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Progress in the last 3 months

Newsletter No. 4 was published on 13th April. Since then, significant progress has been made on site and in the **Eastern Section of the works** some substantial bridges have been completed:

1. The Sullane River bridge, which is a double span bridge
2. Ummerna Underbridge over the Coachford road, which is also a double span bridge
3. The Laney River Bridge, which is a single span bridge incorporating the longest pre-cast concrete bridge beams in Ireland or the UK at over 49m in length.

Significant progress has also been made on the Gurteenroe Junction on the Millstreet Road with the Gurteenroe Underbridge being substantially complete. Underbridges are under construction at Clonfadda and at Kilnagurteen where the local roads have been closed to facilitate the construction works. Significant rock removal is required at these locations also, with a depth of excavation of 8.0m required at Clonfadda and a depth of 15.0m at Kilnagurteen. Much of the rock removal required at these locations has now been removed, following a programme of rock blasting.

Substantial earthworks are now becoming evident on site. Significant volumes of material excavated at Gurteenroe and at Kilnagurteen have been deposited to form road embankments at Ummerna. We have recently crossed over the Sullane River Bridge and are in the course of construction of the road embankment heading towards Coolcour.

The Coolyhane Overbridge has recently been opened to traffic on the local Road. The newly constructed Ballyveerane Local Road North East has been opened to traffic and the Ballinagree Road has been realigned to pass under the newly constructed Ballyveerane Underbridge.

Major work has been completed at Carrigaphooca with the construction of the Carrigaphooca Underbridge on the new N22, Carrigaphooca Roundabout and the Carrigaphooca Link Westbound. This new road alignment opened to traffic on the 4th June 2021, after a number of weeks under temporary traffic management to facilitate the construction works.

Mainline drainage works have recently commenced west of the Gurteenroe Junction.

The development of the mainline alignment west of Carrigaphooca as far as the Kilnamartyra Road is well underway with bulk earthworks well advanced, as well as the installation of structures and drainage culverts.

In the Western Section of the project, significant progress has also been made in recent months.

An important milestone has been achieved with the crossing of the Bohill river by construction traffic, which occurred in mid-June.

Another significant milestone was the opening of the Killeen Overbridge to local traffic. The bridge and associated local road tie-ins were surfaced in July allowing the road to be open to traffic. The Killeen Underbridge on the “Top Road” has also been completed and has opened to local traffic in mid-August.

Good progress has been made at the “Western Tie-in” when the new road will meet the existing N22 with the majority of the earthworks being complete. Work is ongoing on the structures at this location.

There is a significant volume of rock to be removed as part of the excavation for the mainline alignment through Slieveareagh. Again, good progress is being made here with over 50,000 cubic metres of rock being removed at this stage, with the assistance of rock blasting.

The new Junction at Toon Láin is under construction currently. Significant progress has been made here, with Kerb Laying, Drainage and Surfacing Works being carried out in August.

The bridge which will carry the new mainline alignment over the existing N22 at Cúil na Cathrach is a significant structure comprising three spans. This structure is well underway at present with the bridge beams having been placed in position in mid-August.

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Objectives for August and September 2021:

In the Eastern Section:

- Continue with bulk earthworks heading for Coolcour
- Re-open Clonfadda Road
- Open Millstreet road to newly realigned junction
- Progress Kilnagurteen Overbridge
- Continue to progress Accommodation Works with landowners

In the Western Section:

- Completion of Toonlane Junction and opening of L-3409, the Clondrohid Road, to traffic.
- Progress works on the superstructure of the Cúil na Cathrach Underbridge
- Continue to progress structures at the Western Tie-in
- At Slieveareagh to continue with the removal of overburden from the top of the cut and to continue with rock removal by rock blasting.



All temporary traffic management arrangements will be included on the MapAlerter system which can be accessed at <https://www.mapalerter.com/>

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All of the staff involved would like to thank the people of Macroom, Baile Bhuirne and districts for their cooperation while acknowledging that the works may cause some disruption. We appreciate your patience and apologise for any inconvenience. Please be aware that the scheduling of these works may change as works progress – the public will be kept informed of any such changes.