

LONGFORD ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN REVIEW 2023

The following tables list actions related to these priority areas as outlined in the Government Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 and the local actions which have been identified as being deliverable by the Longford Road Safety Action Plan.

Priority Area

Safe roads and roadsides - Safe roads and roadsides involve the planning, design and operation of roads and roadsides and provides the framework for safe road and vehicle use.

Government Road Safety Strategy Actions

Action Number	Action -High Impact Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
2	Support the delivery of road safety improvement schemes and minor realignment schemes on national roads to create forgiving roadsides, self-explaining roads and a safe environment for vulnerable road users.	TII/LA	On Track
4	Implement low cost safety Schemes as identified on the Regional and Local Road Network	DoT, CCMA / LA	On Track
5	Schemes will be prioritised on an annual basis from the National Cycle Network over the period 2022 to 2025 for segregated walking and cycling facilities to be constructed on the National, Local and Regional road networks in County Longford, to provide safe cycling and walking arrangements for users of all ages	DoT, NTA, CCMA /LA	On Track

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55	Support the implementation of the National Cycle Manual within Cycle Scheme design guidance aligned with the Safe System Approach and include appropriate training.	DOT, NTA/LA	Ongoing
56	Support the Review and recommendations on facilitating cyclists and pedestrians at junctions, including measures that do not require powered traffic signals.	DoT, NTA/LA	Ongoing across all active travel projects

Action Number	Action – Support Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
58	Undertake the Heavy Good Vehicle (HGV) mobility policy review for the County	LA	Ongoing
61	Continue to Complete LA 16 Collision Reporting and Evaluation Procedure forms where a fatality, or collision that is likely to become fatal, has occurred. Min 70% Target.	DoT, LA/TII	On track 100% complete
62	Provide timely and appropriate road traffic collision data to local authorities, and agencies with responsibility for road improvement and maintenance, to inform their work.	RSA, DoT, CCMA / LA	GDPR Issues to be resolved Nationally
63	Review and make recommendations for the provision of a dedicated road safety engineering resource in Longford to progress road safety schemes and strategy actions.	DoT, LA	On track
64	Ensure correct people are identified locally to take part in all training provided on Design Manual for Urban Roads and streets (DMURS) and the National Cycle Manual (NCM)	TII,NTA,CCM A/LA	Training will be availed of where provided
66	Engage with TII on all training/Guidance on collision analysis and reporting from an engineering perspective, and design of roads utilising the safe system approach	TII/LA	Training will be availed of where provided
68	Publish/Renew the Councils prioritised plan on road building construction and maintenance (including footpaths and cycle lanes) on an annual basis.	CCMA,LA	Complete
69	Implement the upgrade of public lighting to appropriate standards using LED lighting to improve visibility and enhance safety for road users.	CCMA, LA	Ongoing
71	Facilitate the improvement of rural bus stop facilities in line with a Safe System approach on the National Road Network in line with a safe system approach	TII/LA (NTA)	Outstanding
72	Work with the NTA and Bus Eireann to Improve visibility, lighting and age friendly seating at regional and local bus stops in Co Longford to enhance safety for those waiting for a bus.	NTA/LA	Ongoing

Priority Area

Safe speeds - Safe speeds are a central element of the Safe System approach. It involves consideration of road and vehicle planning and design, the setting of injury-minimising speed limits, as well as public education and awareness, and the enforcement of these limits.

Action Number	Action - High Impact Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
6	Stakeholders will co-operate locally with recommendations from working group set up to examine and review the framework for the setting of speed limits. Speed limit reviews will be carried out in accordance with DOT Guidelines , 30 kph zones implemented in housing estates	LA/DOT	On Track but awaiting speed Limit Review
7	LCC will maintain and promote the Collision Prevention programme to ensure communication and co-operation between LCC and other agencies	LA/TII/AGS/DOT	Ongoing
8	LCC and AGS will continue to review traffic speeds and conditions at schools and high risk locations and implement safety works where appropriate	TII,NTA,AGS/LA	Ongoing
Action Number	Action – Support Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
76	Deliver and support education and awareness interventions to raise awareness of the benefits of and build community support for 30 kph zones in urban areas	RSA/CCMA,LA	Awaiting updated legislation and guidance from Government and DoT.
78	Extend the number of 30kmh speed limit zones in high-risk locations (urban city/town centres) for Vulnerable Road Users in line with best practice models and National Guidelines.	LA/DoT	On Track but awaiting speed limit review
79	Examine the feasibility of 30kmh speed limit or lower in school vicinities and report on progress.	LA/DoT	On Track but awaiting speed limit review

