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Swords Express welcome, but Dublin Bus alternative needed now - Kennedy

DUBLIN NORTH Deputy Michael Kennedy (FF) has welcomed the news that an express bus service that will take passengers from Swords into the city centre via the Port Tunnel in 30 minutes is to be launched next Monday (November 19, 2007) and called on the Department of Transport to sanction use of the tunnel by Dublin Bus.

Deputy Kennedy said: "The news of a service that will take people into town in just over 30 minutes is very exciting for all commuters to the city centre, as it will avoid rush-hour traffic."

"The Swords Express will pick up passengers at the Pavillions, take them down the Dublin Street to the Dublin Road and then on past Cloughran/Airport Road and M1 to the City Centre."

"The service will run Monday to Friday from 6.42am, every half hour up till 10am. The final service will leave at 7.42pm. Swords-bound buses begin at 7.10am, with the final scheduled departure due at 6.36pm."

"The anticipation being felt locally at the commencement of the Swords Express obviously illustrates the immediate need for a quick, reliable service through the Dublin Port Tunnel into the City Centre and I am calling on the Department of Transport to immediately sanction use of the tunnel by Dublin Bus for its 41X service."

"Dublin Bus has been waiting since March for permission to use the tunnel and I am told that the department is currently considering the proposal. I am urging the Minister for Transport to intervene immediately to ensure that this service can commence as soon as possible, as an alternative to the Swords Express," Deputy Kennedy concluded.