



Regional Cities Outturn Report

2016

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Background to Grant Programme:

As part of its remit to support the delivery of an integrated transport system, the Authority operates the Regional Cities Sustainable Transport Programme, on behalf of DTTaS, through which funding is provided and determined on an annual basis to local authorities in Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford cities and public transport agencies operating in those cities. The programme provides for the implementation of a broad range of sustainable transport projects.

The Regional Cities Programme's emphasis is on improving the transport offer to those choosing alternatives to the private car and providing the basis for a higher non-car mode share in the future, for a range of trip purposes. The funding has become an important driver of change in travel behaviour within each of the four cities.

With the collaboration of local authorities, Bus Eireann and Iarnrod Eireann, and with support for projects through public consultation and planning processes, the programme is delivering significant proposals and actual infrastructural change, including:

- City Centre-focused movement strategies;
- Bus Network Reviews;
- Cycle Network Plans;
- City Centre Traffic Management / Public Realm Improvement Schemes;
- Sustainable Transport Corridor Studies; and
- Improved public transport nodes and facilities for interchange.

And related to the above:

- Significant junction improvements;
- Bus, cycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements;
- Improvements to traffic management in city centre and other locations; and
- Investment in improvements to rail and bus station facilities.

The Regional Cities programme, in its fourth year, continued to fund important local projects supporting permeability, safety, and access to schools and public transport.

2016 Financial Outturn:

2016 funding envelope

The Authority provided funding of **€12,706,786** in 2016 to the various projects in the Regional Cities programme. This was allocated to projects undertaken by the local authorities in Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford cities, as well as Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann. This compares with project funding of **€12,034,350** in 2015.

Contractual commitments 2016

The introduction of the five year Regional Cities Programme (2013-2017) has allowed DTTaS, through the Authority, to commit to funding larger projects over a number of years. Under the Project Management Guidelines, where possible these projects have been broken into discrete phases (design only, construction only, etc.), which has helped distribute funding costs into specific calendar years.

Of over 60 projects funded in 2015, 27 projects carried forward into 2016. The financial outturn from funding allocations for 2016 is presented below.

Breakdown by Agency

Table 1 Financial Outturn by City 2016

Total	Cork City	Cork County	Galway	Limerick	Waterford	Bus Éireann	Iarnród Éireann
€12,706,786	€4,218,450	€1,020,144	€1,136,184	€387,250	€570,550	€2,574,208	€2,800,000

Breakdown by scale of project

The Project Management Guidelines (see below) identify project requirements commensurate with the scale of overall project cost, as referenced in the project application forms and project continuance forms submitted, divided into three categories as follows:

- projects under €500,000;
- projects between €500,000 and €5 million; and
- projects between €5 million and €20 million.

Project Value	Under €500,000	between €0.5 million and €5 million	over €5 million
<i>No. of projects</i>			
Cork City	5	6	
Cork County	9	3	
Galway	7		
Limerick	2		
Waterford	2	1	
Iarnród Éireann		1	
Bus Éireann		1	
Total	25	12	

Table 4 2016 Breakdown by scale of project finance

For comparison with 2015

Project Value	Under €500,000	between €0.5 million and €5 million	over €5 million
<i>No. of projects</i>			
Cork City	18	2	
Cork County	11	1	
Galway	13	1	
Limerick	4		
Waterford	8		
Iarnród Éireann		1	
Bus Éireann		2	
Total	54	7	

Table 5 2015 Breakdown by scale of project finance

For 2016, the breakdown of outturn by agency is shown in the table below.

Agency	Cork City Council	Cork County Council	Galway City Council	Limerick City & County Council	Waterford City & County Council	Bus Éireann	Iarnród Éireann
Financial Outturn	€4,218,450	€1,020,144	€1,136,184	€387,250	€570,550	€2,574,208	€2,800,000
% of Total	33	8	9	3	4	20	22

Table 2 2016 Financial Outturn breakdown by Agency¹

This compared with 2015, as follows:

Agency	Cork City Council	Cork County Council	Galway City Council	Limerick City & County Council	Waterford City & County Council	Bus Éireann	Iarnród Éireann
Financial Outturn	€3,624,439	€1,404,021	€1,527,551	€483,209	€441,417	€1,980,422	€2,573,291
% of Total	30	12	13	4	4	16	21

Table 3 2015 Financial Outturn breakdown by Agency

Appendix A

2016 Programme Metrics Summary

	Total Number of Projects (Funding drawn down in 2016)	Bus Lanes [new or amended] (M)	Cycle Lane [new or amended] (M)	Footpath (M)	Junctions Treated (No.)	Bus stops Treated (No.)	Toucan Crossing (No.)	Pedestrian crossings (No.)
Cork City Council	20	348	957	2606	12	2	3	2
Cork County Council	11		305	186	3	3		1
Galway City Council	7							
Limerick City and County Council	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterford City and County Council	2		900					1
Total	42	348	2162	2792	15	5	3	4

