

The Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Work Programme 2025-2029

Introduction

The Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee has been constituted in accordance with the Strategic Policy Committee (“SPC”) Scheme 2024-2029 adopted by Limerick City and County Council (“the Council”). The purpose of this work programme is to set out a realistic programme of policy development, review and monitoring for the period 2025-2029, aligned with the Council’s Corporate Plan and the priorities identified through the Travel and Transportation SPC workshop.

Function of this SPC

The function of an SPC is to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy in relation to the functions of the SPC and the Local Authority and to advise the Authority on those matters. (Local Government Act 2001, Section 41)

The Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

The Travel and Transportation SPC will focus on strategic policy matters relating to sustainable mobility, active travel, public transport integration, road safety, traffic management, regional connectivity, event transport planning, freight movement, parking, electric vehicle infrastructure and the alignment of land use and transport planning across Limerick City and County.

Membership of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee comprises the following Council members and sectoral representatives.

Sectoral Representatives	Pillar
Philip Ruttle	Agricultural/Farming
John Foster	Development/Construction
Séan Golden	Business/Commerical
Dan O'Neill	Trade Union
Farron Flaherty	Community/Voluntary
Maureen Browne	Social Inclusion
David Tobin	Community/Voluntary
Vacancy	Community/Voluntary

Elected Members	Political Party
Brigid Teefy - Chairperson	NP
Ursula Gavan	NP

Eddie Ryan	NP
Jerome Scanlon	NP
Elena Secas	NP
Daniel Butler	Fine Gael
Gregory Conway	Fine Gael
Tom Ruddle	Fine Gael
Peter Doyle	Fine Gael
Adam Teskey	Fine Gael
Fergus Kilcoyne	Fine Fáil
Martin Ryan	Fine Fáil
Ger Ward	Fine Fáil
John O'Donoghue	Independent Ireland
Sean Hartigan	GP
Elisa O'Donovan	SD

Council officials working within the remit of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Name	Position
Patricia Liddy	Director of Service, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm
John Gannon	Senior Engineer – Transportation Strategy
Tim Fitzgerald	Senior Engineer- Mid West National Road Design Office
Sean McGlynn	A/Senior Engineer – Active Travel
John Sheehan	A/Senior Engineer - Roads, Traffic and Cleansing
Mairead Corrigan	SPC Administrator
May Fitzgerald	SPC Admin Support

The work programme below is informed by the workshop objective to agree a realistic programme for the SPC, taking account of existing policy work from 2019-2024, the Council's Corporate Plan 2025-2029, and the key transport challenges identified for Limerick to 2029 and beyond.

Multi Annual Work Programme for Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee 2026–2029

Policy Area	Proposed Actions	Expected Outcomes	Timeframe	Responsible / Lead	Notes
City Centre Traffic Reduction and Road Space Reallocation	Develop policy options to reduce through-traffic in the city centre and	Reduced congestion improved public realm, safer streets and	2026–2029	Traffic / Transportation /	Traffic Calming Policy 2023, BusConnects Limerick Programme, LSMATS & LCCC Corporate Plan. Parking Byelaws. New

	support low-traffic neighbourhoods, traffic management changes and reallocation of road space to sustainable modes. Review links with freight management, goods delivery arrangements, parking policy.	stronger alignment with sustainable transport objectives. Develop Goods Delivery Policy & Heavy Goods vehicle Policy, review current parking Byelaws		Roads Operations	Parking Strategy city centre focused and Limerick City Centre Transport Plan.
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Public Transport Enhancement and Integration	Support implementation of BusConnects Limerick and monitor service improvements, frequency, coverage, 90-minute fare integration and interchange opportunities. Consider policy supports for Colbert Station and	Better public transport choice, stronger bus/rail integration and improved access to employment, education, health and city centre services.	2026–2029	Transportation / NTA Liaison / Economic Development	BusConnects Limerick Programme, LSMATS & LCCC Corporate Plan.

	other strategic transport interchanges.				
Active Travel and Safe Routes	Promote a connected citywide and countywide active travel network policy than isolated schemes. Review progress on walking and cycling schemes, Safe Routes to School, river crossings and links to schools, employment areas, education hubs and neighbourhood services. Mitigate against the loss of mature trees as a result of Active Travel schemes. No material amendment allowed to Part VIII planning applications once submitted, should there be an amendment	Improved walking and cycling connectivity, safer school travel and measurable progress towards shift away from private car use.	2026–2029	Active Travel Team / Roads / Planning	Focus on moving from individual schemes to a connected network, including links between suburbs, jobs and education hubs.

	that constitutes a material change then Part VIII should be withdrawn and re-advertised.				
Regional Connectivity and Strategic Transport Links	Monitor and support policy discussion on strategic links including the M20/N20 corridor, national routes, rail connectivity, Shannon Airport access and the Atlantic Economic Corridor. Consider how city and county transport priorities can be balanced in national funding and project delivery discussions.	Stronger positioning of Limerick as a regional transport hub with improved inter-regional connectivity for people, goods, business and tourism. Increase frequency of public transport between county towns.	2026–2029	Roads / Transportation / Mid-West Roads Design Office/Regional and National Stakeholders	National Development Plan, LSMATS, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy & LCCC Corporate Plan
Event and Tourism Transport Planning	Prepare policy recommendations for major event transport	A practical event transport policy approach that supports	2026–2027	Transportation / Tourism / Events	Workshop slides identify the 2027 Ryder Cup near Adare as a key event-driven

	planning, including temporary high-capacity shuttle systems, park-and-ride, visitor transport plans and coordination with public transport operators. Use the Ryder Cup 2027 as a practical stress-test for system capacity and temporary transport solutions.	visitor access, reduces disruption and avoids permanent overbuild for short-term peaks.		/ Emergency Management	transport pressure, with park-and-ride and shuttle capacity needs.
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Climate Transition, EV Infrastructure and Decarbonisation	Review progress on Electric Vehicle Charging Policy and identify further policy supports for decarbonising transport while maintaining accessibility. Link EV infrastructure, active travel and public transport policy to the	Reduced transport emissions, more accessible EV charging provision and stronger alignment between transport policy and climate objectives.	2026–2029	Transportation / Climate Action / Energy and Infrastructure Teams	Builds on the Electric Vehicle Charging Policy and supports national and local decarbonisation targets.

	wider climate action agenda.				
Land Use, 15-Minute Neighbourhoods and Transport-Oriented Development	Develop SPC Policy on aligning housing growth, employment areas, schools, services and transport capacity. Support policy principles for 15-minute neighbourhoods (Zoning Policy), compact growth and better integration of planning and transport infrastructure delivery.	Improved alignment between development and transport capacity, helping to reduce car dependency and support sustainable growth areas.	2027–2029	Planning / Transportation / Active Travel	Addresses workshop challenge on land-use and transport misalignment, including growth areas such as Castletroy and Raheen.