

# N22 BAILE BHUIRNE - MACROOM

## ROAD DEVELOPMENT

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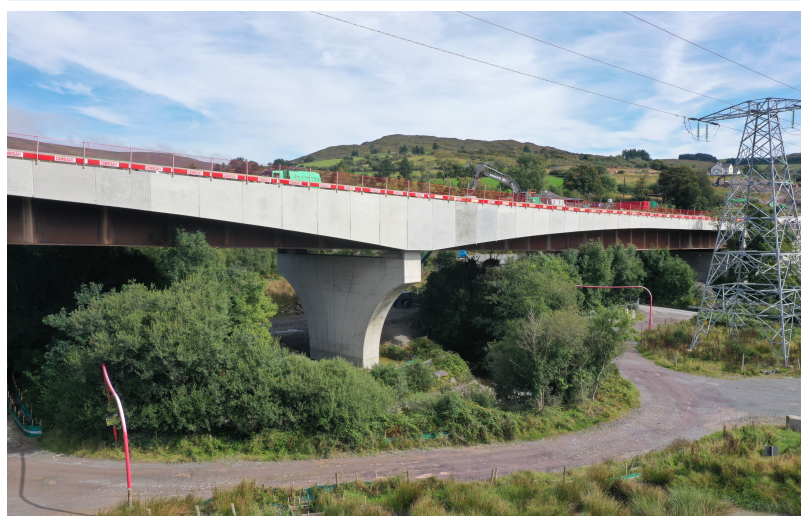
Our most recent newsletter was published at the end of June 2022 and so it is now time for another progress update.

On the Western end of the scheme west of the Bóthar Chill na Martra, the following works have been completed/delivered in recent months:

- A stretch of new local road at Tonn Láin has been constructed and opened to general traffic. This road, L-74127, was required as the original road was cut off by the new road, resulting in the creation of a cul-de-sac road at the southern side of new N22 alignment. The new stretch of road is over 600m in length and travels under the newly constructed Road Underbridge at Tonn Láin.
- The rock blasting programme has now been completed successfully with 400,000 cubic metres of rock being removed from the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach, involving 27 no. individual blasts.
- A soil nailing project is underway on the site of the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach so as to stabilise this rock cut slope. This will involve the use of 1409 nails in total, ranging in length from 5m to 8m giving an overall drilling and nail length of over 8km.
- Fascia panels are currently being fitted to the long span bridge over the Abha na Biochaille at An Ceapagh Thiar, Baile Bhuirne. These panels will enhance the visual appearance of the finished structure.
- The last bridge to be constructed on the scheme is a high-level bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach serving two landholdings which have been severed by the works. The foundation works for this bridge have been completed and the reinforced concrete arches have now been placed into position.
- The Sullane Underbridge over the Bóthar Chill na Martra, is now substantially complete. This was the last bridge on the scheme that required the bridge beams to be placed over a public road.
- The L-92206 local road at An Sliabh Riabhach has now been realigned to pass under the main N22 alignment at the newly completed Underbridge. The co-operation of the local residents during the tie-in works has to be acknowledged.
- The Slí Gaeltacht Muscraí underbridge is now well advanced at An Ceapagh Thiar, as are the works on the connecting paths to link with the existing route.
- The bridge on the short cul-de-sac road at Cúil an Bhuacaigh, L-92204 and the access road for the local landowner are both substantially complete.



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**In the next two months, in the Western end of the scheme, we hope to carry out the following works:**

- We will continue to progress the high-level bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach with a view to making it available to the landowners for use.
- We hope to complete the soil nailing on the rock slopes at An Sliabh Riabhach.
- Fill Area no. 6 east of Cúil na Cathrach will be completed as will Fill Area no. 7 at Cúil an Bhuacaigh, bringing the embankments up to formation level in both these areas.
- The new roundabout at Tonn Láin will be completed and open to general traffic.
- The installation of the mainline drainage network will be progressed.



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**On the Eastern Section of the scheme east of the Kilnamartyra Road, the following works have been completed/delivered in recent months:**

- Very significant progress has been made on the section between Coolcour and Carrigaphoooca in recent months which is now approaching substantial completion. The laying of all the road pavement layers has been completed with the installation of the central median barrier and road lining being carried out at present. The Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) has been installed along both sides as well. The installation of Road Signage is about to get underway. The permanent fencing has progressed well as has the landscaping of the verges.
- All surface water from the new road will discharge to Attenuation Ponds before being discharged to watercourses. The nine attenuation ponds in this section of the road are well advanced and are in the process of being fenced off.
- Six Environmental Barriers for noise reduction are being provided on this section, with the majority of these installed at this stage. The barriers most visible from public roads at present are those on the Ballinagree Road at Ballyveerane and on the Millstreet Road at Gurteenroe.
- The construction of the new roundabout at Coolcour has been a significant project in its own right and has progressed well in recent months. This has been a particularly challenging project due to the need to maintain traffic flow on the existing N22 road through the site while construction works were being carried out. Temporary Traffic Management has been in place at various locations in Coolcour from last May. While the Temporary Traffic Management has been challenging in terms of keeping delays for general traffic to reasonable levels, we believe that, overall, the project can be considered a success and we would like to acknowledge the great co-operation we received adjoining residents and from road users who travelled through the works at Coolcour throughout this summer.
- The capping layer has been completed on the new road embankment west of Carrigaphoooca to the Kilnamartyra Road.



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**In the next two months, on the Eastern end of the scheme, we hope to achieve the following:**

- Substantially complete the section from Coolcour to Carrigaphoooca, carry out a Road Safety Audit and address any issues arising.
- Works will proceed with the laying of the Road Base and Base and Binder Macadam layers on the new road embankment west of Carrigaphoooca as far as the Kilnamartyra Road, with the intention of having them completed and ready for the surface layer in late November.



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