



Roads, Transportation and Safety

Roscommon County Council's corporate objective as set out in the *Corporate Plan 2009 – 2014* is to "Ensure the development of an adequate transport network". The implementation of this objective continued in 2012 with further investment in the road network.

A breakdown of the level of road grants received for 2012 is set out below:

Table 1: Road Grant Allocations

National Roads	€12,136,554
Non-National Roads	€12,327,770
Total Grants	€24,464,324

In addition, a figure of €1,279,200 was provided from the Council's revenue budget for local road maintenance and €300,000 from capital for the maintenance of footpaths.

N5 Ballaghaderreen By-Pass

This major road project included the construction of approximately 13.6km of national road and all ancillary works. The main construction contract for the project was awarded to Wills Bros Ltd. in October 2012. This contract includes the design and construction of the project. The overall construction period is 27 months. Site works commenced in November 2012 and are progressing well. The project is anticipated to open to traffic in late 2014.

Other National Road Projects

Planning and design continued on the following schemes:

- Carrick on Shannon to Dromod N4 Scheme
- Realignment of 3.6 kilometres of the N60 at Oran
- Completion of CPO for realignment of the N61 at Ratallen and Treanagry
- Draft Design Report and draft CPO for N61 Roscommon to Coolteigue

Non-National Roads Network

Works to the value of the Specific Improvement Grants were received for the R368 at Killukin (€430,000) and the R371 at Ballyfeeney (€250,000) and grants for the remaining Regional and Local Roads Restoration Programme valued at €11.65m were received.

Public Lighting

Electric Skyline Ltd. on behalf of the Council, continue to repair and replace lights throughout the county during 2012. Repairs are carried out to lights that are out of commission throughout the county. Public lighting faults can now be logged online by the public at www.electricskyline.ie or Lo-Call 1890328587 between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily or reported to the Council.

The Walking and Cycling Strategy for Roscommon Town 2012

Roscommon County Council prepared a *Walking and Cycling Strategy* to promote, and provide for, walking and cycling in Roscommon Town. The Strategy will form the basis for inclusion in future road design schemes, and future funding applications. Funding was received from the National Sustainable Travel Office under the *Smarter Travel* Initiatives



Landscaping Works at Roundabouts

Landscaping works of four roundabouts on the Circular Road, Roscommon and three other roundabouts at Monksland, Athlone were carried out during 2012.



Roundabout Roscommon Town



Road Safety Competition 2012 Scoil Mhuire NS, Boyle at the Regional Competition in Kinnegad

Road Safety Programme

The Council continued to promote road safety initiatives in 2012. The *Cycle Training Initiative* was subsidised at primary schools throughout the county. Assistance was also given towards the *Drive Safe for Life* Programme for transition year students in secondary schools. The Council funded prizes for the winning entries in the Road Safety Poster Competition organised by the Gardaí and a total of 24 primary schools and 416 children participated in the competition. The *Road Safety Together* Committee met to consider a range of road safety issues and to promote the *County Roscommon Road Safety Plan 2010 – 2013*. Junior School Wardens were trained at the following primary schools:

- Convent of Mercy, Boyle
- St. Patrick's, Strokestown
- St. Paul's, Castlerea
- Abbeycarton, Elphin
- Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Loughglynn

All 5 schools participated in the Regional Competition in St. Etchen's National School, Kinnegad Co. Westmeath in June, 2012.

Burial Grounds

The Council provided €40,000 in grant assistance to 69 voluntary groups under the Cemetery Improvement and Maintenance Scheme in 2012 to upgrade and maintain cemeteries.

Water Safety Programme

The Water Safety Programme continued over the summer season in 2012. Lifeguards were employed at Castlerea Swimming Pool. Swimming instruction courses for children were provided at Roscommon Leisure Centre and Castlerea Swimming Pool during the summer months.

