



Limerick County Council is working with Clare County Council and Limerick Corporation in partnership with the National Roads Authority (NRA), to complete the Limerick Southern Ring Road Phase II, thereby keeping unnecessary traffic out of Limerick City and reducing journey times.

The planning process for the Limerick Southern Ring Road commenced in the mid 1980s. Limerick Southern Ring Road Phase I from Rossbrien to Annacotty, is under construction. The Limerick Southern Ring Road Phase II is identified as a pilot Public Private Partnership Scheme (PPP), and will be tolled.

The preferred route options have been identified following a review of the information gathered during the Constraints Study, the information and comment provided by the public at a Public Consultation in March 2000, and numerous studies undertaken during the route selection process by the consulting engineers, a Joint Venture of MC O'Sullivan & Co Ltd and COWI.

Why the improvement is necessary:

- There is significant congestion in the City, much of this due to national route traffic having to go into the city to access other national routes.
- Congestion leads to longer journey times, higher fuel costs and greater emissions, in addition to higher accident rates and a lower quality environment.

Benefits of the proposed new route:

The Limerick Southern Ring Road Phase II will remove in the order of 40,000 vehicles a day from Limerick City while reducing accidents in the Limerick area, thereby allowing City Centre planning strategies to be implemented (e.g., bus corridors, pedestrianisation, etc.). It will complete the linking of all national routes around the city, allowing national traffic to avoid the city centre. It will benefit commuter traffic and improve access to Shannon Airport and County Clare, while benefiting the local and regional economy, and will promote regional development and tourism.

Tell us your views Labhair Linn

We need to know your views on the preferred route options and River Shannon crossing types described in this brochure. All of your comments will be carefully considered before a final recommendation is made. Please study the information contained in this brochure carefully and complete the enclosed questionnaire or write/email the project office at the addresses overleaf.

Development of route

Before recommending the preferred route options and River Shannon crossing types as outlined in this brochure, a number of possibilities were developed following extensive investigation of a number of issues, including engineering, geotechnical, environmental & traffic studies, and public consultation. The route options were chosen with communities, major existing constraints and maximum road usage in mind.

What happens next?

Your views expressed during this public consultation will be considered and more design work will take place. Whilst the preferred route options and river crossing types shown in this brochure, and throughout the public consultation, have been designed sufficiently to be shown as a practical scheme, further design work may result in changes to the routes shown.

A number of statutory procedures including a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO's) will be followed. These will be published and available for public viewing. They will then be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

If written objections are made to An Bord Pleanála an oral hearing will be held. Before deciding on the application for approval for the scheme, An Bord Pleanála will review the EIS, any written submissions made to An Bord Pleanála and the report from the inspector, if an oral hearing is held.

If An Bord Pleanála approves the scheme, or approves the scheme with modifications, the project team will prepare documentation for a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract.

Proposed Schedule:

Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)	Summer 2001
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Summer 2001
Oral hearing/ Decision	End 2001
Design/Build/Operate/Finance Tender Process	2001/2002
Construction start	2002/2003
Construction completion	2006



WHAT DO YOU THINK
of the preferred route options and River Shannon Crossing types outlined in this brochure?

TELL US YOUR VIEWS
by completing the enclosed questionnaire and returning it in the 'freepost' envelope by 21st February 2001.

For detailed examination of maps and route options, please refer to the larger scale drawings at the exhibition.

If you are unable to attend the public consultation, the preferred route and river crossing options will be on display at the address below until the 21st of February 2001.

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Limerick Southern Ring Road
PHASE TWO
incorporating a fourth river crossing



LIMERICK SOUTHERN RING ROAD PHASE II
Cuarbhóthar Dheisceart Luimnigh Céim II

Tell us what you think

OF THE PREFERRED ROUTE OPTIONS AND RIVER CROSSING TYPES
Public Consultation February 2001

Bypassing Limerick to link all major routes - Dublin, Tipperary, Cork, Kerry, Waterford, Foynes, Ennis and Shannon Airport