Appendix B

List of Projects, by Agency, 2016

Cork City Council	2016 Grant Funding
Kent Station to City Centre Linkage Project (Phase 2)	€2,017,000
City Centre Movement Strategy (Phase 1&2) & (Phases 3, 4 & 5)	€786,831
Strategic Corridor Network – Concept Design	€6,688
CASP Transport Model Update – Stage 2	€131,486
Strategic Corridor Network – Concept Design – North City	€34,937
Blackrock Road and Convent Road Widening	€700,000
Parnell Place Improvement Scheme	€62,254
Bus Surveys	€36,748
Thomas Davis Bridge	€6,348
Project 1 – SE Strategic Corridor: Mahon Point Bus Gate plus new access to Greenway	€81,379
Project 1 – SE Strategic Corridor: Skehard Road/ Church Road junction	€354,779
Total	€4,218,450

Cork County Council	2016 Grant Funding
Carrigaline Green Road – Phase 2	€418,523
Douglas Village Sustainable Transport Network	€36,166
Douglas Sustainable Transport Interventions – Cycle and Pedestrian Links at N40 Bridge	€87,598
Cork Metropolitan Cycle Network	€34,527
Douglas Community Park Shared Use Path	€113,275
Tramore Valley N40 Overbridge	€44,282
Donnybrook Crossing & Bus Stop Provision	€141,514
South Douglas Road/ Tramore Valley Cycle Link	€3,669
2012 Schemes Legacy	€28,872
Douglas East N40 Off Ramp Junction and Well Road	€56,300
Douglas Village SC & East Douglas Street – Left Turn Lane and Right Turn Ban	€38,751
Grange Manor Bus Turning Area, Ovens Co. Cork	€16,667
Total	€1,020,144

Galway City Council	2016 Grant Funding
Variable Message and Parking Guidance Signs (Phase 3)	€51,498
Bearna Greenway	€50,940
Tuam Road Bus Corridor project	€142,410
Behavioural Change Support Measures	€32,450
Access improvement Study - Parkmore Industrial Estate	€80,735
Junction Safety Improvements	€499,878
ITMP Projects	€278,273
Total	€1,136,184

Limerick City and County Council	2016 Grant Funding
Railway Station Access - Parnell and Davis Street	€341,776
Limerick City Junction Upgrade Works - Catherine Street/Roches Street Junction	€45,474
Total	€387,250

Waterford City and County Council	2016 Grant Funding
WIT to Waterford City Centre	€182,834
Pedestrian / cycle permeability improvements	€68,897
Hennessy's Road and Browns Lane Improvement	€318,819
Total	€570,550

Iarnrod Eireann	2016 Grant Funding
Kent Station , Cork City (Design and Planning by Irish Rail)	€2,800,000
Total	€2,800,000

Bus Eireann	2016 Grant Funding
Colbert Station Redevelopment – Limerick	€2,574,208
Total	€2,574,208

