

N20 Croom Bypass

N20 Seachbhóthar Chromadh

Route... Slí...

Located to the west of Croom, the bypass commences four kilometres north of the town, traverses the River Maigue before continuing on to the Ballingarry Road to the west of the Roman Catholic Church. The road rejoins the existing N20 approximately 2 kilometres to the south of Croom.

Includes... San Áireamh...

6.1 kilometres of wide two lane single carriageway
3 bridges
3 junctions (at Anhid Cross, Garranroe and the crossing with the Ballingarry Road)



Ballingarry Road Interchange onto N20 Croom Bypass



Traffic Backlog in Croom Village

Background Cúlra

The existing N20 passes through the centre of Croom via a right angle bend which has proven to be a hindrance for heavy goods vehicles. Their difficulty in dealing with this corner has quite often resulted in severe traffic congestion during peak periods. The new bypass will overcome this problem by removing unnecessary through traffic from the centre of Croom.

Construction Work Obair Thógála

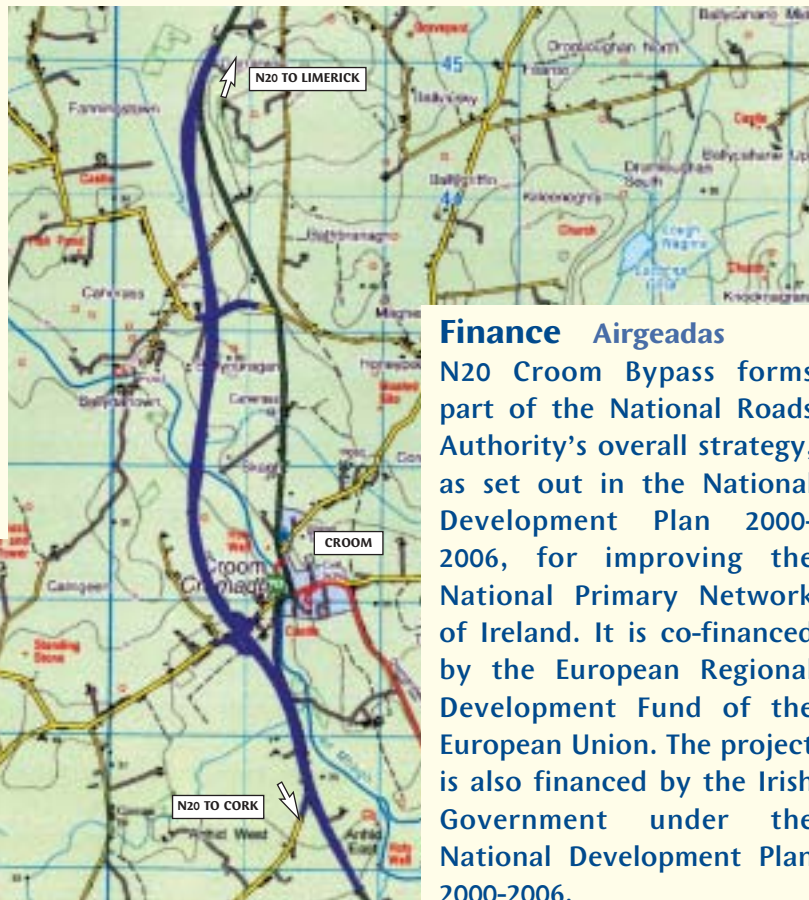
Coffey Construction commenced work in August 1999, concentrating over the Winter period on the rock element of earthworks and the construction of the three bridges - one of which is a 75 metre long, three span bridge over the River Maigue. The rock excavated from the four kilometre northern stretch was processed on site and used as construction material, thus reducing the need to import material and in keeping with the concept of sustainable development. The rock excavation required controlled detonations as conventional hydraulic rock breaking equipment proved ineffective.



Mague River Bridge, part of the N20 Croom Bypass

Planning and Design Pleanáil agus Dearadh

The Croom Bypass, which is located mainly through undeveloped countryside, was designed by Limerick County Council's Midwest National Road Design Office in Mungret. The three bridges on the bypass were designed by a firm of Consulting Engineers. Construction work was carried out by Coffey Construction, Civil Engineering Contractors.



Finance Airgeadas

N20 Croom Bypass forms part of the National Roads Authority's overall strategy, as set out in the National Development Plan 2000-2006, for improving the National Primary Network of Ireland. It is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund of the European Union. The project is also financed by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000-2006.

Archaeology Seandálaíocht

Three areas of archaeological significance were identified and investigated during the construction of the Croom Bypass. All archaeological work was carried out prior to the commencement of construction while ongoing monitoring was overseen thereafter by a local firm of Archaeologists.