

N22 Baile Bhuirne – Macroom Road Development

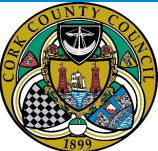
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Western Tie-in with N22

Welcome to Newsletter no. 6.

Progress in recent months: The most recent newsletter was published in August 2021 and since then significant progress has been made.

In Section 1, dealing with the area between the Western Tie-in at An Sliabh Riabhach to the Kilnamartyra Road, the following are some of the highlights of what has been achieved:

The deep cut through An Sliabh Riabhach is progressing well with approximately 300,000 cubic metres of material removed. The overburden material is generally reused as road building material. The rock is removed by blasting and breaking, and then processed and also reused as construction material. Residents and landowners in the vicinity are kept informed about each blast.

We wish to thank the local residents for their cooperation and support.

A significant embankment has been constructed at An Cheapagh Thoir, using material that has been excavated at An Sliabh Riabhach, to bring the embankment up to the designed levels. The embankment is visible from the "Top Road" near the point where the local road crosses underneath the new N22 road.

Good progress has also been made with structures:

The "Top Road" reopened to traffic in August, with the completion of the underbridge at An Cheapagh Thoir, after having been closed for more than 5 weeks. The co-operation of residents in this area is greatly appreciated.

The Junction at Tonn Láin, which is an interim layout in advance of the proposed roundabout junction at this location, opened to general traffic in September. Residents on the former Clondrohid Road area, south of the line of the new N22, are now living on a cul-de-sac road, with much reduced levels of traffic.

The pedestrian underbridge on the Local Road L-74172 at Baile Mhic Íre has also been completed, approach roads paved and opened to pedestrian and cycle traffic. The local road now comprises two cul-de-sac roads, again with very low levels of traffic.

The bridge over the existing N22 at Cúil na Cathrath is a large 3-span structure which has been under construction for some time. The bridge beams were installed during a 4-night road closure of the N22. The bridge deck has now been poured and the bridge itself can take traffic across the N22.

A temporary diversion road has been completed in October at An Sliabh Riabhach on local road L-92206. This will facilitate the construction of the underbridge for this road.

For Section 3, a 12.5km section of the works from Bóthar Chill na Martra to Coolcour Junction, progress could be summarised as follows:

Bulk earthworks comprising excavation and mass haul has been substantially completed to Coolcour and to Bóthar Chill na Martra with the new embankments being visible from the local roads.

All rock removal by blasting has been completed in this Section and we appreciate the co-operation we received from local residents with this challenging element of the project.

All twelve box culverts required in this Section have now been installed. Permanent fencing works are ongoing throughout the Section.

Drainage and ducting for the mainline of the new N22 is underway and has been completed from the Millstreet Road to the Foherish River.

The Clonfadda road was reopened to general traffic on the 8th October 2021. Construction is well advanced on the Gurteenroe Junction with the Millstreet Road and Teerbeg Road which also reopened to general traffic on the 8th October 2021.

Works to widen the Ballinagree Road at Ballyveerane are well underway at present with the road on the southern side of bridge now surfaced.

The construction of access roads for various landowners are ongoing at different stages throughout the Section.

The construction of various structures in the Section are also well advanced with a summary as follows:

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Structure	Progress
S17 Carrigaphoooca Underbridge	Completed
S19 Foherish River Bridge	Completed
S20 Clonfadda Overbridge	Completed
S21 Gurteenroe Underbridge	Completed
S22 Kilnagurteen Underbridge	Ongoing
S23/S23A Ballyveerane Underbridge	Completed
S24 Coolyhane Overbridge	Completed
S25 Coolyhane Underbridge	Completed
S26 Laney River Bridge	Completed
S27 Ummerra Underbridge	Completed
S28 Sullane River Bridge	80% Completed

Works planned for December 2021 & January 2022 are:

Section 1: The focus for these months will be on the excavation of rock, primarily at An Sliabh Riabhach, and its removal eastwards to the various fill areas as far as Bóthar Chill na Martra.

Rock removal with breakers will also be ongoing at Coolavokig until the appropriate road profile is achieved. Work will also continue to advance the various structures underway at present.

Section 3: Mainline roadworks (concrete drainage channel & pavement layers) will begin from Gurteenroe Junction heading west towards the Kilnamartyra Road. Mainline drainage and ducting will continue west from the Foherish River towards the Kilnamartyra Road.

Construction of the northern and southern slip roads for Gurteenroe Junction are scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2022;

The Kilnagurteen Road is scheduled to reopen to the public on the 3rd December 2021, weather permitting and works for the widening of the Ballinagree Road are scheduled to be completed by Christmas, weather permitting. We would like to thank the residents of the Kilnagurteen Road, of the Ballyveerane area, and of Dromree for their co-operation with the works, it is greatly appreciated.

At the Eastern end of the Section, mainline drainage and ducting works will commence from the Sullane River heading west towards Gurteenroe Junction, and works for the Coolcour Junction are scheduled to commence in February 2022.

Structures works over this period will be as follows:

Structure	Progress
S15A Accommodation Underbridge at Lissacresig	Due to be completed
S16A/16B Accommodation Underbridge at Inchinlinane	Due to be completed
S22 Kilnagurteen Overbridge	Scheduled to reopen on 3 rd Dec 2021