Appendix C

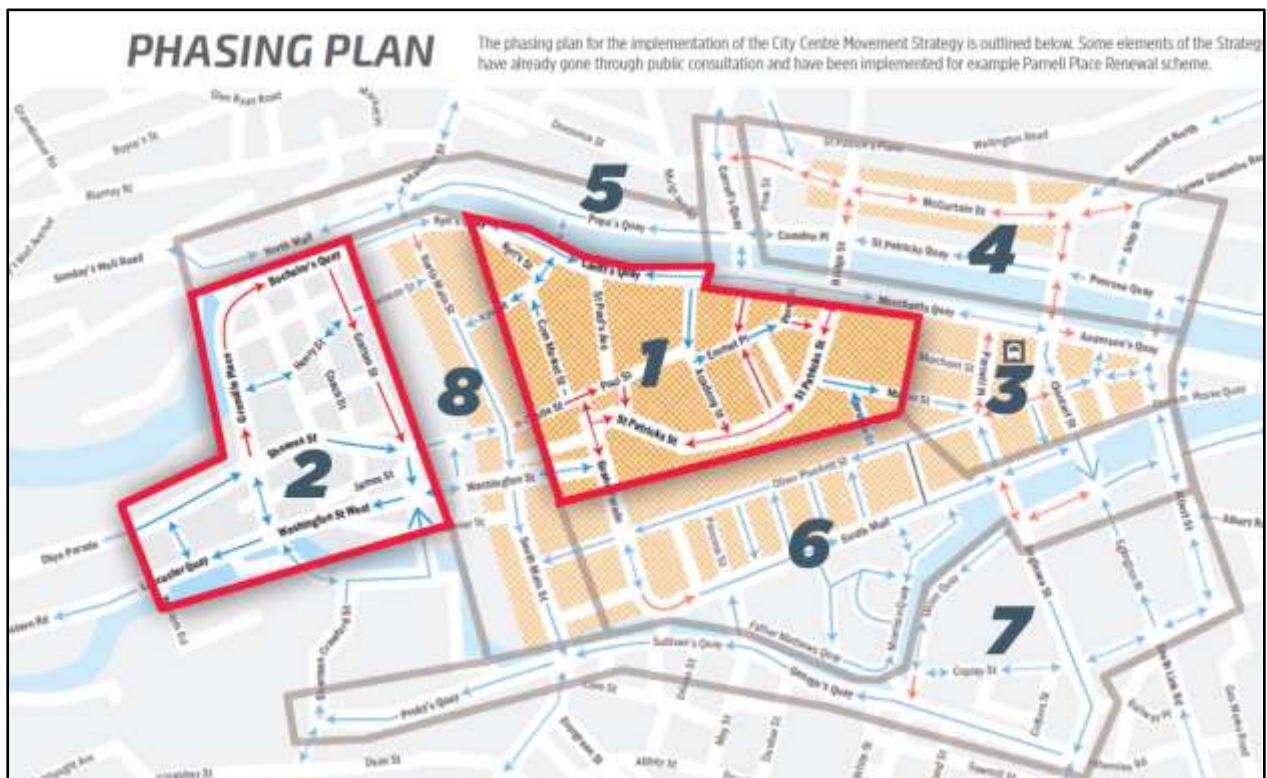
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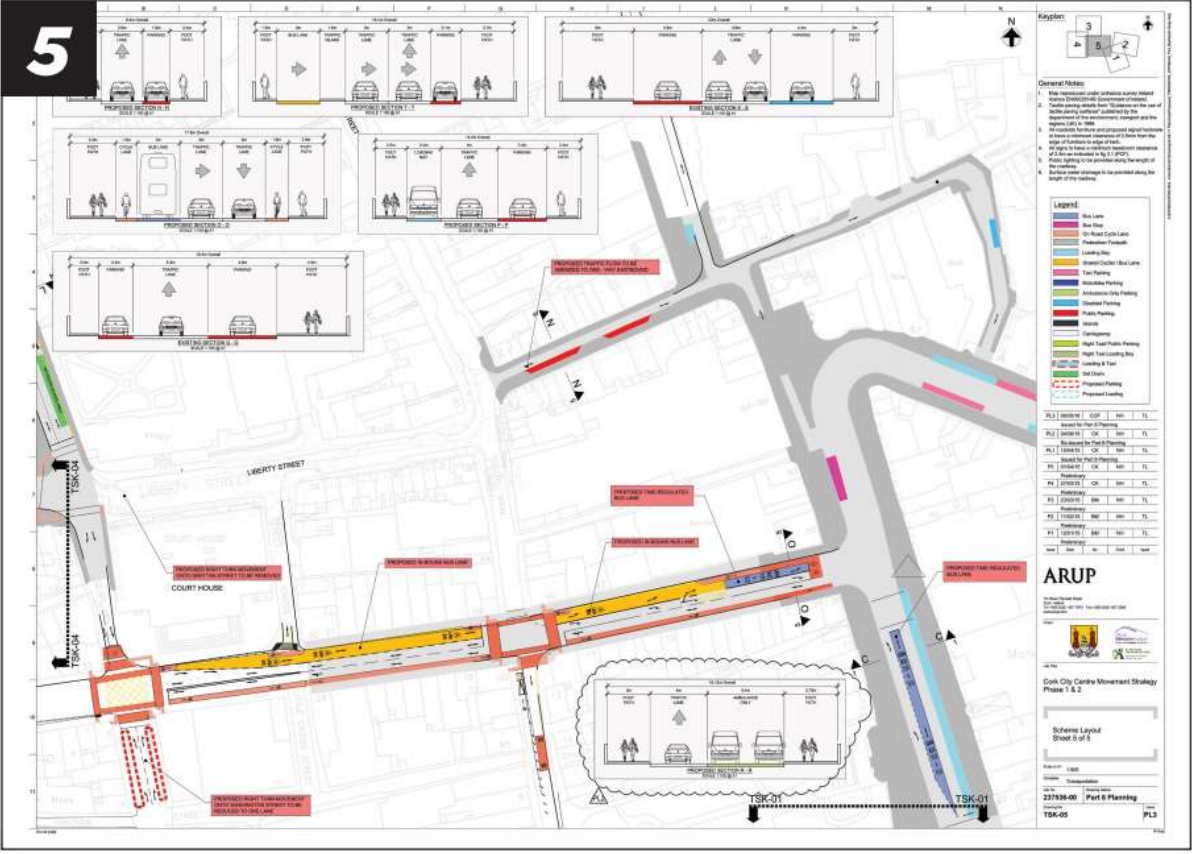
Cork City Council

City Centre Movement Strategy Phases 1 and 2 (Part 8)

Cork City Council approved, through the Part 8 process, the implementation of Phases 1 and 2 of the City Centre Movement Strategy, whose overall objective is to reduce congestion and increase accessibility to the City Centre by an improved choice of modes of transport, making it more attractive place to visit, shop, do business and in which to work.