Priority Area

Safe road use - Safe road use incorporates a wide range of safety behaviours such as compliance with the posted speed limit, driving without impairment (due to alcohol, drugs, fatigue or distraction), helmet wearing, seat belt wearing and correct use of child restraints.

Government Road Safety Strategy Actions

Action Number	Action – High Impact Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
22	Promote the Governments Road Safety Strategy and the Councils Road Safety Plan amongst Stakeholders and the Public	RSA/LA/AGS	Ongoing
Action Number	Action – Support Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
94	Maintain the Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) to co-ordinate multi-agency Road Safety policy and implementation at a local level	RSWTG All Stakeholders	Established
95	The RSWTG to publish a multi-agency Road Safety Action Plan and to publish an annual review on progress with implementation.	RSWTG All Stakeholders	On Track
133	Implement specific educational measures aimed at protecting vulnerable road users.	RSA/LA, AGS	Ongoing
136	Develop and Launch a standardised guide to reducing road safety school gate risk.	RSA/various agencies	Awaiting Standardised Guide, currently using NTA Guidance under the Safe Routes to School Programme
137	Deliver and support road safety campaigns targeting drivers to highlight the risks faced by Vulnerable Road Workers	RSA/LA, AGS	Ongoing
140	Empower local community groups to strive for safer and more liveable streets in their locality by providing them with the tools, checklists and supports necessary to be proactive participants in road safety	LA/AGS/Various Groups	Ongoing
151	Prepare, implement and share with partner agencies an annual Garda Roads Policing Operations Plan.	AGS/various agencies	Ongoing

Priority Area

Safe and healthy modes of travel - Safe and healthy modes of travel acknowledge that there is a substantial difference in fatal and serious injury risks across different modes of travel. To promote and protect road users engaging in public or active transport.

Government Road Safety Strategy Actions

Action Number	Action -High Impact Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
39	LCC will cooperate with the TII , NTA and other agencies to seek approval for the development of Active Travel Networks and Greenways	TII/NTA,LA	Ongoing
40	LCC will continue to seek funding for improved active travel infrastructure	DoT/ LA, NTA, RSA	Ongoing
41	Encourage modal shift to support Environmental, Safety and Health objectives by promoting the use of sustainable and active modes of travel.	DoT/ LA, NTA,	Ongoing
42	Promote and support an expanded Cycle Right training programme which includes online theory and practical skills for children and adults.	DoT/ LA	Outstanding
Action Number	Action – Support Actions	Lead /Support Agency	Status
176	Collaboration between the LA, TII and NTA to develop comprehensive cycle network plans covering the Longford Area	NTA/TII/LA	Complete
177	Roll out of the Safe Routes to Schools Programme and provide “front of school” treatments to those schools agreed with the NTA and An Taisce -2 Schools 2022 -Up to 4 schools 2023	NTA, CCMA, LA/RSA	On Track

By implementing these four priority intervention areas of the safe system approach, we are delivering international best practice. Of the seven safe system Priority areas, the council has no lead or support role under the following three priority areas.

Priority Areas

- **Safe work-related road use** - Safe work-related road use involves the planned, systematic safety management of work journeys on the roads, aiming to reduce the risk of death and serious injuries.
- **Safe vehicles** - The safe vehicles element of the Safe System approach addresses the safety of road users both inside and outside the vehicle through legislative standards, consumer information, public procurement and industry initiatives.
- **Post-crash response** - Post-crash response concerns the rescue, treatment and rehabilitation of survivors of road traffic collisions and aims to reduce the severity and consequences of injuries in the event of a collision

The logo for Vision Zero, featuring the words "VISION" and "ZERO" stacked vertically in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. The letters have a slight 3D effect with a darker teal shadow on the right side.

