

## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

**Friday 3rd September 2010 – Immediate Release**

### **National Transport Authority approves Irish Rail proposal to suspend Rosslare-Waterford rail service**

#### **An enhanced bus service to be implemented in the area**

#### **Over 80 additional bus round-trips per week will deliver significant transport improvements along the route**

The National Transport Authority has approved proposals by Irish Rail to suspend its passenger rail service on the Rosslare to Waterford line in favour of a replacement bus service which will meet transport demand in the area. This approval, however, is subject to a number of significant conditions.

The current rail service is not viable with an annual operating cost of €1.9 million and fewer than 50 passengers using the service each way (just 20% of actual maximum capacity). Fare income amounts to c€50,000 each year.

A network of replacement bus services will provide a significantly enhanced public transport option for people living, working and travelling in the area – at a considerably reduced cost to the state. Over 80 additional round trips will be provided, from stops previously served by rail, supported by funding from the National Transport Authority of approximately €250,000 a year.

Fares on these new bus services are being maintained at the same levels for the displaced rail passengers.

Irish Rail will be contractually obliged to ensure that the rail line is maintained in place to enable a re-instatement of services if transport demand and economic circumstances should improve sufficiently in the future. An asset management regime has to be implemented by Irish Rail and will be audited by the National Transport Authority.

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See <http://www.nationaltransport.ie/news.html> for further details including:

- The full text of the National Transport Authority's evaluation-of this matter
- A copy of the submissions received from:
  - Irish Rail
  - South East Regional Authority
- Irish Rail's Asset management plan for the line

## Summary of new integrated bus timetable to be provided by Bus Eireann

Integrated Bus Timetable														
Service No.	370	372	40	40	5	370	40	6	372	40	370	40	6	40
Rosslare Europort	....	06:40	07:00	09:00	....	....	13:00	....	13:45	14:40	....	17:00 <b>SX</b>	....	19:00
Rosslare Strand	....	06:50			....	....		....	13:55		....		....	
Wexford (O'Hanrahan Stn)	....		07:25	09:25	....	....	13:25	....	14:15	15:05	....	17:20 <b>SX</b>	....	19:25
Wexford Hospital	....		<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	....	....	<b>P</b>	....	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	....	<b>P SX</b>	....	<b>P</b>
Bridgetown	....	07:10			....	....		....			....		....	
Wellingtonbridge	....	07:30			....	12:35		....	14:50		16:35		....	
Ballycullane	....				....			....					....	
Fethard	07:15				....			....					....	
Duncannon	07:25				....	12:55		....			16:55		....	
Ramsgrange	07:30				....	13:00		....	15:10		17:00		....	
Campile	07:40				....	13:10		....	15:15		17:10		....	
New Ross (Dunbrody Inn)	08:00	08:00	08:05	10:05	12:03	13:30	14:05	14:25	15:35	15:45	17:30	18:00 <b>SX</b>	18:55	20:00
Glenmore Cross	08:10				12:21	13:40		14:35	15:45		17:40		19:05	
WIT		08:35												
Waterford city centre	08:30	08:45	08:45	10:25	12:30	13:55	14:25	14:45	16:05	16:05	17:55	18:20 <b>SX</b>	19:15	20:20
WIT	08:40		....	....	....	....	....	....						
Waterford Regional Hospital	08:50	08:55	....	....	....	....	....	....						
<b>SX=Operates Monday to Friday Only</b>														
<b>P=Pick up Only      D=Set Down Only</b>														
Service No.	6	40	372	6	40	370	6	40	370	5	40	372	370	40
Waterford Regional Hospital	....	....	....	....	....	11:00	....	13:15	15:00	....	....	17:10	....	....
WIT	....	....	....	....	....	11:10	....		15:10	....	....	17:20	....	....
Waterford city centre	06:50	07:00	10:00	10:40	11:30	11:20	13:05	13:35	15:20	16:00	16:30	17:30	18:00	19:30
Glenmore Cross	07:00		10:10	10:50		11:30	13:15		15:30	16:10		17:40	18:10	
New Ross (Dunbrody Inn)	07:10	07:20	10:20	11:00	11:50	11:40	13:25		15:40	16:28	16:50	17:50	18:20	19:50
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