

Selected Projects must have a significant and quantifiable economic importance particularly with regard to employment, industrial development, tourism, fisheries, forestry, rural development and agriculture. The following schemes have been approved for funding in 2003:

Location	Scheme Allocation (€)
Castleconnell Village	424,000
L6072 Glensharold Forestry Road	165,000
R511 Limerick/Fedamore	405,000
R519 Kilfinny Line Road	175,000
R521 St. Ita's Road,	
Newcastle West to Lacey's Cross	41,000
R522 Cork Bridge, Newcastle West	150,000
R555 Kerry Bridge, Abbeyfeale	250,000
R859 Cement R/A _ Quinn's Cross R/A	70,000
R926 Dooradoyle Road Improvements	700,000
	2,380,000

Serviced Land Initiative

Works will be carried out on two sections of the Castletroy Distributor Roads, which will include:

Location	Scheme Allocation (€)
Monaleen Road to Golf Links Road	
Kilbane Roundabout to Garryglass Roundabout	2,000,000

Surface Dressing

The following table sets out details of the percentage of Regional and Local Roads that will be surface dressed in the year 2003 and the cost per square metre, which may be subject to variation depending on cost increases during the period.

	% Surface Dressed	Cost (€) per m2
Regional Roads	7.5%	2.40m ²
Local Roads	4.75%	2.12m ²

Local Improvement Schemes

We will continue to process all applications received for funding under the Local Improvement Scheme which applies to non-public/accommodation roads. Applications meeting the criteria will be added to the Local Improvement Scheme List and schemes will be carried out on a strict chronological basis.

Hackney/Limousine Licences

We will process all valid applications received for Hackney and Limousine Licences within two working days.

Irish Language

Use and development of the Irish Language will be promoted in the provision of services by this section.

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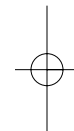
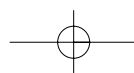
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Roads Service

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OUR AIM

The aim of our roads programme is to ensure efficiency and safety on our roads and to facilitate increased economic development without damaging the environment by

maintaining the network to a high standard and carrying out improvements on a planned basis according as resources permit.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Roads are classified under three headings, National, Regional and Local. Six of the National Primary Routes in the County converge on County Limerick. The N20 / N21 / N7 / N8 / N18 and the N24. The N69 is the only National Secondary Road, which passes through County Limerick.

Limerick County Council maintains 140km of National Primary Roads, 53km of National Secondary Roads, 477km of Regional Roads and 2,913km of Local Roads. The

Roads Section also deals with issues such as Public Lighting, Street Cleaning, Road Safety and also has responsibility for the design, construction, management and maintenance of the major capital schemes.

The overall budget for 2003 for improvement and maintenance of National and Non-National Roads is €63.43m, which is funded by the NRA, Department of Environment and Local Government as well as own resources.

A regular and ongoing communications programme will be implemented during the course of construction for all Roads Capital Projects to keep all local residents and businesses fully informed.

Road Maintenance

- o We will endeavour to ensure that road and footpath openings are restored to an acceptable standard. In the specific event of trenching in footpaths, we will insist on renewal of the entire footpath width rather than trench reinstatement.
- o A new licensing system will operate for all road openings from 2003, which will involve strict adherence to detailed specifications. Inspections on all road openings will be carried out.
- o We will undertake to achieve the following response time targets for pothole repairs from the date of complaint.

a) National Roads	Repair within twenty four hours (95%)
b) Regional Roads	Repair within four days (90%)
c) Local Primary Roads	
Summer Conditions	Response within two weeks (90%).
Winter Conditions	Response within four weeks (90%).
Local Secondary Roads	Response within two months (80%).
Local Tertiary Roads	Where road structure suitable for pothole patching within two months (80%).

- o Promote Road Safety Awareness by the holding of 2 schools competitions with the emphasis on traffic education and accident prevention. Undertake 2 publicity campaigns to promote good road safety behaviour among all road users focusing on the key areas of speeding, seat belt wearing and drink driving.
- o Maintain regular meetings of Road Safety Together committee throughout 2003

Street Cleaning

To provide a comprehensive service to all population centres throughout the County, we will:

- o Continue the present policy of mechanical suction sweeping operating to a pre-determined rota in all population centres throughout the County.
- o Continue the use of mechanised pedestrian street sweepers in Adare, Rathkeale and Newcastle West.
- o Continue weekend street cleaning in Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale, Rathkeale, Kilmallock and Adare.
- o Maintain our existing stock of litter bins and provide for replacement where necessary.

Urban Renewal Schemes / Traffic Calming

An Urban Renewal Scheme at Abbeyfeale will be completed in early 2003. Additional Traffic Calming works will also be carried out during 2003 to enhance the Urban Renewal Works and promote road safety for all road users in the area.

Traffic Calming will also be carried out at Brooks and Oola Bridges on the N24 subject to funding being made available by the NRA.

Special Restoration Programme

A programme of works under the Special Restoration Programme for the improvement and maintenance of Regional and Local Roads for the period 2002 – 2005 has been returned to the Department of the Environment and Local Government. An allocation of €9.6m under this programme in 2003 will enable the Council to complete reconstruction/surface restoration works for all schemes in the 4-Year Plan scheduled for works in 2003 and some schemes from 2004. Surface dressing works will be carried out at other locations to be agreed in the Annual Road Works Scheme for 2003.

EU Co-Financing – Non National Roads

The National Development Plan 2000 – 2006 provides for a continuation of EU-Co-Financed Grants to provide 100% funding to local authorities for individual road improvement projects. >>

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHEMES 2003

Limerick – Annacotty (Southern Ring Road Phase I)	At construction stage
Limerick Southern Ring Road Phase 2 (4th River Crossing)	Preliminary Design Stage
N7 Nenagh to Limerick	Preliminary Design Stage
N21 Feale's Bridge to Headley's Bridge Road Improvement Scheme	Contract Document Stage
N21 Croom to Charleville	Route Selection Stage
Adare Bypass	Constraints Study to be initiated
NCW Bypass	Constraints Study to be initiated
N69 Pavement Overlay - Mungret to Clarina - Hegarty's Cross to Kildimo	Commence in 2003

Road Safety

To promote road safety throughout the County, we will:

- o Identify high accident locations in the County and prepare an annual programme of remedial measures.
- o Undertake to carry out low cost safety improvement works which will include improved road markings, signage and sight distance at the following locations:
 - Boherard Cross, Croom
 - Junction with L1412, Holycross
 - Junction with LP 1226 and LP1238, Blaine Cross
 - N21 - Barna Bypass
 - N7 - Groody Roundabout
 - N69 - Boland's Cross
- o Continue to support the Operation of the Junior School Warden Service, which operates at O'Healy & O'Rourke, G.N.S., Kilmallock, St. Anne's Primary School and St. Joseph's Boys National School, Rathkeale.