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Limerick City
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**Meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District to be held on Thursday
15th April 2021**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Egan

“ I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District that in consultation with CIE the railway line from Limerick to Limerick Junction be upgraded to ensure better connection to Cork.”

REPLY:

The N/M20 Cork to Limerick project is currently considering a number of road-based and rail-based options that improve connectivity between Cork and Limerick. One of the rail-based options under consideration is one which proposes improved services along the existing rail line between Cork-Mallow-Charleville-Limerick Junction-Limerick with the introduction of a direct service that stops at Limerick Junction but removes the requirement to change trains at Limerick Junction. The preferred option for the N/M20 Cork to Limerick project is scheduled to be identified by Q3 2021. Further information is available at www.corklimerick.ie.

In addition, please note Iarnród Éireann is undertaking the Cork Line Level Crossings Project to identify the best approach to removing/upgrading seven level crossings located along the main Cork to Dublin line. These level crossings are being removed/upgraded to provide a safer environment for those living near the rail line and a more efficient service for all Iarnród Éireann customers. There are currently seven manned public road level crossings in operation on the Cork to Dublin line between Limerick Junction and Mallow stations in Counties Cork and Limerick. The crossings are located within a 24km section of the line between the Cork and Limerick county boundary. The crossings are located at Fantstown, Thomastown, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery, Shinanagh and Buttevant. Further information is available at <https://www.irishrail.ie/en-ie/about-us/iarnrod-eireann-projects-and-investments/cork-line-level-crossings-project>.


The Draft Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transportation Strategy (LSMATS) states the following in respect of the rail line between Limerick and Limerick Junction:

Objective RL2 Dual Track from Limerick Colbert to Limerick Junction

It is the intention of the NTA, Iarnród Eireann and both local authorities to work in collaboration to:

- *Investigate the feasibility of providing a dual-track between Limerick Colbert and Limerick Junction to facilitate improved national and regional connectivity.*

It should be noted that the existing rail line between Limerick Colbert Station and Killonan Junction, near Ballysimon is currently dual-track with the Limerick to Limerick Junction and Limerick to Ballybrophy lines combining at Killonan Junction. Therefore the Draft LSMATS objective RL2 relates to the improvement of the existing rail line between Killonan Junction and Limerick Junction which is currently a single-track line with a passing loop at Dromkeen.



Brian Kennedy

Director of Services

Physical Development Directorate

8th April, 2021



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District that a pedestrian crossing be established at Knocklong where the footpath drop down and tactile paving is opposite the former site of the creamery and measures be implemented to aide traffic calming."

REPLY:

Traffic calming measures can only be considered in conjunction with Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy Document. The existing traffic volumes and associated speeds in Knocklong will be surveyed in the coming weeks. An investigation into accident records for the area will also be undertaken. Once these surveys are completed, a determination will be made with respect to the requirement for traffic calming measures.

Pedestrian crossing counts will also be carried out in conjunction with the traffic volume and traffic speed surveys to determine a warrant for a pedestrian crossing.

Trevor McKechnie
Senior Executive Engineer
12th April 2021



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor: Cllr Gerard Mitchell

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District that appropriate traffic calming measures be installed in Knocklong Village as a matter of urgency for safety of road users to slow traffic on the busy R513 immediately.

REPLY:

Traffic calming measures can only be considered in conjunction with Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy Document. The existing traffic volumes and associated speeds in Knocklong will be surveyed in the coming weeks. An investigation into accident records for the area will also be undertaken. Once these surveys are completed, a determination will be made with respect to the requirement for traffic calming measures.

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