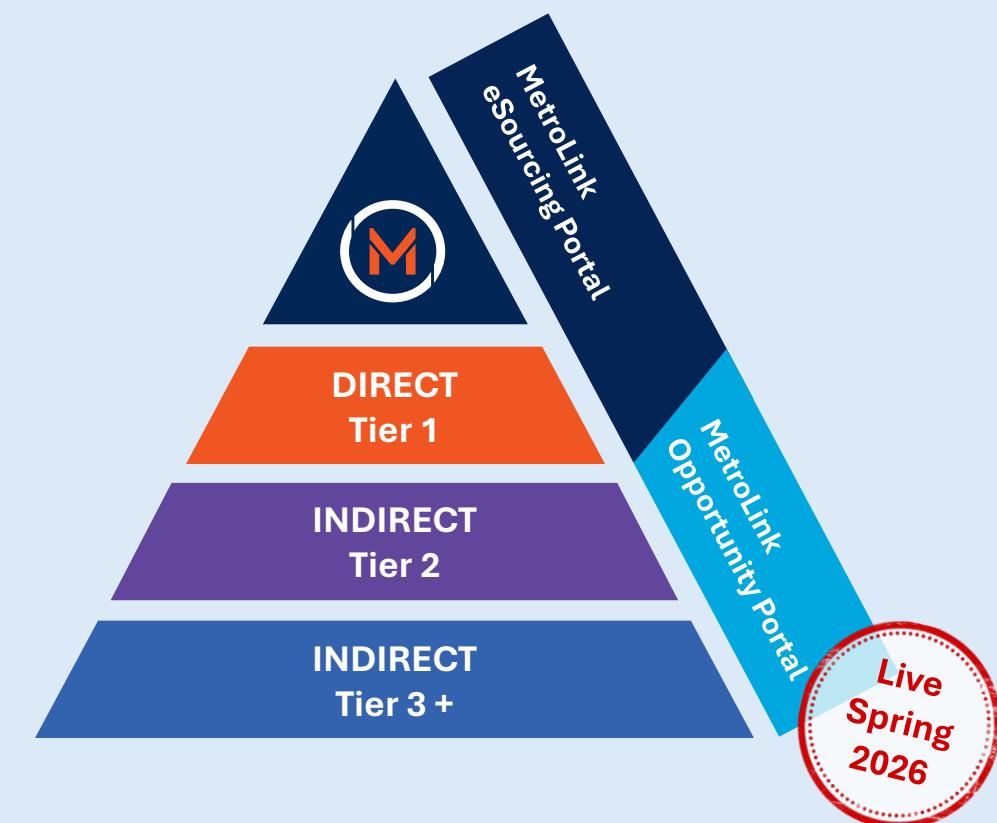
- Visibility of the Procurement Pipeline - Information on upcoming procurements, live tenders, and awarded contracts.
- Our Tier 1 contractors will be required to post subcontracting opportunities on the portal, ensuring SMEs can identify contract opportunities.

Why Two Portals?

The eSourcing Portal is for direct procurement with MetroLink (i.e Tier 1 contractors).

The Opportunity Portal helps Tier 1 suppliers share subcontracting opportunities (Tier 2 and below) and lets SMEs create profiles, search work packages, and network.

Lookout for our Meet the Buyer Events which will run once contracts are awarded to support engagement with our Tier 1 contractors.





Programme Spotlight

Reflecting on Our 2025 Market Engagement Roadshow

Last year, MetroLink delivered an ambitious market engagement programme across seven European cities—Dublin, London, Paris, Milan, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid and Istanbul — to support the launch of the Global PIN and stimulate interest in the M400s, M500, and PDP packages. This high-profile initiative set a new benchmark for early engagement in Ireland, building market confidence, fostering consortium formation, and shaping procurement strategy for a nationally significant programme. With strong political backing and unprecedented industry participation, the roadshow has positioned MetroLink as a leading global infrastructure opportunity.



Please find the link to the presentation here: [Dublin Market Engagement Event](#)

Thank you to everyone who attended these events and helped drive meaningful dialogue across the market.

We look forward to continuing the conversation, as we lay the tracks for Ireland's transport future.

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Continuing the Conversation in 2026



RIA All Island Summit – Belfast

Date: 18 February 2026

About the Event: A major industry summit bringing together rail clients, suppliers, policymakers, and influencers from across Ireland. The event will focus on upcoming projects, market opportunities, and the future development of the all-island rail network.

MetroLink Participation:

Speaker: Dr Sean Sweeney

Presence: The MetroLink Supply Chain and Market Engagement Team will host a table on site to meet attendees and discuss upcoming opportunities.

Procurex Ireland 2026 – Dublin

Date: 16 April 2026

About the Event: A leading platform for public and private sector procurement professionals, designed to promote learning, collaboration, and innovation. The programme will address key themes including sustainability, digital transformation, and best-practice procurement.

MetroLink Participation:

Presence: MetroLink will have a stand at the event and team members will participate in workshop sessions throughout the day.

[Click here](#) to request a MetroLink speaker for an external event



Safety Insight, Bruce Kemp, HSQ Director

MetroLink Launches Strategic Health, Safety and Wellbeing Plan Inspired by Meitheal Dublin, Ireland

MetroLink recently announced the launch of its new **Corporate Strategic Health, Safety and Wellbeing Plan**, setting a bold vision for safety and wellbeing across the organization.

This plan moves beyond traditional annual targets, introducing longterm, achievable goals that empower teams to make informed decisions and uphold the highest standards of responsibility.

At the heart of this strategy is Target Zero – MetroLink’s uncompromising commitment to eliminating harm to its people, partners, and the communities it serves. What makes this approach unique is its foundation in Meitheal, an Irish concept that embodies collective effort, shared responsibility, and mutual care.

“Meitheal reminds us that true safety is not just about avoiding incidents—it’s about building a culture of collaboration and care,” said [Bruce Kemp], [HSQ Director].

“Historically, Meitheal referred to a traditional Irish practice where neighbours came together to help one another during harvest or to build homes - volunteering their time, skills, and effort to support the success and safety of the whole community. That spirit of unity, collaboration, and growth lives on in our health and safety culture today.”

Because true safety is more than avoiding incidents—it’s about fostering a thriving community of care.

The plan focuses on:

Community: We look out for one another. We speak up when something feels unsafe. We create an environment where safety isn’t a checklist – it’s a culture.

Unity: This programme, we are proud to have a diverse, international workforce working side by side to deliver a transformative project for Dublin and Ireland. Meitheal offers a powerful, inclusive framework that transcends language and background: it says that no one works alone, and everyone matters.

Care: Our commitment to Meitheal is not just about safety - it’s about growth. Growth of skills. Growth of trust. Growth of a culture where people feel valued, heard, and supported to go home safely every day.

MetroLink’s commitment to Meitheal reflects its belief that safety is a shared responsibility and a cornerstone of delivering project milestones with excellence and as a result have incorporated the logo on their PPE, please see logo below.





Resources

Register



Register on **MetroLink eSourcing Portal** for Direct Contracts with MetroLink

[MetroLink eSourcing Portal](#)

Register



Register on **MetroLink Opportunity Portal** for opportunities within the Supply Chain

[Coming Spring 2026](#)

Monitor



MetroLink eSourcing Portal
Tenders Electronic Daily (**TED**)
Platform eTenders Platform

[MetroLink eSourcing Platform Tenders Electronic Daily eTenders](#)

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