

Roads, Transportation and Safety

Roscommon County Council is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the regional and local road network in the county. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) allocates funding to the Roscommon County Council to operate, maintain and improve the national primary and secondary road network in the county. Grants are supplemented by the local authority from our own resources.

Table 1 Road class and length in County Roscommon

Road Class	Length (M)
Motorway	20,220
National primary	83,280
National secondary	147,180
Regional	373,140
Local Roads	3,353,550
Total all roads	3,977,370

The Roads and Transportation unit provides the following services under this directorate:

- Roads and transportation
- Public lighting
- Road safety programme
- Water safety
- Burial grounds
- Parks and amenities.



Outdoor Gym Equipment - Loughnaneane Park Roscommon

Roads and Transportation

Investment in the county's roads network continued in 2015 covering road reconstruction, road pavement improvements and restoration maintenance work including surface dressing. Other schemes included safety measures at accident blackspots, traffic management, bridge rehabilitation, footpath repairs and training.

Table 2 Funding of national and non-national roads in County Roscommon in 2015

Category of Road	Budget
National Roads	€8,849,352
Non-national Roads	€11,826,615
Roscommon County Council internal resources (Revenue)	€ 1,922,300
Roscommon County Council internal resources (Capital)	€300,000
Total grants	€22,898,267

National Road Projects

N5 Ballaghaderreen to Longford Project extends from the eastern end of the Ballaghaderreen bypass to the Longford bypass. Engineering Consultants Roughan and O'Donovan-Aecom, progressed the project through the planning and design stages i.e. design, environmental reports and appraisal. A strategic overview identified the priority section and concluded that the route length should be developed in two discrete sections namely Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge and Scramoge to Longford. The Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge road project, approximately 35km, reached design stage in 2015 and geometric design, public consultations, ground investigation, environmental surveys and assessments, draft land acquisition and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documents have been completed. TII provided an allocation of €1.5m in 2015.

N61 Coolteige Phase 1 Road Project involves the realignment and improvement of approximately 2.9km of a section of national secondary road on the northern outskirts of Roscommon town. In 2015 a tree removal contract, a 110kv ESB diversion, a fencing contract to secure the CPO lands and ground investigations contracts were completed. Funding in 2015 was €1.9m.

N61 Treanagry and Ratallen Road Improvement Project involves the realignment and widening of 2.7km of national secondary road to type two single carriageway standard comprising 1.2km in the townlands of Ratallen and Runnaboll and 1.5km

in the townlands of Cloonshaghan, Treanagry and Knockroe (ED Rushfield) south of Boyle town. Site works are planned to commence in early 2016. TII provided an allocation of €2million in 2015.

N60 Oran Road Realignment Project involves the realignment of approximately 3.4km of the N60 national secondary route including 2.1km of offline construction and 1.3km of online widening to type one single carriageway. Following approval of the members of Roscommon County Council the CPO was published in November 2015 and the An Bord Pleanála CPO oral hearing is scheduled to take place in early 2016. The 2015 allocation was €150,000.

Non-National Roads

Regional and Local Roads Restoration Programme funding totalled over €12m and applies exclusively to the restoration of regional and local road pavements.

Specific Improvement Grant Schemes and Bridge Rehabilitation Scheme 2015 allocation was €1.14m for projects:

- R368 Killukin to Cortober, Boyle Municipal District and operational area
- L1210 Float Bridge, Ballaghaderreen operational area
- Bridge rehabilitation – various locations.



Ballyleague Riverside Park Project 2015

Public Lighting

Electric Skyline Ltd. was engaged as part of a regional maintenance contract to repair or replace faulty and damaged public lights during 2015. Public lighting faults may be logged online by the public at www.electricskyline.ie or lo-call 1890 328587 or reported directly to Roscommon County Council. The upgrading of the public lighting inventory continued in 2015 within the resources available. Funding for energy and maintenance of public lighting totalled €640,300 in 2015.

Road Safety Programme

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes 2015 allocation was €180,000 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to fund six schemes, two in each municipal district of Athlone, Boyle and Roscommon.

In line with the Road Safety Authority's Road Safety Strategy for the period 2013-2020, County Roscommon Road Safety Plan 2015-2020 was developed by the Roscommon Road Safety Together Committee. The plan outlines a co-ordinated approach by Roscommon County Council, Gardaí, Health Service Executive (HSE), Road Safety Authority (RSA) and TII to road safety issues and increasing public awareness.

The Cycle Training Initiative for national schools was completed by 200 students in 2015 and was subsidised by Roscommon County Council and the RSA. Junior school wardens were trained at national schools in Boyle, Castlerea, Elphin, Loughglynn and Strokestown and all five schools participated in the regional competition held at Coralstown National School, Co. Westmeath, in June 2015.

Water Safety Programme

The Water Safety Programme continued over the summer season in 2015. Lifeguards were employed at Castlerea Swimming Pool. Swimming instruction courses for children were provided at Roscommon Leisure Centre during the summer months.

Burial Grounds

There are over 100 cemeteries in County Roscommon. €35,000 was provided in grant assistance to 85 voluntary groups under the Cemetery Improvement and Maintenance Scheme in 2015 to upgrade and maintain cemeteries.

Parks and Amenities

The Roads Department oversees the development and maintenance of recreational amenities in County Roscommon including playgrounds, parks and outdoor gym equipment. There are currently 15 playgrounds around County Roscommon, some developed and maintained in conjunction with local communities with inspections organised by Roscommon County Council.

In 2015 in Lough Key Forest Park Boyle, a multi use games areas was provided and the construction of the boardwalk commenced as part of the North Roscommon Greenway Scheme. Ballyleague Riverside Park development was completed in 2015. This project was co-funded by Roscommon County Council, Fáilte Ireland, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Waterways Ireland and Ballyleague Village Renewal and Tidy Towns Committee.