



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 2013 with further investment in the road network.

A breakdown of road grants received for 2013 is set out below:

Table 1: Road Grant Allocations

National Roads	€21,093,687
Non-National Roads	€10,863,236
Total Grants	€31,956,923

In addition, €1,112,200 was provided from the Council’s revenue budget for local road maintenance and €300,000 from capital budget for the maintenance of footpaths.

National Road Projects

N5 Ballaghaderreen By-Pass

This major road project included the construction of approx. 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 with the project anticipated to open to traffic in late 2014.



Lung River Bridge and Attenuation ponds



Compact Grade Separated Junction R293 / N5 Ballaghaderreen By-Pass

N61 Coolteige (Phase 1)

The N61 Coolteige (Phase 1) Road Project involves the realignment and improvement of approximately 2.9 km of the existing National Secondary route on the northern outskirts of Roscommon Town, linking the townlands of Gallowstown or Lisnacroggy and Mullymucks. The required lands to construct the project have been identified and are included in the Compulsory Purchase Order, CPO, which was published in December 2013.

N60 Oran Realignment

The N60 Oran Realignment Road Project comprises the improvement of circa 3.4km section of the N60 National Secondary route located on the Ballymoe to Roscommon Town route extending from the townland of Fearaghafin and Rathmew to the townland of Clooneenbaun. The proposed Local Authority development was discussed and approved by the Elected Members of Roscommon County Council at the July 2013 meeting.

N61 Ratalen and Treanagry

The Ratalen/Treanagry Realignment Scheme involves the realignment of two sections of the N61 National Secondary Road between Tulsk and Boyle. The first section at Treanagry is located approximately 2 km north of the N61/R370 junction and the second section at Ratalen is located approximately 1 km south of the same junction. Proposed improvement works involve the realignment of approximately 1.1 km of road at each of the two locations. It is proposed that the realigned sections would be constructed as a Type 2 standard single carriageway. Archaeology and ground investigation works were completed in 2013. Lands were acquired under CPO during the year and detailed design works have also progressed significantly within the same timeframe.



Non-National Roads

Regional and Local Roads Restoration Programme

This programme applies exclusively to the restoration of regional and local road pavements.

Specific Improvement Grant Schemes

Under this scheme an allocation of €680,000 was received for the following specific projects:

- R368 Killukin - Road Improvement works including realignment and provision of footpaths.
- L1210 Float Bridge - Preparation of Preliminary Report.
- R280 Srabragan - Closeout of scheme.

Local Improvement Schemes

A total of €60,000 was set aside from the Discretionary Maintenance Grant in 2013 to fund Local Improvement Schemes. A total of 10 schemes were completed during the year.

Community Involvement Schemes

The Council received an allocation of €151,879 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to fund Community Involvement Schemes in the County for 2013. A total of 10 schemes were completed.

Public Lighting

Electric Skyline Ltd. was engaged as part of a Regional Maintenance Contract to repair or replace faulty and damaged public lights throughout the county during 2013. Public lighting faults can now be logged online by the public at www.electricskyline.ie or Lo-Call 1890 328587 between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily or reported directly to the local authority. The Council continued to upgrade the public lighting inventory during the year within the resources available and completed a small retrofit scheme of LED lights in Castlerea.

Road Safety Programme



Junior Warden Competition 2013

The Council continued to promote road safety initiatives in 2013. 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 with over 400 children participating 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. Paul's National School, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon, in June, 2013.

Burial Grounds

The Council provided €35,000 in grant assistance to 79 voluntary groups under the Cemetery Improvement and Maintenance Scheme in 2013 to upgrade and maintain cemeteries.

Water Safety Programme

The Water Safety Programme continued over the summer season in 2013. 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.