Highlights of works undertaken in 2023 in line with the Action Report are as follows:

Action 2 - Support the delivery of road safety improvement schemes and minor realignment schemes on national roads to create forgiving roadsides, self-explaining roads and a safe environment for vulnerable road users.

Roads Safety Improvement schemes on National Roads

- N63 Lanesboro – Installation of Zebra Crossing at school children crossing point. – Practically complete. (Works carried out under a combination of Regional Road Low Cost Safety Scheme and HD17 scheme)
- N55 Ballymahon to Toome – Scheme design completed. Works to be carried out in 2024 subject to resources.
- N55 Athlone Road Footpath Ballymahon – short section of missing footpath to be constructed. – To be completed in 2024 subject to funding & resources.

Action 4 - Implement low cost safety Schemes as identified on the Regional and Local Road Network

low cost safety Schemes implemented on the Regional and Local Road Network 2023

- Smear Crott Road
- Dohertys Cross, Esker South
- Lisryan Village
- Clondra Village
- R392 Lanesboro
- Moor Ardagh
- Cloonteagh National School

Action 5 - Schemes will be prioritised on an annual basis from the National Cycle Network over the period 2022 to 2025 for segregated walking and cycling facilities to be constructed on the National, Local and Regional road networks in County Longford, to provide safe cycling and walking arrangements for users of all ages.

- Two Major segregated cycling and pedestrian schemes commenced construction in August 2023 on the R198 Battery Road Longford and on the N63 Ballinalee road. When complete the combined meterage of new segregated cycle track will be over 3.2km in Longford Town urban area.

Action 22 Promote the Governments Road Safety Strategy and the Councils Road Safety Plan amongst Stakeholders and the Public

Action 140 Empower local community groups to strive for safer and more liveable streets in their locality by providing them with the tools, checklists and supports necessary to be proactive participants in road safety

- A number of initiatives undertaken by different stakeholders in 2023 e.g. Road Safety Department, Community Department and An Garda Siochana in the promotion of the Road Safety Plan, and road safety campaigns to provide the local community with the tools, checklists and

supports necessary to be proactive participants in Road Safety. Examples of these were engagement at the Longford Microsoft Dreamspace showcase, targeting in excess of 400 Primary School Children, Longford Community Safety and Wellbeing Expo targeting in excess of 700 TY Students, National Ploughing Day Road Safety Stand, and participation at the Road Safety Event in support of An Garda Síochána Community Police unit in Granard Mart targeting TY Students from 2 Granard Secondary Schools.

Action 40 LCC will continue to seek funding for improved active travel infrastructure

- By the end of 2023 over €3m grant funding will have been awarded to Longford County Council in 2023 through the NTA's Active Travel programme.

Action 55 Support the implementation of the National Cycle Manual within Cycle Scheme design guidance aligned with the Safe System Approach and include appropriate training.

- All technical staff in Longford Co. Council's Active Travel section have attended training sessions on the new cycle design manual released in 2023.

Action 133 Implement specific educational measures aimed at protecting vulnerable road users

Action 137 Deliver and support road safety campaigns targeting drivers to highlight the risks faced by Vulnerable Road Workers

- The Lifesaver Project commenced within An Garda Síochána which is a hard hitting Road Safety Educational Programme aimed at having a real and lasting positive influence on how people behave on the roads—Target audience is TY students
- Road Safety Event delivered by An Garda Síochána Community Police unit in Granard Mart targeting TY Students from 2 Granard Secondary Schools.

Action 176 Collaboration between the LA, TII and NTA to develop comprehensive cycle network plans covering the Longford Area

- A cycle network plan has been developed by the NTA in conjunction with Longford County Council for both Longford town and the Longford County. A new Local transport plan has also been created by Longford Council Council for Longford Town which also identifies the cycle network.

Action 177 Roll out of the Safe Routes to Schools Programme and provide “front of school” treatments to those schools agreed with the NTA and An Taisce

-2 Schools 2022

-Up to 4 schools 2023

- Construction of the first Safe routes to School project in Longford will be complete by December 2023 at Scoil Mhuire Newtownforbes. Delivery Plans have been developed for 3 other schools on the SRTS list for Longford in conjunction with An Taisce green Schools.



