LIMERICK ROAD SAFETY PLAN

2023 - 2030

ANNUAL REVIEW 2024

Action No.	Pillar	Local Action	Annual Review - 2024 Update
Safe Roads and Roadsides			
1	Safe Roads and Roadsides	LCCC in conjunction with TII will target two Road Safety Improvement schemes along the National Road network per annum.	Two schemes have been completed (Barnagh Junction and Ballyvogue Junction) with additional schemes through planning (Ballyengland and Clarina). We are progressing a number of schemes through the feasibility stage and also completed the HD28 pavement schemes identified by TII at the start of the year. On target. At least 5 schemes complete by end of year (TII).
2	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Identify proposals for low-cost safety schemes on the regional and local road network and implement same where funding is available. Completed and planned low-cost safety schemes on the regional and local road network are to be presented to the RSWTG annually.	A total of 15 Low Cost Safety Schemes were carried out and completed in 2024.
3	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Continue to develop and progress Active Travel projects, with the aim of providing safe walking & cycling infrastructure in Limerick.	4.9km of segregated cycle lanes completed in 2024. Active Travel is working with various stakeholders to deliver walking, cycling and scooting within City & County.
4	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Develop a Network Safety Analysis (Stage 2) for the regional road network in Limerick, which will include the design and prioritisation of remedial works for sections of regional roads with the highest risk of fatal or serious injury.	Funding for the R513 and a study regarding the improvement of the network has been submitted to the DoT for consideration.
5	Safe Roads and Roadsides	In accordance with the LA16 process, the site meeting between the Local Authority Area Engineer and An Garda Síochána must happen within 15 working days of the Road Management Office (RMO) notification and the completed digital LA16 form must be submitted on Site.	100% of LA16 have been completed and submitted within the timeframes. Four completed in Limerick this year.
6	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Support the provision of a dedicated road safety engineering resource in each Local Authority to progress road safety schemes and strategy actions.	Requested in budget.
7	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Delivery of appropriate 'Delivery of safe designs' training through LCCC Training Section once available from Department of Transport.	No training available yet.
8	Safe Roads and Roadsides		Training available through Sligo IT. Appropriate staff to be considered for training in line with funding.

		Relevant LCCC staff to participate in training on collision analysis and reporting from an engineering perspective and guidance on the design of roads utilising the safe system approach, once available.	
9	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Publish annual Schedule of Municipal District Works for road building construction and maintenance (including footpaths and cycle lanes) on the limerick.ie website.	Complete.
10	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Continue to implement the upgrade of public lighting to appropriate standards using LED lighting to improve visibility and enhance safety for road users.	There is ongoing replacement and management of the lighting network through our newly appointed contractor and also the PLEEP contract.
11	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Continue to liaise with MD's and TII to identify suitable locations for improved bus stop facilities on national roads, and facilitate the improvement of same.	6 bus stop locations completed in 2024. Active Travel working with NTA, Cllrs and other stakeholders on delivering bus stop facilities.
12	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Continue to liaise with MD's to identify suitable locations for improved bus stop facilities at regional and local bus stops, and facilitate the improvement of same.	34 bus stop locations completed in 2024. Active Travel working with NTA in relation to bus stops through-out City & County.
13	Safe Roads and Roadsides	Support Iarnród Eireann / Irish Rail in the delivery of a programme of upgrades targeting high-risk road/rail interfaces.	Achieved.
		Support Iarnród Eireann / Irish Rail in the delivery of Limerick to Foynes Freight Line, future stations at Ballysimon and Moyross, and twin tracking to Limerick Junction.	Ongoing support and meetings.

Safe Speeds

14	Safe Roads and Roadsides	LCCC will continue to implement the Speed Limit Appeals Procedure, which sets out the mandatory procedure that must be utilised by a Roads Authority or National Panel when a member of the public or other interested party raises an objection to a specific speed limit contained within a Local Authority's current	On hold during implementation of new default speed limits.

