



Supply Chain

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Cross-Package Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This Frequently Asked Questions document is an evolving resource. It will be updated regularly as new questions arise and clarifications are identified. Please revisit this document for the latest information.

If you have questions that are not addressed in this document, please email supplychainmetrolink@tii.ie and we will endeavour to respond to it the next update.

Who is the main organisation on the client side?

MetroLink operates as a single-team organisation with a lean core, relying on external parties for self-assurance. A Delivery Partner will be tendered in Q4 2025 to fulfil NEC contract roles. A Client Partner, which is a joint venture between Turner & Townsend, Mace, WSP and PWC, has already been appointed and is in place.

How long is the project expected to take?

Desired entry into passenger service is anticipated to be ERO + 10 years, although precise dates are not yet confirmed.

Will any funding come from the European Union?

The project is fully funded by the Irish Government, with no EU funding expected. Ireland's strong budget surpluses partly driven by corporate tax settlements have supported this investment.

There is EU funding support available for specific elements such as retro-fitting HGVs with safety systems which will be mandated on the programme.

What is the balance between technical and commercial evaluation?

The balance will be declared in each ITT. It will not be a race to the cheapest bid; the focus is on most economically advantageous tender; an aggregate of technical (quality) score and financial score. Bidders with recent experience in similar urban environments are more likely to achieve higher technical scores. The PQQ will be split into two lots. Shortlist will include 3 (possibly 4) bidders. Bidders can qualify for both lots but can only win one.

What is the status of the Land Acquisition?

Negotiations with landowners are underway.

Are Joint Ventures locked-in post-bid?

The requirements in relation to how and when joint ventures need to be established will be set out in the pre-qualification documents for each package.

Will MetroLink make the qualification low for most if not all suppliers to make the threshold?

MetroLink will set a high qualification bar to attract top-tier candidate suppliers. The threshold will be carefully calibrated to ensure quality without unnecessarily excluding capable suppliers. The goal is to ensure delivery within the challenging environment of the MetroLink project.

