Why is the Improvement Required?

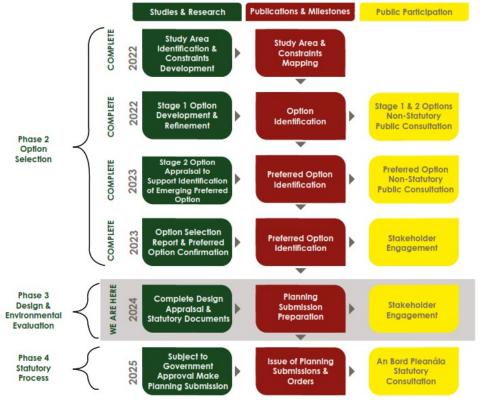
The proposed south-west bypass of Ballina town will aid with relief of traffic congestion within Ballina town centre, particularly at the Font junction. By reducing traffic volumes and congestion, air quality will be improved and noise pollution reduced which will improve the environment for residents and all road users. In addition, those travelling between the south and west sides of Ballina will see their journey times improved.

The Scheme has a limited number of direct accesses onto the mainline (national road) which limits the number of potential conflict points to provide safe infrastructure for all road users. The Scheme will particularly aid vulnerable road users with segregated walking/cycling facilities provided on both sides of the proposed bypass.

What happens Next?

The design development and environmental assessment for the proposed Scheme are ongoing and are being progressed to identify and confirm the landtake necessary for the Scheme The Design, Compulsory Purchase Order and Environmental assessment documents describing the Scheme, its impacts and proposed mitigation measures once finalised will be submitted to An Bord Pleanala to seek planning consent for the Scheme. Mayo County Council anticipate that the planning submission will be made in Q1 2025.

Engagement with landowners and interested parties is ongoing as part of this design and environmental evaluation process.



Further Information

Mayo County Council's online portal provides a platform (https://consult.mayo.ie/) to submit feedback online and view the Preferred Option drawings. For further information on scheme please contact:

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N26 Ballina Bypass Phase 1

Public Information Event 24th October 2024



Project Overview

Mayo County Council in association with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is progressing the development of a scheme to link the N26 Foxford/Dublin road, south of Ballina town, with the N59 Crossmolina road between the townlands of Behybaun and Gurteens. Roughan O'Donovan-Aecom Alliance has been appointed by Mayo County Council to assist in the progression of the scheme development through Phases 2 to 4 of the TII Project Management Guidelines.

The current project phase, Phase 3 Design & Environmental Evaluation, comprises development of the design of the preferred option identified in Phase 2, based on technical and environmental inputs to a stage where sufficient levels of detail exist to establish landtake requirements, to identify and mitigate Project impacts, and to progress the Project through the Statutory Processes.

Proposed Scheme

The proposed Scheme is approximately 2.2km long and commences approximately 70m north of the entrance to Hollister with a roundabout junction on the N26 in Behybaun townland. It proceeds in a westerly direction crossing over the Ballina/Manulla railway line via a bridge passing through Creggaun townland and then turns northwards to cross the L-1122 and L-5113 local roads and pass through the townlands of Commons, Knocklehaugh and Gorteen where the road ties into the existing N59 via a roundabout junction approximately 300m south of the Top Oil fuel station.

The mainline road cross section comprises an 8m wide carriageway with segregated active travel facilities (shared footway/cycleway) provided on both sides of the carriageway. There are at-grade T-junctions in the townlands of Knocklehaugh and Commons to provide connectivity with the L-5113 The Commons Road. The existing traffic access on the L-1122 Commons Road will be maintained via a bridge with 4m vertical clearance.





