Laois Public Transport Network

November 2021

Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan

Map Key

— Existing Regional Route

— Existing Local Route

— Rail Line

⬤ Terminus, where a route begins or ends

✈ Airports 📍 Points of Interest ⛴ Ferry Ports ✉ Third Level Education 🚉 Train Stations

TULLAMORE
Mucklagh
840
Tullamore FETC
843 845/847
gh Boora
Kilcormac
Killeigh
830 73
Clonaslee
824
829 838
Mountmellick
Kinnitty
Slieve Bloom Mountains
726 828
830 831 832
834 858
PORTLAOISE
Mountrath
Castletown
Borris-in-Ossory
834
354 Roscrea
834
839
707 704X 245X
832
Ballybrophy
Ballacolla
831
Errill
832 Rathdowney
Templetuohy
812
812 828
858 871
Johnstown
Freshford
812
Urlingford

Ballinagar
Lucas
Clonbullogue
Allenwood
Robertstown
Geashill 2347
Walsh Island
Bracknagh
Kilmeague
Rathangan
829
Clonygowan
126 126X
RN02
Newbridg
Portarlington
816
726 816 826
839
Killenard
Ballybrittas
816 Monasterevin
826
816
Maddens town
Brown
829 830
838 839
Emo
300 735 707 824
704X 712X 245X
883 126
829 726
Kildangan
Suncroft
Calve
883 Nurney
Rock of Dunamase
Stradbally
Kilberry 130 717 817
825
838
Narraghm
130
883 Athy
Ballyroan
838
Ballylinan
817
717
828
825
858
825
4 600 717
880
707 704X 245X
Abbeyleix 825
Durrow
831
The Swan
Newton Doonane
Clogh
Moneenroe
73 Castlede
Palati
817 838 717
828
858
891
890
Ballyragget
838 891
Castlecomer
CARLOW
Kernansto
874
Tinryland
Ratht
376
817 890 717
4 73 600 717 736 X4

Proposed Public Transport Improvements in County Laois

Regional Corridor Proposals

	Proposal	Connecting		Serving*	Description
	7	Cork	Dublin	Mitchelstown, Cahir, Cashel and other places en route	This corridor is currently served by routes 245X, 707 and 704X, a mix of express and all-stop services. We propose a better integration of all existing services and more frequent all-stop services. Minimum service frequency of 2 hours on all-stop services.
	12	Portlaoise	Wexford	Stradbally, Athy , Carlow, Ballon, Bunclody, Enniscorthy and other places en route	This is a new corridor, parts of this corridor are currently served by routes 73 and 376. We propose the better integration of these routes with a minimum service frequency of 2 hours.
	15	Athlone	Kilkenny	Tullamore, Mountmellick, Portlaoise, Abbeyleix, Durrow and other places en route	This corridor is currently served by routes 73, 818 and 830. We propose increased services and the better integration of routes along this corridor to provide a minimum service frequency of 2 hours.
	17	Limerick	Dublin	Nenagh, Roscrea, Portlaoise and other places en route	This corridor is currently served by routes 300, 712X and 735, a mix of express and all-stop services. We propose a better integration of all existing services and more frequent all-stop services. Minimum service frequency of 2 hours on all-stop services.

Local Route Proposals

	Proposal	Connecting		Serving*	Description
	A30	Birr	Portlaoise	Kinnitty, Clonaslee, Mountmellick and other places en route	We propose a new route from Birr to Portlaoise via Kinnitty, Clonaslee and Mountmellick. Minimum service of 3 return trips a day.
	A31	Mullingar	Portlaoise	Kinnegad, Edenderry, Portarlington, Mountmellick and other places en route	We propose a new route from Portlaoise to Mullingar via Mountmellick, Portarlington, Edenderry and Kinnegad. Minimum service of 3 return trips a day.
	A82	Abbeyleix	Carlow	Ballinakill, The Swan, Clogh and other places en route	We propose a new route from Abbeyleix to Carlow. Minimum service of 3 return trips a day.

