

# N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project



## Introduction

Tipperary County Council, in partnership with Limerick City and County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport are developing the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project. The aim of the project is to resolve the transportation issues identified within the study area and thereafter determine an appropriate sustainable solution which meets the project objectives.

## Project Progress Update

The project is currently at Phase 2, Option Selection. The purpose of this phase is to examine feasible alternatives and options to address the transport problems identified during Phase 1 and to determine a Preferred Option for the project.



The first non-statutory public consultation on 'Constraints' took place between 27 January 2021 to 17 February 2021 and is now complete. The purpose of this consultation was to inform the public of the study area for the project, the key constraints identified to date and the programme for advancement of the project. A total of 59 submissions were received in relation to this consultation and analytics of the virtual consultation room show that it had 226 visitors. The material displayed during that consultation is available to view on the project website at <https://n24cahirlimerick.ie/public-consultation-1/>.

The development of Alternatives and Options is currently underway. Alternatives being considered include smarter travel initiatives such as active travel measures in terms of walking and cycling; measures to improve public transport such as more frequent buses and trains; and demand management measures such as fiscal or traffic control measures to control demand, restrictions on parking and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) to improve reliability, safety and operational capacity. Options being considered include a review of the existing N24 corridor to determine if the existing asset can be reutilised through



on-line improvements, traffic management measures or Intelligent Transport Systems. Off-line options for new road infrastructure are also being considered. A local area transport model is being developed and environmental walkover surveys are being undertaken within the study area, all of which will inform the development of Alternatives and Options.

## Consultation

The Alternatives and Options will all be displayed at our next public consultation, programmed for the end of June 2021. It is likely that due to Covid-19 Government restrictions, that Tipperary County Council will be unable to hold a public consultation event in-person within the study area for the project and that a virtual consultation similar to Public Consultation No. 1 will be held instead. This consultation will be advertised in advance on our project website, on local radio and newspapers. This virtual consultation will contain all the information that would normally be displayed at a formal in-person public consultation. An on-line booking facility will be available on the platform where the public and other stakeholders can schedule an on-line or telephone meeting with a member of the Project Team.



The project team remains available to answer any queries the public may have in relation to the project by email, phone or meetings. Although, due to the current Covid-19 Level 5 Government restrictions, in-person meetings cannot be held, virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams are taking place.