		Special Speed Limit Bye-laws. Appeals are processed in line with the procedure and any decision with respect to any appeal will be made in line with The Speed Limit Guidelines.	
15	Safe Speeds	Support the operation of the mobile safety camera system to maximise its effectiveness in detecting road traffic offences.	Fixed Camera Set for Limerick, N69, east of Askeaton. Set to be in operation early 2025. Ongoing, along with the National speed limit review.
16	Safe Speeds	Deliver public education on inappropriate and excessive speeding in conjunction with An Garda Síochána to improve speed compliance on all roads with a particular emphasis on regional roads and in urban areas for the protection of vulnerable road users.	AGS continue to deliver the Lifesaver Project In Limerick across Schools, Businesses, Sports Clubs and Community Groups.
17	Safe Speeds	Support Iarnród Eireann / Irish Rail in carrying out a review of current road speeds at high-risk road/rail infrastructure points (level crossings and bridges) on the rail network.	Limerick City and County Council have regular discussions with Irish Rail on this matter.
18	Safe Speeds	Conduct specific education and awareness interventions to raise awareness of the benefits of and build community support for 30kph zones in urban areas.	National media campaign to be rolled out with phase two of default speed limit.
19	Safe Speeds	Consider the introduction of 30kph speed limit zones in high-risk locations (urban city/town centres) for Vulnerable Road Users in line with the national guidance.	Part of phase two of default speed limit.
20	Safe Speeds	Examine the introduction of periodic speed limits in the vicinity of schools in line with national guidance.	There has been installations at a number of schools within Limerick City and County. This will continue as part of Phase 2 and 3 national speed limit review.

Safe Vehicles

21	Safe Vehicles	Actively participate in working group to develop and publish joint guidelines on how to deal safely and practically with new vehicle types such as alternative fuel vehicles involved in a road traffic incident.	Awaiting national guidelines.
22	Safe Vehicles	Educate drivers about tyre safety maintenance and checking, and promote the national campaign.	Tyre Safety operations continue as part of the Roads Policing Unit National Operations Framework.

23	Safe Vehicles	Promote the public awareness campaign educating drivers on the importance of maintaining vehicles in a roadworthy condition.	An Garda Síochána continue to deliver the Lifesaver Project In Limerick across Schools, Businesses, Sports Clubs and Community Groups.

Safe Road Use

24	Safe Road Use	Ensure continued concentration on the enforcement of key lifesaver offences such as speeding, distracted driving, non-wearing of seatbelts, intoxicated driving and poor driver behaviour including activities designed to protect vulnerable road users.	Enforcement is a top priority for Roads Policing Unit in the Limerick Division. Additional to Overt-Covert continue to be planned to apprehend drivers committing lifesaver offences.
25	Safe Road Use	Continue to tackle criminality on the road network through high-visibility policing and intelligence-led enforcement operations in Limerick.	Roads Policing Unit personnel continue to address this task in conjunction with our colleagues in community engagement and crime functional areas.
26	Safe Road Use	Ensure that public education/awareness campaigns are delivered by the Road Safety Authority / An Garda Síochána in Limerick.	An Garda Síochána continue to support external stakeholders whilst also presenting the Lifesaver Project and Road Safety Re-Imagined.
27	Safe Road Use	• Promote Irish Road Safety Week in October each year. • Continue to deliver the Lifesaver Road Safety Project to City and County second and third level institutions and Youth organisations in the District in conjunction with the Gardai HSE and Fire Service. • Continue to promote and subvent the Cycle Right training programme in City and County Primary Schools. • Continue to support the Junior School Warden Schemes operating at Primary schools in the County. • Promote road safety awareness campaigns through media advertising platforms.	Ongoing with An Garda Síochána. Limerick City and County Council continued to support the Garda Lifesaver road safety awareness Project during 2024 which include an art competition in conjunction with An Garda Síochána. Work continuing in conjunction with An Garda Síochána on printing and promotion of Art competition road safety posters. 950 children completed the cycle safety training course with cycle during 2024 - an increase of 20 per cent on 2023 figures. Junior School warden scheme in Rathkeale Boys school did not progress during 2024. Cinema advertising campaigns undertaken in January2024 /November December 2024 in Omniplex Odeon and VUE cinemas throughout Limerick.
28	Safe Road Use	An Garda Síochána to provide an annual update to the RSWTG on their annual operations programme for Limerick.	Update provided by An Garda Síochána.

29	Safe Road Use	Maintain a dedicated Roads Policing capacity in Limerick with focus on road safety within An Garda Síochána, where possible.	Capacity in place and a competition for additional personnel where required has now concluded.
30	Safe Road Use	Schedule quarterly Road Safety Working Together Group meetings.	Four meetings held during 2024.
31	Safe Road Use	Publish annual review on progress and implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan.	2024 Annual review will be published before the end of the year.
32	Safe Road Use	Expand the rollout of the 'Bikesafe' initiative in Limerick (an initiative aimed at reducing the number of motorcycle casualties).	Bikesafe is ongoing and this year a slow manoeuvring day was held exclusively in Limerick.
33	Safe Road Use	Engage with vulnerable road user (cycle, pedestrian, motorcyclist, horse riders) representation organisations on a regular basis to identify opportunities for co-operation and joint promotional activity.	Ongoing where required. The "Think Before You Park" Initiative is being supported and an additional 1,000 notices have been provided to An Garda Síochána in Limerick by LCCC. Light up your bike initiative was conducted where lights were distributed to cyclists who were riding without them.
34	Safe Road Use	Support the implementation of specific educational measures aimed at protecting vulnerable road users, for example education on the dangers of parking on footpaths and cycle lanes. The RSWTG will implement an annual 'Light up your Bike' awareness-raising initiative in Limerick to remind cyclists of the importance of using lights on their bikes, especially throughout the winter months. The initiative will aim to reach marginalised communities, migrant communities and delivery cyclists. LCCC and AGS to launch 'Think Before you Park' campaign.	Completed. An Garda Síochána Limerick is very appreciative to LCCC & all stakeholders. It is intended to promote these initiatives again in 2025.

