



Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to be held on Monday 22nd September 2025

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Mayor for an update on the membership of the Transport Sub-Group and if a meeting will be scheduled with the Minister for Transport in attendance this year with a specific focus on these three areas: (a) the withdrawal of the Car Share Scheme in Limerick City this year with the operator citing "vandalism" as the reason for ceasing same; (b) the announcement by the Minister that the only public Bike Share Scheme in Limerick will cease by the end of this year; and (c) the continued lack of consultation by the National Transport Authority on cycle and bus schemes in Limerick City.

REPLY:

The Transport Sub-Group was formally established on 30th September 2024. Its current membership comprises:

- John Moran, Mayor of Limerick
- Dr. Pat Daly, Director General, Limerick City and County Council
- Gordon Daly, Chief Executive, Clare County Council
- Carmel Kirby, Director of Service, Clare County Council
- Patricia Liddy, Director of Service, Limerick City and County Council
- Mary Considine, Chief Executive Officer, Shannon Airport Group
- Prof. Brian Caulfield, Centre for Transport Research, Trinity College Dublin
- David Kelly, Director, Southern Regional Assembly
- Pat Keating Shannon Foynes Port Company
- Hugh Creegan, National Transport Authority
- Peter Walsh, Transport Infrastructure Ireland



The most recent meeting of the Sub-Group took place on 4th September 2025. At that meeting a workplan was agreed which identifies priority areas to be advanced, including:

1. Rail-led Transport Oriented Development
2. Limerick – A Sustainable City of Future Mobility
3. Continued Active Travel Investment
4. Limerick City Centre Transport Plan / BusConnects / LSMATS
5. Improved Regional Connectivity
 - a) Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme
 - b) N/M20 Cork to Limerick
 - c) Dual track Colbert–Limerick Junction and Shannon Airport
 - d) Shannon Airport access,
 - e) N24 Limerick to Waterford Road)
6. Improved Interurban Connectivity
 - a) M7 Junction 28 Mackey upgrade
 - b) Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale [N21] bypass projects
 - c) Future Limerick Northern Distributor Road solution

In relation to the matters raised by Councillor O'Donovan, while the Sub-Group's agreed workplan is framed around strategic infrastructure and connectivity, the Mayor will continue to raise with the Minister the concerns regarding shared mobility schemes in Limerick and the level of local consultation on cycling and bus projects. Some of these issues may also be properly addressed under the "Limerick – A Sustainable City of Future Mobility" strand of the workplan.

Although I have met the Minister for Transport on a number of occasions in recent months, arrangements are now being made to extend an invitation for the Minister to attend the December meeting of the Transport Sub-Group, at which these issues may form part of the agenda for discussion.

I would like to acknowledge the work Councillor O'Donovan has undertaken in this area, which has been a consistent priority focus for her. In order to ensure the specific experiences and concerns she has highlighted are reflected in those discussions, I would welcome a more detailed briefing



note from Councillor O'Donovan setting out the particular schemes where she or others felt consultation was lacking, and the issues encountered, so that these can be raised directly with the Minister and the relevant agencies

John Moran

Mayor of Limerick