

# N22 BAILE BHUIRNE - MACROOM

## ROAD DEVELOPMENT

### NEWSLETTER - ISSUE NO. 13

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#### WELCOME TO THE 13TH ISSUE OF THE N22BBM NEWSLETTER

Our most recent newsletter was no. 12 which was published on 13th July 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 final black-top layers, the binder course, and the wearing course, have now been completed on the new road alignment from Carrig an Phúca to the final section of the road at An Sliabh Riabhach.
- The opening of the middle section of the road to traffic at Toon Láin took place on August 11th under traffic signal control at the Toon Láin junction. Approaching traffic on the new road is tapered down from two lanes to one, and subject to speed limits. This arrangement continues to work well without any accidents, incidents or long delays. Feedback from Ballymakeera residents is very positive with reports of the journey from Macroom now being possible in 8 minutes.
- Permanent fencing on the new road alignment from adjoining properties is being carried out by GSN Fencing and is progressing well.
- The concrete drainage channel on either side of the mainline alignment has now been installed.
- The Vehicle Restraint System (crash barrier) has been installed by specialist contractor Motorway Care, comprising edge barriers at either side of the new alignment and a central median barrier separating traffic travelling in different directions.
- Road lining of the new road surface and the installation of road studs has now been completed, these being some of the last tasks to be undertaken before the road can open to traffic.
- The structures along the route have been snagged and finished at this stage.
- Surface water drainage from the new road all discharges to attenuation ponds in order that any contaminants such as oil or silt can be trapped and prevented from entering watercourses. These ponds are now in the process of being completed.
- The last of the piped drainage network has now been installed and is being tested for compliance.
- Service ducts have been installed along the main alignment and are now in the process of being tested and repaired as necessary.
- Gantry sign bases have been installed with traffic counters also being provided.



Temporary layout at Western Tie-In



Baile Bhuirne Junction



Wearing course complete at Cut 1

- Garda Observation Platforms have also been provided.
- A very successful 5k run and walk was organised by West Muskerry Athletic Club, assisted by Naomh Abán GAA club, on Saturday 21st October. The course started at Killeen and extended as far as the high-level bridge at An Sliabh Riabhach, giving a unique perspective on the landscape through which the new N22 winds it's way to the Kerry bounds. A good crowd turned out for the event and the weather was ideal, making it a great success. Winner of the men's race was Michael Herlihy North Cork AC and winner of the women's race was Rachel Hawker of Kenmare AC.



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Slievareagh looking East



Killeen

## Looking forward to what can be achieved in the remainder of October and in November:

- Completion of the works at the Western Tie-in of the project, works which are well advance at this stage.
- Completion of the Road Safety Audit process.
- Opening of the final section of the new road to traffic on Monday 6th November.
- Commencement of the final season of landscaping on the project by Cameron Kiernan Landscaping.
- Completion of the outstanding works on the side roads.

Finally, as this will be our final project newsletter, we would like to offer our sincere gratitude to property owners and residents in the area where the works have taken place, and to the motoring public, for their patience and understanding with these works. The inconvenience is temporary and the benefits are permanent.

**Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.**



Toonlane traffic islands looking West

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