Existing Routes

	Route	Connecting		Serving*
	717	Clonmel	Dublin	Kilkenny, Castlecomer, Athy, Kilcullen, Naas and other places en route
	726	Porlaoise	Dublin Airport	Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas and other places en route
	816	Portarlington	Kildare Village	Monasterevin and other places en route
	817	Kilkenny	Dublin	Athy, Kilcullen, Naas and other places en route
	828	Cashel	Portlaoise	Horse & Jockey, Littleton, Urlingford, Durrow, Abbeyleix and other places en route
	829	Mountmellick / Portlaoise	Tullamore	Emo, Portarlington, Clonygowan and other places en route
	831	Portlaoise	Borris-in-Ossory	Abbeyleix, Ballinakill, Ballacolla, Rathdowney and other places en route
	832	Errill	Portlaoise	Borris-in-Ossory, Mountrath and other places en route
	834	Roscrea	Portlaoise	Borris-in-Ossory, Castletown, Mountrath and other places en route
	838	Kilkenny	Mountmellick	Castlecomer, Stradbally, Portlaoise and other places en route
	839	Borris-in-Ossory	Mount Lucas	Castletown, Mountrath, Portlaoise, Mountmellick and other places en route
	858	Thurles	Portlaoise	Urlingford, Johnstown, Durrow, Abbeyleix and other places en route
	Train	Dublin	Cork	Portlaoise, Thurles, Limerick Junction, Mallow and other places en route
	Train	Dublin	Galway / Westport	Portarlington, Tullamore, Athlone and other places en route
	Train	Ballybrophy	Limerick	Serving: Roscrea, Nenagh and other places en route
	Train	Dublin	Portlaoise	Newbridge, Kildare, Monasterevin, Portarlington and other places en route

Regional Corridor Proposals

Regional Corridors generally operate along main roads, connecting cities and large towns and any settlements en route. Corridors can consist of several routes, some provided commercially and some by the State using financial support. Some run the full length of the corridor between places, and some, only on sections. Connecting Ireland will improve the level of service during the core day, evenings and on weekends on Regional Corridors. We will do this by liaising with existing service providers. New services may be added, or existing services improved.

Local Route Proposals

Local routes connect smaller towns and villages and their rural catchments with nearby larger towns. This will improve access to the range of services available in larger centres, at more useful times of the day and week, for those living in rural areas and smaller villages. It will also permit transfer to Regional Services to travel onwards, with timed reliable connections.

Existing Routes

No significant changes are planned to these routes. As the public transport network develops, and as more people travel more often and more widely by public transport, we will continue to review their usage and take steps to ensure their continued fitness-for-purpose.

Notes

*Serving: The map shows the main alignments of our planned routes and services. Most journeys will take that route. However, there may be a need to deviate from that route to provide connectivity to smaller settlements or areas located off the main alignment, but which also require a level of service. Distinctions may be drawn in the passenger information that we prepare, as support to the maps shown. Connecting Ireland proposes a step-change in public transport connectivity. The minimum level of service we have identified is a starting point in many cases. Where our analysis demonstrates a warrant for levels of service above the minimum, we will plan to provide that, where funding can be identified. Improvements may be delivered in stages as the project proceeds.

Laois Proposed Public Transport Network

November 2021

Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan

Map Key

— Existing Route
—•—•— Rail Line
— Regional Corridor Proposal
— Local Route Proposal
⬤ Terminus, where a route begins or ends

✈ Airports 📍 Points of Interest ⚓ Ferry Ports 🎓 Third Level Education 🚆 Train Stations

ATHLONE GALWAY
15 ATHLONE
A31 MULLINGAR

TULLAMORE
Mucklagh
Tullamore FETC
Killeigh
Ballinagar
Geashill
2347
Walsh Island
Bracknagh
Lucas
Clonbullogue
Allenwood
Robertstown
Kilmeague
Rathangan
A33
843
845/847
840
829
Clonygowan
816
126X
883
Newbrid
DUBLIN

Kilcormac
Clonaslee
829 838
Portarlington
816
126 RN02
726 816 826
Kildare
816
7
17

A30
Mountmellick
839 Killenard
Ballybrittas
Monasterevin
826
Maddens town
Brow
126
Kinnitty
A30
A30
726
Emo
7 17
883
Suncroft
Calve
BIRR
12 726 828
831 832 834
858 A30 A31
829
Kildangan
Nurney
883
Slieve Bloom Mountains
Rock of Dunamase
Stradbally
Kilberry
130 817 717
Narraghm

831 832 834 839
PORTLAOISE
17
12
834 854
Mountrath
838
Athy
130 883
Roscrea
Castletown
Borris-in-Ossory
858 828
7 17
838
Ballylinan
817 717
834
839
LIMERICK
17
17
Ballyroan
831
838
Castlede

832
Ballybrophy
Ballacolla
A82
Abbeyleix
The Swan
Newton Doonane
Palat
Errill
Rathdowney
831
A82
Ballinakill
838
Clogh
12
CORK LIMERICK
Templetuohy
828 858
Durrow
831
Moneenroe
817 838 717
891 890
Castlecomer
CARLOW
Kernanston
874
812
Ballyragget
838 891
817 890 717
Tinryland
Johnstown
Freshford
838 891
13 14
A67
12
Rath
Urlingford
812
42
15
7 CORK
15 KILKENNY
WATERFORD
12 WEXFORD