

A Transport Plan for the Limerick-Shannon Area



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What is this information leaflet about?



This information is about a transport plan for the Limerick-Shannon area.



This plan is called the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.

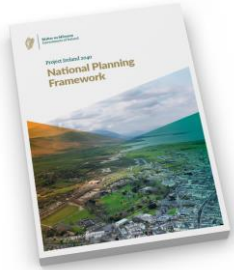


The plan was put together by the National Transport Authority.



They worked on the plan with Limerick City and County Council, Clare County Council, and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

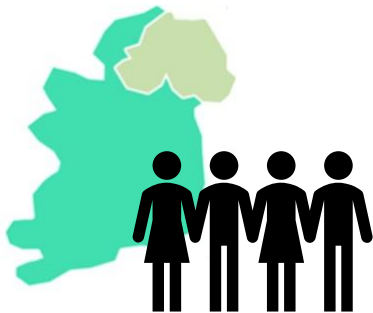
The National Planning Framework



The National Planning Framework looks at how Ireland will grow and change in the future.



It looks as far ahead as 2040.



The Framework says that there could be one million more people in Ireland by 2040.



This means we will need more homes and jobs.

The National Planning Framework



The Framework says the Limerick-Shannon area will be very important in the future.



More people will live and work in this area.



The economy will grow.



Houses will need to be built in the city, and in towns and villages.

Why do we need a transport plan?



The Framework says there will be more demand for travel in the Limerick-Shannon area.



People will need to get to their job, school, college, and to leisure places.



We will need to manage transport well so the area is a good place to live, work, and visit.



We want to improve the transport system we have now.

We want to fix the parts that are not working well.

Travelling in the Limerick-Shannon area



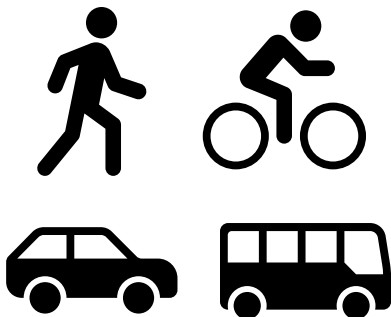
The Limerick-Shannon area has rail, bus, and coach services.



There is an airport – Shannon.



There is a network of roads, along with walking and cycling paths.



We want to change how people move around the area.

Using cars



Many people in Limerick use their car to get around.



This causes problems for the environment and for communities.



It means the air is not clean and there is more noise.

This is not good for public health.



Traffic can add to social problems in towns and cities too.

For example, some people spend a lot of time driving to and from work each day.

What we want to do



We want to have the right transport system to meet demands now and in the future.



We need to get more people in the area to walk, cycle and use public transport.



Public transport must be accessible – this means everyone should be able to use it easily.



The transport network should be safe.

What we want to do



We want better public health and well-being.
People exercise more if they walk, cycle, or use public transport.



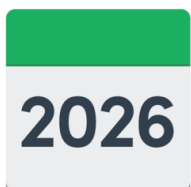
The new transport network will be better for the environment.

For example, less people using cars, new 'green' buses.



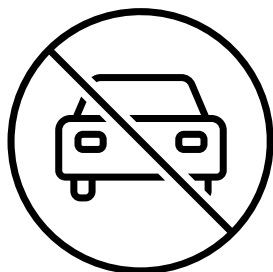
We want to spend money carefully.

We will try to get more money for transport in the area.



Some of our actions will happen before 2026.
Some will take longer, up to 2031 or 2040.

Our transport plan



We will get people to use their cars less.



We will use our streets and roads better so that it is easier to walk or cycle.



We will have a good public transport system.



This will make it quicker and easier for people to get around.

Our transport plan



Different types of transport will work well together, for example, bus, car, rail.



The transport system will help the Limerick-Shannon area to grow and change in the future.



It will make sure that Limerick is a strong European City.



