

N22 BAILE BHUIRNE - MACROOM

ROAD DEVELOPMENT

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WELCOME TO THE 11TH ISSUE OF THE N22BBM NEWSLETTER

The most recent project newsletter was issued on 18th Jan 2023 and since then significant progress has been achieved.

With the Macroom By-Pass opened since the 9th Dec 2022, the construction effort has moved westwards with the majority of the construction activity focussed at the western end of the scheme.

The following items have been progressed during January, February, and March 2023:

- Traffic on the N22 at the western end of the scheme was diverted onto a local road in February, an arrangement which will remain in place until the overall N22BBM scheme is completed. This was required to facilitate the construction of the mainline alignment of the new road and the new roundabout as part of the Baile Bhuirne junction. The Doire na Saggart Local Road is also closed to facilitate these works and a diversion road is being used by residents for access.
- Significant works are progressing well at the western tie in with the last major earthworks nearing completion. Drainage, kerbing and landscaping works are progressing with the southern roundabout and associated link roads under construction ahead of blacktop layers in early May.
- Soil stabilisation in the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach is nearly complete with the majority of the soil nailing complete and the mesh facing installed. The Hydro-Seeding of the batters is also well advanced here.
- The last bridge on the scheme, the high-level accommodation bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach, is substantially complete, with the bridge deck and the concrete separation barrier and deck waterproofing completed recently. The landowners can now use this bridge for access to their lands north of the new road.
- Rock removal at the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach is nearing completion as is rock crushing at Tonn Láin.
- The Road Base has now been laid as far as Tonn Láin and the blacktop layers are being progressed between the Cill na Martra Road and Tonn Láin.
- Good progress is being made with the installation of the various Environmental Barriers (Noise Barriers) with the barrier at Tonn Láin having been completed.
- Verge barrier and topsoiling works have started recently at Carraig an Phúca with large crews working west on this operation.



Binder being laid

- Kerbing and footpath works are ongoing on the roundabout at Tonn Láin under temporary traffic management.
- 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.
- In the area between Carraig an Phúca and the Chill na Martra Road the new road verges are being filled, fencing works have been completed and access roads for landowners have, for the most part, been completed.
- Works are ongoing on the various attenuation ponds on the scheme.
- There are crews working on the various Access Roads and Side Roads completion works throughout the scheme.
- The whole N22BBM team is delighted that the project recently received the annual infrastructure award, for excellence in design and construction in Concrete, by the Irish Concrete Society. The W19 beams of the Laney and Sullane River Bridges are the longest in Ireland and the UK for both single and two span prestressed bridge beam structures at 50m and 98m respectively.



High level bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach



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Members of the site team at the awards ceremony

We hope to focus on the following works in April and May 2023:

- Completion of the construction of the roundabout as part of the Baile Bhuirne Junction which will facilitate the reopening of the Doire na Saggart Local Road towards the end of May.
- Complete the high-level bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach.
- Complete the rock removal from the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach and the rock crushing at Tonn Láin.
- Substantially complete the installation of the concrete drainage channel
- Progress the surfacing layers on the mainline between the Cill na Martra Road and Tonn Láin Roundabout.



Baile Bhuirne Junction

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