



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

DATE: 5th March, 2020.

To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

**Chairperson's Report of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
of 18th February, 2020.**

Item 1: Adoption of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr. Butler, seconded by Cllr. Kilcoyne, the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 3rd December, 2019 were unanimously adopted.

Item 2: Director's Report

Mr. Kennedy updated the members on matters arising from the meeting on 3rd December 2019.

1. MIC to city centre cycle scheme.
2. Multilingual signage in the city.
3. Parking Matters.
4. Correspondence.

The Members thanked Mr. Kennedy for his report.

Item 3: Illegal Parking

Mr. Kieran Lehane discussed parking enforcement in the city and agreed that illegal parking at bus stops and bus lanes is wholly unacceptable.

The Members raised concerns and suggestions including the following -

- Out of hours parking enforcement.
- Installing bollards at the end of bus stops.
- Utilising camera footage on buses in conjunction with Bus Éireann.
- Raising public awareness.
- Informing the Committee on the number of tickets issued for illegal parking.
- Suggestion of a blitz on illegal parking at bus stops.
- Invite the Gardaí to attend the next SPC.
- Ask retailers to encourage customers to park responsibly.

Mr. Lehane thanked the Members for their contribution and acknowledged the need for out- of-hours regulation. He advised that his department will deploy resources to ensure parking bye-laws are enforced. He will examine the suggestion of utilising cameras on buses and will also request information from the Gardaí regarding the number of tickets issued for illegal parking. Mr. Kennedy added that the Council will keep the conversation open with the Gardaí and ask for another blitz shortly.

Item 4: Presentation ‘How Active and Sustainable Transport can deliver a Human-Centred City’ by Mr. Conor Buckley & Ms. Ann Cronin.

Mr. Conor Buckley, (Limerick Cycling Campaign) and Ms. Ann Cronin (Limerick Cycling Bus) delivered a presentation to the Members entitled ‘Transport for Limerick’ highlighting the following: –

- Requirements for successful public transport system.
- Barriers to Cycling Movement.
- Hierarchy of the Street.
- Limerick Cycling Bus.

The Members welcomed the Presentation and agreed that the timing of the presentation was important in the context of LSMATS.

Item 5: Presentation on 2020 Roads and Transportation Grants

Mr. Robert Gallagher gave an update to the Members on the funding allocations to Limerick City and County Council for 2020 from three main funding authorities as follows:

Funding Authority:	2020 Allocation:
National Transport Authority (NTA)	€6,125,000
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)	€15,755,901
Department of Transport Tourism & Sport (DTTAS)	€26,766,269

The Members welcomed the update, stating that the increase in funding is very positive for Limerick.

Item 6. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. C. Sheehan (deferred from Metro Meeting)

“I will move at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that the Council investigates the feasibility of developing a cycle path from the Mill Road to the city centre along the riverbank”.

In a written response, the Director stated that Limerick City and County Council is currently appointing consultants to design a flood defence scheme for the city, which will include flood defences, probably embankments, along the riverbank. The feasibility of incorporating a

greenway in these embankments will be undertaken and, if deliverable, will be considered in the overall scheme to be submitted for planning.

Cllr. Sheehan (C) thanked the Director of Service for his response.

Item 7. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. D. McSweeney (deferred from Metro Meeting)

"I call on Limerick City and County Council to engage with the National Transport Authority to seek improved bus services for Ballybrown / Clarina and Patrickswell area".

In a written response, Mr. Kennedy stated that Limerick City and County Council is actively engaging with the National Transport Authority (NTA) in the development of Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS). Baseline studies and projected growth for the population centres in Ballybrown, Clarina and Patrickswell will be included in the Transport Strategy. This will form the basis for consultation between Bus Éireann and the NTA for appropriate bus services to be put in place to meet the demand.

Item 8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. C. Sheehan (deferred from Metro Meeting)

"I will move at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that the Council convert one inbound lane on Shannon Bridge into a segregated cycle lane".

In proposing the Motion Cllr. C Sheehan stated that cycling on the Shannon Bridge is dangerous, and cyclists have to wear very high visible clothing in order to be safe.

In a written response Mr. Kennedy stated that it is proposed to commence work in 2020 on a new NTA funded scheme to provide cycling facilities on Shannon Bridge and along the North Quays.

Cllr. Sheehan acknowledged and accepted the response.

Item 9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Ryan (deferred from Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Meeting)

"I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that the Municipal District request the Road Safety Authority to advise what actual measures they could propose, using their evidence based approach, that would encourage the cutting of roadside hedges to help improve the safety of both road users and roads/facilities operatives".

In a written reply Mr. Kennedy stated that the Roads Act 1993 (Section 70) places a statutory obligation on all landowners/occupiers of land or structures to ensure that roadside structures, trees, shrubs or other vegetation do not present a danger to those using and working on public roads.

Mr. Kennedy advised that he will investigate the matter and write to the RSA seeking its response.

Item 10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. B. Teefy (deferred from Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Meeting)

"I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that this Municipal District request that ESB Networks, who are responsible for the provision of charging points, be requested to install electric vehicle charging points in towns and villages throughout the Municipal District".

In a written response Mr. Kennedy stated that Limerick City and County Council is awaiting the outcome of on-going national processes on Guidelines for local authorities on EV charging points before considering how best to approach the roll-out of on-street EV charging points in Limerick. We will revert to the SPC once the guidelines have been developed.

Item 11. Correspondence:

This item was dealt with under item 2 (Director's report)

Item 12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. E. Secas (deferred from Metro Meeting)

"I will move at the next meeting that the Council use the same type of material to resurface roads in all housing estates across the city and ensure that the same quality standards are applied in each and every estate where the road is being resurface"

In a written response, the Director stated that the choice of resurfacing material for resurfacing roads in housing estates is primarily guided by the nature and quality of the existing surface and the limitations of the funding available.

The material is chosen with consideration for -

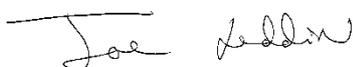
- 1) The extent of such roads needing to be addressed;
- 2) The existing material in place on a given road;
- 3) The structural integrity of the road;
- 4) The budget available.

Accordingly, it is not possible to limit or restrict such works to any one material throughout the City or County provided we are getting value for money for the resurfacing works required.

Cllr. Secas thanked the Director of Service for his response.

The Meeting then concluded.

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Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee