

# N22 BAILE BHUIRNE - MACROOM ROAD DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER - ISSUE NO. 10

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## WELCOME TO THE 10TH ISSUE OF THE N22BBM NEWSLETTER

The most recent project newsletter was issued on 9th Oct 2022 and since then significant progress has been achieved.

In Section 1 at the western end of the scheme, the following items have been progressed during October, November and December 2022:

- Soil stabilisation in the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach has progressed well with the majority of the soil nailing complete and the mesh facing installed. The Hydro-Seeding of the batters has also commenced here.
- At Baile Bhuirne Junction, the diversion road L-92201 has been progressed with a view to having the diversion for existing N22 traffic in place from early February 2023
- Good progress has been made on the last bridge on the scheme, the high-level accommodation bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach, with the bridge deck being poured and the concrete separation wall being advanced.
- Good progress has been made with the installation of Drainage and Ducting on the new N22 main line in preparation for the laying of the capping layer of the road pavement.
- 2 kilometres of concrete drainage channel have been constructed.
- Work is ongoing with the installation of the various Environmental Barriers (Noise Barriers) and the barrier at Tonn Láin has been completed.
- Construction works have been completed on the Tonn Láin Roundabout on the existing N22 and is now open to general traffic.
- Filling of the last main line embankment has now been completed.
- Significant progress has been made in the completion of Accommodation Roads for landowners with the completion of a number in An Sliabh Riabhach and in Tonn Láin.



Drainage and ducting complete at Kippagh



High level bridge at Slievareagh

**In this part of the project, we hope to focus on the following works in January and February 2023:**

- Complete the soil stabilisation works at the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach.
- Complete the high-level bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach and opening of this structure for access by the two landowners affected.
- Complete the off-line works at the Baile Bhuirne Junction and transfer of N22 traffic onto the new diversion road
- Complete the rock removal from the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach.
- Progress the remaining Drainage and Ducting installation to the main line
- Substantially complete the installation of the concrete drainage channel
- Complete the installation of capping layer on the mainline between the Cill na Martra Road and Tonn Láin Roundabout.



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In Section 3 at the Eastern end of the scheme, very significant progress was made in Q4 of 2022 leading to the opening of the Interim By-Pass of Macroom on the 9th December to general traffic. In order to be in a position to open this road, progress was made in recent months with the following:

- Testing of ducting and drainage along the route
- Completion of the barriers, both edge barriers and central median
- Installation of road studs and road markings
- Installation of road signs including advance directional signs in advance of the junctions.
- Landscaping works in accordance with the Landscape Design for the scheme
- The construction of a temporary roundabout at Carrigaphooca to form the western terminal point of the Interim By-Pass of Macroom
- A Road Safety Audit of the new road was carried out and all issued identified were addressed
- The final snags on the new road were progressed as well as finishing works on the side roads.
- The Interim By-Pass of Macroom was showcased to the public by the organising of a running/walking event by West Muskerry A.C. Approximately 2,500 people attended this event on Sunday 27th Nov. 2022
- A charity Ball Release was also run on the road before it's opening. This happened on Saturday 3rd Dec. and was organised by Macroom and District Lions Club.

The Official Opening of the Interim By-Pass of Macroom took place at Gurteenroe during the morning of Friday 9th December. The opening was performed jointly by Mayor of Co. Cork, Cllr Danny Collins and by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin. Speeches were also given by Tim Lucey CE of Cork County Council and Peter Walsh, CEO of Transport Infrastructure Ireland. MC for the event was Pdraig Barrett, DOS Roads and Transportation, Cork County Council



Gurteenroe Junction

**In addition to the Interim By-Pass of Macroom, works have continued between Carrigaphooca and the Kilnamartyra Road as follows:**

- The concrete drainage channel has been completed.
- The laying of the Sub-Base and the Road Base layers of the new road pavement were completed.
- Good progress was made with the construction of the attenuation Ponds and with the boundary fencing.

**Looking forward to January and February 2023, the following are some of the tasks to be carried out:**

- The carrying out of Round 5 of the water quality sampling programme
- Post-Works Property Condition Surveys for the Macroom section of the overall scheme
- The completion of landscaping and finishing works on the side roads in the Macroom section.
- From Carrigaphooca to the Kilnamartyra Road works will be concentrated on the laying of the binder layer on the main line, filling of the verges and landscaping works.



Temporary roundabout at Carrigaphooca

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