

Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan

The Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan is an ambitious programme of enhancements to create a more integrated, accessible, and sustainable public transport network for rural Ireland.

Currently in phase one, below is an overview of services in or proposed to go into operation in 2022.



DATE = Services in operation and carrying passengers as of date indicated

Proposal ID	Route Number	Description	Project Stage	Estimated Operational Timescales*
176	176	Cavan - Monaghan	Operation	11/04/2022
195	195	Ashbourne - Balbriggan timetable amendments	Operation	23/05/2022
B1	331	Ballyvaughan - Ennis	Operation	27/05/2022
840	840	Banagher - Tullamore	Operation	01/06/2022
978	978	Belmullet - Castlebar	Operation	13/06/2022
880		Naas - Carlow timetable changes	Procurement	Q3
419A	432	Clifden - Roundstone - Costelloe	Procurement	Q3
419B	431	Carraroe - Ballinrobe - Claremorris	Procurement	Q3
A79	546	Ballinasloe - Castlerea via Moylough	Procurement	Q3
183		Arklow - Sallins	Procurement	Q3
A33	821	Newbridge - Naas via Allenwood	Procurement	Q3
B17	595	Tarbert - Croom	Procurement	Q3
163		Athboy - Drogheda via Navan and Duleek	Procurement	Q3
25		Athlone - Longford - Cavan	Procurement	Q3
314		Limerick - Ballybunion via Foynes	Procurement	Q3
332		Limerick - Cashel	Procurement	Q3
345		Scariff - Limerick	Procurement	Q3
A30	823	Birr - Portlaoise	Procurement	Q3
368		Eniscorthy - New Ross (via Clonroch)	Procurement	Q3
369		Tullow - Bunclody - Enniscorthy	Procurement	Q3
384		Enniscorthy - Wexford	Procurement	Q3
A13		Roscrea - Athlone	Planning & Design	Q3
328		Limerick - Mitchelstown	Planning & Design	Q3
257		Kinsale - Killarney	Planning & Design	Q3
278		Kerry Airport - Tralee	Planning & Design	Q3
240B		Trabolgan - Midleton	Planning & Design	Q3
572		Sligo - Cavan	Planning & Design	Q3
933		Inisowen East West Link - Moville - Letterkenny	Planning & Design	Q3
29		Athlone - Drogheda Extension	Planning & Design	Q3
41		Mullingar - Kells - Ardee - Dundalk	Planning & Design	Q3
350		Galway - Ennis	Planning & Design	Q3
A62	887	Carlow - New Ross	Procurement	Q3
M3	M3	Emyvale - Glaslough - Tyholland	Planning & Design	Q3
236A		Dursey Sound - Kilcrohane	Planning & Design	Q3
243B		Charleville - Mallow - Mitchelstown	Planning & Design	Q3
953		Greencastle - Bunrana	Planning & Design	Q3
Corundulla Feeder		Corundulla Feeder	Planning & Design	Q3

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40		Longford - Roscommon	Planning & Design	Q3
570		Boyle - Roscommon	Planning & Design	Q3
A81	819	Mullingar - Athlone via Castletown Geoghegan	Planning & Design	Q3
115D		Enfield - Navan	Planning & Design	Q3
A59	356	Dungarvan - Clonmel	Planning & Design	Q3
388		Wexford - Carrig an Bannow	Planning & Design	Q3
30		Cavan - Dundalk Extension	Planning & Design	Q4
279		Tralee - Killorgaan - Killarney	Planning & Design	Q4
2A		Skibereen - Killarney	Planning & Design	Q4
884	885	Sallins - Baltinglass	Planning & Design	Q4
187		Kells - Cavan via Ballyjamesduff	Planning & Design	Q4
166A		Cavan - Carrickmacross	Planning & Design	Q4
293		Glencolmcille - Ardara - Letterkenny	Planning & Design	Q4
280		Ring of Kerry loop route	Planning & Design	Q4
287A		Caherciveen - Knightstown	Planning & Design	Q4
RN02	888	Athy - Rathangan - Kildare	Planning & Design	Q4
Achill Feeder		Achill Feeder	Planning & Design	Q4
361		Youghal - Dungarvan	Planning & Design	Q4
A57	357	Lismore (Ballyduff) - Youghal	Planning & Design	Q4
359		Newross - Kilmuckridge	Planning & Design	Q4

* The estimated implementation dates are indicative and may well change for a number of reasons. These are:

- The duration of the planning and design process, involving liaison with Local Authorities, Local Link Offices, representatives, lobby groups, passengers and transport service providers to provide enhanced levels of service in response to growth and changes in demand for transport;
- Discussions with operators where licensed services and proposed PSO services co-exist on the same corridor; and
- Availability of service providers and drivers in particular following the impacts of Covid19 and macro-economic factors brought about by the conflict in Ukraine on the industry.

Given the rapidly changing environment, it is important that the Connecting Ireland team is agile and flexible in its management of the programme, so that where progress is impacted, other plans can be advanced instead. This Implementation Plan List revision 2.0 reflects the Authority's intention as of today, but is likely to change to respond to changing circumstances.