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RE: Southern Regional Assembly – Material Amendments to the DRAFT Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

Dear Sir / Madam,

This submission has been prepared by the National Transport Authority (the “NTA”) in response to the publication of the proposed Material Amendments to the Draft RSES, and in accordance with section 31GG of the Planning and Development Act (2000, as amended) (the “Planning Act”).

The NTA has been working with the Southern Regional Assembly to ensure that the issues of concern to the NTA are satisfactorily addressed in the Draft RSES. On examination of the proposed Material Amendments to the Draft RSES, the NTA is of the opinion that it satisfactorily addresses many of the issues raised in the *NTA Issues Report* of January 2018 and the NTA submission dated 8th March 2019, and that it provides a solid basis for the integration of land use and transport planning at regional, metropolitan area and at settlement levels.

As such, whilst the NTA is primarily supportive of the proposed Draft RSES, this submission does include a number of recommendations. These address a number of the Material Amendments whilst also reiterating certain recommendations made in the NTA submission of 8th March 2019, which it is considered would strengthen the Draft RSES. These recommendations are set out below:

Material Amendment 108 - Cork MASP Policy Objective 7

Amend proposed point e. as follows: “Identify and deliver strategic locations for increased residential and employment use **at public transport interchange locations relating to the proposed Light Rail Transit Route, Suburban Rail and the strategic bus network, where high levels of accessibility by public transport can be achieved** ~~nodal locations where there is a strong interconnection between the planned Light Rail Transit Route and the strategic bus network—infrastructure~~”

Material Amendment 109 – Cork MASP Policy Objective 8

Amend as follows: Cork MASP Policy Objective 8: Key Transport Objectives (to be informed by **and subject to the recommendations of** Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy)

Limerick MASP, Section 4.1 Transportation

In the second paragraph of section 4.1, the NTA would reiterate its recommended inclusion of the following statement: ***Transport Investment requirements in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area will be identified and prioritised through the LSMATS.***

Material Amendment 124 – Limerick Shannon MASP Policy Objective 6B: Sustainable Transport

Amend point (a) as follows: It is an objective to support the following sustainable transport priorities in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area, subject to ~~the~~ ***their consistency with the recommendations of*** ~~completion of the LSMATS, ...~~

Material Amend 125 – Limerick Shannon MASP Policy LS Objective 7: Strategic Road Infrastructure

Amend the introductory paragraph as follows: It is an objective to maintain and deliver ... This will include the delivery of the following, ***subject to their consistency with the recommendations of*** ~~the completion of the LSMATS, ...~~

Material Amendment 137 – Waterford MASP Policy Objective 6(a) Integration of Land Use and Transport

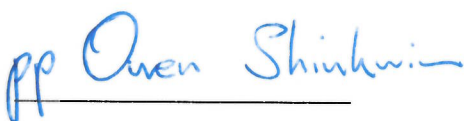
Amend paragraph a. as follows: It is an objective to prepare a Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (***WMATS***) during the lifetime of this MASP with all relevant stakeholders. ***Transport Investment requirements in the Waterford Metropolitan Area will be identified and prioritised, subject to the recommendations of the WMATS*** ~~and will be an objective of WMATS to secure investment for the implementation of its recommendations...~~

Waterford MASP Policy Objective 6(b) Integration of Land Use and Transport

Amend the first paragraph as follows: It is an objective to support the sustainable transport priorities in the Waterford Metropolitan Area, ***subject to their consistency with the recommendations of the WMATS*** ~~for consideration in the preparation of the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (WMATS) subject to the outcomes of the WMATS~~

The NTA, as always, are available to meet to discuss these comments in advance of the finalisation of the RSES.

Yours sincerely,



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