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Sligo/Drumcliffe Municipal District

Borough District of Sligo

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Part 1

1.0 Introduction

The Roads Department of Sligo County Council is the local authority division responsible for the planning, construction, maintenance, and overall management of the public road network throughout County Sligo. Operating under the framework of the Road Traffic Act 1961, the department oversees all regional and local roads within the county, while national roads are delivered in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Sligo Regional Design Office (SRDO). The Roads Department of Sligo County Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of 2,833 km of public road, including the maintenance and repair of 800 bridges. The operations of the Roads Department ensures that the County's transport infrastructure remains safe, efficient, and capable of supporting social, economic, and environmental objectives.

The Department's core functions include routine and strategic road maintenance, road safety initiatives, winter maintenance programme, the administration of road opening and related permits, and the management of estates taken in charge. Major infrastructural projects on National Roads are managed by the Sligo Regional Design office, which is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland

In addition to its operational responsibilities, the Roads Department provides public-facing services such as responding to road queries, beach maintenance, public realm maintenance, storm sewer network maintenance, public lighting installation and maintenance, managing speed-limit bye-laws, and supporting road safety education through the Road Safety Strategy. These functions contribute to maintaining a high-quality road network that underpins mobility, connectivity, and economic activity across the region.

The Department of Transport (DOT), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the National Transport Authority (NTA) are key funding agencies for the programme of road capital and ordinary maintenance. Sligo County Council together with these funding agencies have allocated an overall budget of €35,612,325 for investment in Sligo's road network in 2026. The allocation can be broken down as per the table below.

Table 1:

Funding Agency:	Allocation:
Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)	€8,936,358
Department of Transport (DOT)	€20,559,975
National Transport Authority (NTA)	€3,500,000
Sligo County Council Own Resources (Table No 6, Page 22)	€1,502,000
Total Roads Transportation and safety (Division B)	€34,498,333
Sligo County Council -Additional Programs Managed by Roads Operations (Table 2 page 2)	€1,813,992
Overall Total:	€36,312,325

Table 2:

Description:	Amount:
Public Lighting- Maintenance & Energy costs	€1,100,000
Beach Maintenance (5 beaches including 2 Blue Flag beaches)	€64,567
Open Spaces – County Area	€49,425
Street Cleaning	€600,000
Total	€1,813,992

Funding is also received from the following Departments:

- The Department of Rural and Community Development (CLÁR and LIS funding).
- The Northwestern Regional Assembly ERDF & Dept. of Housing (URDF) for Urban Renewal Works (e.g. Eastern Garvoge Bridge).

Part 2

2.0 National Roads

2.1 National Major Schemes (Managed by Sligo Regional Design Office)

N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin **(Ballymote Tubbercurry MD)** **2026 Allocation: €2,200,000**

This Road Project is one of the biggest and most complex infrastructural projects to be developed in County Sligo. It constitutes the remaining portion of the N4 requiring improvement in Co. Sligo and consists of almost 15km of new carriageway between the existing N4 Dual Carriageway at Collooney and the Curlews By-Pass just southeast of Castlebaldwin village. Works consisting of landscaping, snagging and rectification of defects are expected to be ongoing throughout 2026 subject to award of a construction contract which is awaiting TII approval and funding. Upon completion of these works, the scheme will progress to Phase 7 - Close Out and Review, in line with the Project Management Guidelines for National Roads.



Figure 1: N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Road Project – Looking North at Drumfin Td.

N17 Knock to Collooney Atlantic Economic Corridor
(Ballymote - Tubbercurry MD)
2026 Allocation: €1,000,000

Sligo's Regional Design Office is leading the delivery of the N17 Knock to Collooney Road Upgrade on behalf of both Mayo and Sligo County Councils. The project is currently being progressed through Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) of Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII) Project Management Guidelines. Phase 3 works will assist in advancing the design of the Preferred Option to a level of detail that defines land requirements, addresses potential impacts, and prepares the project for statutory processes.

Topographic and Hydrographic surveys will be progressed in 2026. To support the delivery of Phases 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) and Phase 4 (Statutory Consent), Sligo County Council will be advancing a procurement process to engage a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm. The contract award for this multi-disciplinary consultancy firm is anticipated in Q3 2026, subject to TII approval and funding.

2.2 National Minor Schemes (Managed by Sligo Regional Design Office)

N16 Lugatober Realignment (Drumkilsellagh to Lugnagall)
(Sligo - Drumcliffe MD)
2026 Allocation: €700,000

The N16 Lugatober scheme, including its active travel facilities, is now open to the public. The works are substantially complete. Following a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit, remedial safety works will be ongoing in Q1 2026. These works include additional signage, fencing and tactile paving. Some snagging items were addressed by the main contractor during 2025; however, some minor items remain to be completed in 2026. Upon full completion, the scheme will progress to Phase 7 - Close Out and Review, in line with the Project Management Guidelines for National Roads.



Figure 2: N16 Lugatober – Additional fencing at Collinsford



Figure 3: N16 Lugatober – Additional signage at L47311

N16 Sligo to Drumkilsellagh Project
(Sligo - Drumcliffe MD)
2026 Allocation: €300,000

Sligo's Regional Design Office submitted the Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility deliverables to TII in September 2024. The project has since progressed to Phase 2: Options Selection, in accordance with the Planning and Design stage activities outlined in the TII Project Management Guidelines.

A range of Environmental and Technical Specialists were appointed in Q3 2025 to support project delivery. Initial environmental surveys were undertaken by these specialists toward the end of 2025. Further environmental surveying, along with the development and assessment of Route Options, will continue throughout 2026, subject to TII funding and the availability of required resources. Public and stakeholder consultation will form a key component of this phase.