The Phase 1 and 2 works will be focused on the Middle Parish and St Patrick's Street areas. This will restrict access to the St Patrick's Street area to buses, taxis, cyclists and emergency services only, between 3.00pm and 6.30pm. A package of parking and traffic management measures will also be introduced in the Middle Parish area, along with a range of public realm improvements.

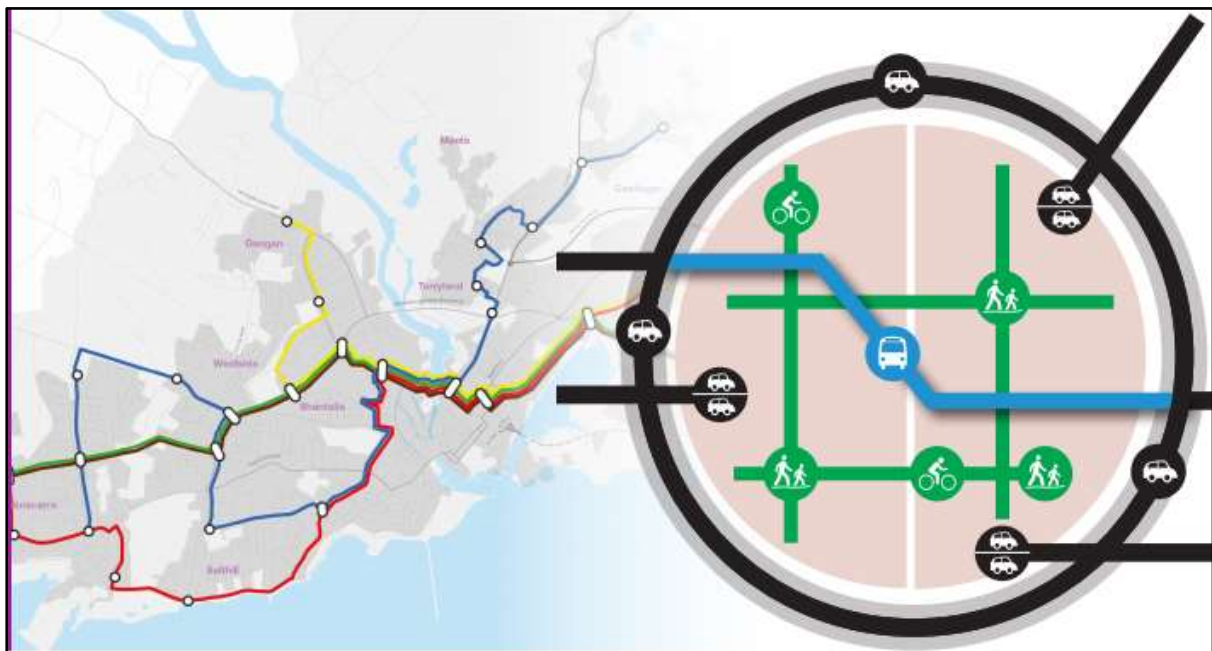




Galway City Council

ITMP Projects (Galway Transport Strategy)

This project brought to completion the development of the 'Galway Transport Strategy'. This strategy comprised an integrated transport management programme (ITMP) which analysed and assessed the provision of existing and future transport options across and into the city. The strategy set out a comprehensive multi modal transport plan to address the current congestion issues and to facilitate future growth in the City. Some key proposals included the development of revised public transport network focused on a bus only link across the city centre, improved management of city centre access for private vehicular traffic, the development of improvements for pedestrians and cyclists and the long term provision for a new bypass of the city.





Bus Éireann

New plaza at Colbert Station, Limerick

This comprised the first phase of the flagship project to redevelop Colbert Bus and Rail station in Limerick City. The works included the demolition of a derelict garage; relocation of the car-parking from the front of the station; changes to the taxi-ranks; the construction of a new urban plaza; a new docking station for the Coca Cola Zero Bike Share Scheme; lighting; seating and tie-ins to the surrounding streets. The project was designed in conjunction with the adjacent Parnell Street – Davis Street scheme, for which construction commenced in 2016. Future phases include the relocation of the bus station from the south to the north side and the upgrade of the existing train station. There is also potential for a new building, an office block for example, on part of the redeveloped site.

Colbert Station Before



Colbert Station After





Cycle parking and Coca Cola Zero Bike Share station