

# N22 BAILE BHUIRNE - MACROOM

## ROAD DEVELOPMENT

### NEWSLETTER - ISSUE NO. 12

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#### WELCOME TO THE 12TH ISSUE OF THE N22BBM NEWSLETTER

**Our most recent newsletter was no. 11 which was published on 19th April 2023 and since then significant progress has been made with the works. Some of the main items that have been progressed are as follows:**

- The Doire na Sagairt Local Road L-9908 was reopened to general traffic on Friday 26th May following a road closure from the 7th February. This was a small but significant milestone on the project, which gives persons using this Local Road access to a new roundabout on the former N22, which is much safer than the previous situation where the only access was by way of direct access onto a high-speed section of the N22.
- Another significant milestone on the project has been achieved with the completion of the rock removal from the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach. The cut itself measures 28m at its deepest point, with most of the excavated materials having been processed and reused on the project.
- The challenging profile of the rock in the deep cut at An Sliabh Riabhach necessitated the use of rock anchors and soil nails to ensure that the necessary slope stability could be achieved. These processes have now been completed with the high-level bridge, which gives access to local farmland, also nearing completion.
- The concrete drainage channel which runs along the sides of the mainline alignment has now been completed. This in turn facilitates the laying of the road construction layers.
- Road pavement works have progressed well as far as the high-level bridge at An Cheapach Thiar, over the Local Road L-7418. The period of fine weather in May and June has enabled the contractor to make good progress with this aspect of the works.
- The specialist contractor Motorway Care has completed the installation of the VRS (Vehicle Restraint System) along both edges of the new road as far as Tonn Láin. The installation of the posts for the central median barrier has commenced and is progressing well.
- The access road at Carrigaphooca which gives access to lands south of the new N22 road west of the castle has recently been constructed.
- The permanent fencing of the new road and the installation of field gates between Carrigaphooca and An Tonn Láin is nearing completion.



Derrynasaggart Local Road



Deep Cut at An Sliabh Riabhach



Drainage Channels at An Sliabh Riabhach



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Looking East at Baile Mhic Íre



Looking West at Coolavokig



Wearing Course being laid at Cúil an Bhuacaigh

## Looking forward to what can be achieved in July and August.

- The contractor is working hard to complete the section of new road between Carrigaphooca and Tonn Láin for a date in August. This will involve a short closure of the Macroom By-Pass Road to facilitate the removal of the temporary Roundabout at Carrigaphooca. Once this roundabout has been removed, traffic will be able to travel on the new N22 road all the way to Tonn Láin, Baile Mhic Íre.
- The remainder of the project between Tonn Láin and the Western Tie-in at An Sliabh Riabhach will be progressed with:
  - Pavement Works on the mainline alignment
  - Installation of the edge barriers and central median barriers
  - Completion of the Environmental Barriers
  - Fencing works
  - Road lining and installation of road studs
  - Road Signage
- Foundations for the 2 No. "Per Cent for Art" pieces will be constructed in July, with the art pieces themselves lifted into position in August.

Finally, we would like to mention once again our gratitude to property owners and residents in the area where the works are taking place, and to the motoring public, for their patience and understanding with these works.

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