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Deputy Matt Shanahan,
Dáil Éireann, Leinster House,
Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Dáil Question No: 166

To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm the present status of the proposed tunnel project being proposed at Dublin Airport; if he will outline the procurement stage of the project; the envisaged capital allocation required to complete it; the timelines surrounding the project proposal; whether or not this project has been approved for capital funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

Thank you for your query.

The Underpass is being procured as a design and build project with planning approvals in place. daa obtained a grant of planning permission for the proposed tunnel from Fingal County Council on February 27, 2023. This decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanála, who made a final grant of permission, with conditions on April 17, 2024.

daa has selected the preferred tenderer and intend to award the contract in Mid-June, subject to internal governance approval. The project will take four years to construct and commission. The proposed project is included in Dublin Airport's Capital Investment Programme (2020+) which is funded directly by the airport through airport charges.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Connor', written in a cursive style.

Des O'Connor,
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