

# 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 2014 with further significant investment in the county's roads network.

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

**Table 1: Road Grant Allocations**

National Roads	€15,939,391
Non-National Roads	€11,498,692
Total Grants	€27,438,083

In addition, a figure of €1,207,200 was provided from Roscommon County Council's own resources for local road maintenance and €300,000 from the Council's capital budget for the maintenance and repair of footpaths. .

## National Road Projects

### N5 Ballaghaderreen By-Pass

The construction of the new Ballaghaderreen By-Pass comprising a new 13.6 km length of standard single carriageway commenced in 2012 and was substantially completed in August, 2014 over 3 months ahead of target and within budget. The project was officially opened on 2nd September, 2014 by An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny T.D. in the presence of the elected representatives and invited guests. Roscommon County Council continues to monitor the operation of the new By-Pass.

Official opening of Ballaghaderreen By-Pass  
on 2nd September, 2014 by An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny T.D.







Ballaghaderreen By-Pass



## N5 Ballaghaderreen to Longford

The N5 Ballaghaderreen to Longford Project extends from the eastern terminus of the Ballaghaderreen Bypass in Tibohine to Longford, a distance of approximately 53 kilometers. There was an allocation of €1.0 million provided through the National Roads Authority for this project in 2014. Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd. and Aecom Ltd. in joint venture have been appointed as Engineering Consultants for the project.

## N61 Coolteige Phase 1 Road Project

The N61 Coolteige (Phase 1) Road Project involves the realignment and improvement of approximately 2.9km of a seriously deficient section of National Secondary Road on the northern outskirts of Roscommon Town. The project Compulsory Purchase Order, CPO, was published in December 2013 and was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála in July, 2014 following an Oral Hearing in May 2014. Notices to Treat were served on all Landowners listed in the approved CPO in October 2014 and it is expected that Roscommon County Council will progress these land acquisitions and other advanced works in 2015.

## N61 Treanagry and Ratallen

The N61 Ratallen/Treanagry Realignment Scheme involves the realignment of two substandard sections of the N61 National Secondary route 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 Ratallen is located approximately 1 km south of the same junction. These sections are deficient in terms of road width, horizontal and vertical alignment, and overtaking opportunities. The Part 8 planning process was completed and CPO approval was received from An Bord Pleanála in 2012. Notices to Treat were served on landowners and land acquisitions were well advanced in 2014. Archaeology and detailed ground investigation works were also completed during the year. The construction phase is expected to last approximately 15 months and is due to commence in 2015.

## N60 Oran Road Realignment Project

The Oran Road Realignment Project involves the realignment of approximately 3.4 km of the N60 National Secondary route including 2.1 km of offline construction and 1.3 km of online widening to standard single carriageway. The planning process for the project was approved by the elected members of Roscommon County Council in July 2013. An allocation of €50,000 was secured for the project in 2014. The CPO process and the preparation of the Construction Documents will be undertaken in 2015 subject to the approval of the National Roads Authority, NRA, for the various stages and the appropriate funding being provided.

## 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 €905,192 was received for the following specific projects:

- R368 Killukin to Cortober
- L1210 Float Bridge
- R280 Srabragan
- Bridge Rehabilitation – Various Locations

### Community Involvement Schemes

The Council received an allocation of €375,363 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to fund Community Involvement Schemes in the County for 2014. A total of 28 schemes were completed during the year.