35	Safe Road Use	Support the implementation of an educational campaign promoting safe use of junctions by all road users with a focus on driver interaction with cyclists.	Awaiting national campaign.
36	Safe Road Use	Support the development and launch of a standardised guide to reducing road safety school gate risk.	Awaiting national guide.
37	Safe Road Use	Support the road safety campaign targeting drivers to highlight the risks faced by Vulnerable Road Workers.	Awaiting national campaign. LCCC to progress local initiatives - Cinema campaign, etc
38	Safe Road Use	Support the development of a campaign for road users on how to interact with emergency service personnel including guidance on traffic control measures at the scene of a collision.	Awaiting national campaign.
39	Safe Road Use	Support the education of road users on the correct use of railway level crossings particularly unattended crossings and where road users are interfacing with Iarnród Éireann infrastructure.	Awaiting national campaign. LCCC to progress local initiative focusing on the Limerick to Foynes rail line when it reopens.
40	Safe Road Use	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.	Think Before you Park. Review for 2025 - Public Participation Network (PPN) through the Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) for example.
41	Safe Road Use	Continue to enforce Road Traffic Legislation using the Safety Camera System and the Mobility App in addition to combined Data Analytics to inform and assess targeted enforcement activity including unaccompanied learner drivers.	Mobility APP extended to all personnel and new insurance data has observed a major increase in the seizure of un-insured vehicles.
42	Safe Road Use	Prepare, implement, and share with partner agencies an annual Garda Roads Policing Operations Plan.	Ongoing.
43	Safe Road Use	RSA and An Garda Síochána to put in place an agreed annual and sustained enforcement plan for: HCV, Buses, Light Commercial Vehicles and Agricultural tractors/trailers including annual targets.	National Level.

Post-Crash Response

44	Post-Crash Response	Allocate a Family Liaison Officer in respect of support and provision of information in relation to fatal and serious Road Traffic Collisions.	National Level.
45	Post-Crash Response	Pilot an Emergency First Response (EFR) first person on scene training programme for fire / emergency crews and make recommendations for a national rollout.	National Level.
46	Post-Crash Response	Review and make recommendations as appropriate on the improvement of standard operating procedures at emergency call centres aimed at improving the overall emergency service response time.	National Level.

Safe and Healthy Modes of Travel

47	Safe and Healthy Modes of Travel	Support the development of CycleConnects, EuroVelo routes and a National Cycle Network plan for interurban rural cycling and walking, and the incorporation of measures into design.	Active Travel and Mid-West National Roads Office working with NTA and TII to deliver on LSMAT's through-out City & County and greenway provision.
48	Safe and Healthy Modes of Travel	Active Travel Unit to continue to liaise with the MD's to develop a list of proposed projects ready to submit for future funding calls.	Funding is sought on an annual basis for Active Travel projects and the AT Unit will continue to deliver through the NTA Project Life Cycle.
49	Safe and Healthy Modes of Travel	Work with various agencies to promote sustainable and active modes of travel. Promote National Bike Week and EU Mobility Week each year.	Ongoing engagement with various stakeholders in Limerick. Complete for 2024.
50	Safe and Healthy Modes of Travel	Raise awareness of Cycle Right Training to relevant groups.	Managed nationally through database. LCCC continue to part fund schools to complete this training.
51	Safe and Healthy Modes of Travel	Work with the NTA to develop a comprehensive cycle network plan for Limerick.	Active travel is working with NTA to deliver on the LSMAT's.
52		Continue roll-out of Safe Routes to School programme for Primary & Post primary schools in Limerick	Active Travel has been working with various Dept to deliver Safe Routes to Schools on Rounds 1, 2 & 3.

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Safe Work-Related Road Use

53	Safe Work-Related Road Use	Engage with academic, business, civil society, and the insurance industry to promote road safety across all sectors of the community, including encouraging these entities to sign up to the European Road Safety Charter.	National.
54	Safe Work-Related Road Use	Implement any national intervention work related road safety strategy, including the adoption of safe work and maintenance protocols and promoting a 'Driving for Work' standard.	National.