

# Update on Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS)

Following the First Public Consultation, the NTA are now reviewing and revising some aspects of the strategy. The main changes will be in the following areas;

1. Covid-19. In order to take account of changing travel patterns arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic, an alternative future demand scenario will be modified and tested.
2. Targets. Targets for walking and cycling will be inserted into the revised draft.
3. Modelling Process. Some updates to the modelling process will be included but it is stressed that the model used was comprehensive, robust and an appropriate tool for LSMATS.
4. Vision and Ambition. Some re-writing of this section will take place consistent with the ambitions of the Regional Assembly and Limerick City and County Council.
5. Rail. A more detailed analysis of Heavy Rail will be undertaken with a number of additional rail scenarios examined
6. Climate Change. Some changes will be made to update this aspect.
7. Regeneration. A more bespoke treatment for Limerick will be included .
8. Updates on investment in Walking and Cycling, including for crossing the Shannon
9. Micro-Mobility. Expanded discussion included.
10. School Travel. More detailed coverage given.

Following the completion of the review a second Public Consultation is proposed. This is likely to take place in late May/June. The Covid-19 situation at that time will inform if consultation will include for physical meetings on site. It is hoped that a finalized report can be reached in the Autumn.