It will keep a main link to the Atlantic Corridor, for example, to Cork and Galway.

Our transport plan



The transport plan will be reviewed every six years.

How did we put the transport plan together?



We looked at national, regional, and local policies.

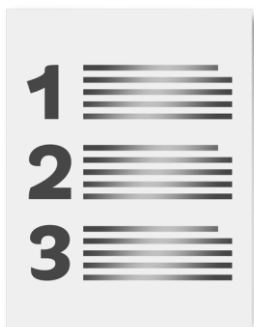


We worked with other groups that had an interest in transport.

For example, those looking after land, the environment, or services such as housing.



We agreed on the important things when it comes to transport.



We made a list of all the challenges.

How did we put the transport plan together?



We came up with different transport ideas.



We tested the transport ideas.



We put the plan together.



Now we want to talk to the public about the plan.

Walking



Walking links all the different types of transport.
For example, you might walk to get a bus or
from a bus to a train.



We want people of all ages and abilities to be
able to walk safely in the area.



We want to have nice places for walking.



We need footpaths, streets, and crossings to be
safe and easy to use.

Walking



Our plan is to have more and better walking routes.



It will be easier to find your way around the area.



We will support Safe Routes to School.



Walkers will be more important than the car.

Cycling



Cycling is good for the environment.

This type of transport does not cost much money and is getting more popular all the time.



Limerick is a small and flat city which is very good for cycling.



We want to have a cycle network for the Limerick-Shannon area.



This will have cycle routes in the towns and the city.

Cycling



There will be quiet cycle routes in the countryside too.



We will make the routes as safe as possible.
We will aim to keep cyclists away from other types of transport such as cars, buses, trucks.



We will have better road layouts, traffic calming and lower speed limits.



We will make the bike sharing scheme bigger as demand grows.

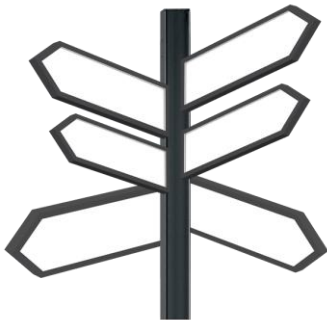
BusConnects



Buses are part of the public transport system in the city.



People should be able to use buses to go from the city centre to Shannon airport, the University, or the National Technology Park.



New and different bus services may be needed in the future.



These routes will go to more places.

BusConnects



Buses should come more often and at the right time.

This will help people get around quicker.



There will be new buses.



There will be priority for buses on the roads, for example, with bus lanes.

Rail



We will improve rail services.



The rail service will link with other public transport, for example, buses.



This will make it easier for people to travel in the area and around the country.



Colbert Station in Limerick City Centre links to Dublin, Ennis, and Nenagh.



Limerick Junction is also an important station that connects to Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, and Waterford.

Rail



We will look at a better track between Limerick Colbert and Limerick Junction stations.

This would give a quicker service that could run more often.



We will look at a new station at Ballysimon.



The bus and rail station at Colbert will be comfortable and safe for passengers.



We will find out if we can turn old railway lines into greenways.

A greenway is a path for walkers and cyclists.

Roads and streets



We will manage the road network and have new roads where we need them.



We want to cut down the traffic in busy areas.



We want the roads to be good for public transport, walking, and cycling as well as cars.



We want to manage parking well.

We also want to have more Park and Ride facilities.

Moving goods around the area



New homes, offices, and schools will mean that we need to move more goods around.

Goods are things that we use and want.



This means more vans and trucks on the roads.



There will be more deliveries, bin collections, and other services.



We will look at the routes used by trucks and vans.

We will plan the best ways to move goods in the area.

More Information



You can get more information on the plan and look at maps at

www.nationaltransport.ie



You can talk about the transport plan with a member of our team.

Please phone and we will call you back

087 435 4401



You can send your views to us before Friday 16th October 2020 at 5pm.

Mark the top of your email or letter

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