Figure 4: Lack of active travel facilities on the N16 in Rathbraghan Td.

2.3 Greenway & Active Travel Schemes (Managed by Sligo Regional Design Office)

Sligo Greenway (Collooney to Bellaghy) **(Ballymote Tubbercurry MD)** **2026 Allocation: €75,000**

Following an extensive options selection process in line with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Project Management Guidelines, an Emerging Preferred Corridor for the Sligo Greenway was identified in 2024, centred on the disused railway line. This route was considered the most suitable option for delivering a high-quality greenway in accordance with the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways, which prioritises the use of state-owned lands to minimise impacts on private property. Iarnród Éireann was consulted as part of this process and supported this option, subject to the land remaining in Iarnród Éireann's ownership, with the greenway constructed and operated under a license agreement. However, during the public consultation held in late 2024, Iarnród Éireann advised that it could no longer support the use of the disused railway alignment for the greenway at this time but indicated support for exploring an alternative "alongside" option running parallel to the railway.

Sligo County Council subsequently undertook a high-level review of an alongside option. The review concluded that while technically feasible, the alongside option introduces significant additional constraints, costs, and risks compared to the Emerging Preferred Corridor centred on the disused railway line. Key issues include:

- **Extensive Land Acquisition:** Approximately 250 private land parcels would be impacted, with over 70% of the route requiring private land acquisition.
- **Reduced Compliance:** The alongside option diverges from the principles of the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways in terms of the use of state-owned lands and offers a lower-quality user experience.
- **Environmental and Planning Risks:** Increased ecological impacts, greater interaction with Special Areas of Conservation, and higher risk of not securing planning approval.
- **Higher Costs:** Preliminary conservative estimates indicate costs of a minimum of 22% higher than the route centred on the disused railway line due to additional structures, engineering complexities, and land costs.

Based on these findings, Sligo County Council has concluded that the alongside option is not a viable or recommended alternative to the Emerging Preferred Corridor which is centred on the disused railway line.

Considering the above, Sligo County Council, in consultation with TII, has suspended any further work on this project. However, the Council remains committed to the development of greenway infrastructure in County Sligo and, should Iarnród Éireann revert to their original decision to support the development of the Sligo Greenway centred on the disused railway line, Sligo County Council, in consultation with TII, will seek to resume the development of the project, subject to financial resources being available at that time.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) allocated €75,000 to Sligo County Council for the Sligo Greenway project for 2026. This allocation will be used to close out any outstanding project financial commitments.

N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin Active Travel
(Ballymote - Tubbercurry MD)
2026 Allocation: €300,000

The project is being delivered in accordance with TII's Project Management Guidelines and is currently in Phase 2 (Option Selection). During this phase, an Emerging Preferred Corridor (EPC) has been identified, and the associated deliverables were submitted in Q1 2026. It is envisaged that the project will progress to Phase 3 (Design and Environmental Evaluation) in Q1/Q2 2026 and works to progress Phase 3 will be ongoing throughout 2026.

N4 Collooney to Toberbride Active Travel
(Sligo - Drumcliffe MD)
2026 Allocation: €50,000

This project is currently progressing through Phase 2 Options Selection of the TII Project Management Guidelines. Various surveys will be progressed in 2026 which will assist with the progression of this project through Phase 2 and with the identification of the Emerging Preferred Route option. It is expected that the Emerging Preferred Route will be published for public viewing and comment in Q2 2026 and that the project will progress into Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation in Q3 2026.

N4/N16 Sligo Urban Active Travel
(Sligo - Drumcliffe MD)
2026 Allocation: €200,000

O'Connor Sutton Cronin and Associates Ltd. completed an Infrastructure Scoping Report along the N4 and N16 corridors in Sligo Town, which assessed the existing road network and identified where there are existing active travel accessibility issues and severance which are to be considered as part of the potential improvements. The Report forms the basis of potential solutions to be developed as part of the subsequent project stages.

A funding allocation of €200,000 was received from TII for 2026 to progress a project through the TII Project Management Guidelines along the urban extents of the N16 in Sligo Town. To support the delivery of this Project, Sligo County Council will be advancing a procurement process in 2026 to engage a multi-disciplinary consultancy firm. The contract award for this multi-disciplinary consultancy firm is anticipated in Q3 2026, subject to TII approval and staff resources.

N15 Grange Active Travel
(Sligo-Drumcliffe MD)
2026 Allocation: €25,000

The N15 Grange Active Travel Scheme aims to improve connectivity and safety in Grange by identifying gaps in walking and cycling provision and developing feasible interventions to deliver a continuous, usable Active Travel network. Sligo's Regional Design Office has appointed Tobin Consulting Engineers to support delivery of the N15 Grange Active Travel scheme from Phase 0 to Phase 5 of the TII Project Management Guidelines. Work is underway on the Feasibility and Options report which forms part of Phases 0, 1 and 2 deliverables. Subject to adequate TII funding and staff resources, the project is expected to advance through Phases 0 to 2 (Feasibility and Options Selection) in 2026.

N59 Ballysadare Active Travel
(Sligo-Drumcliffe MD)
2026 Allocation: €25,000

The N59 Ballisodare Active Travel Scheme aims to improve connectivity within the village by identifying gaps in walking and cycling provision and developing feasible interventions to deliver a continuous, usable Active Travel facility for all road users. Sligo's Regional Design Office has appointed Tobin Consulting Engineers to support delivery of the scheme from Phase 0 to Phase 5 of the TII Project Management Guidelines. Work is underway on the Feasibility and Options report which forms part of Phases 0, 1 and 2 deliverables. Subject to adequate TII funding and staff resources, the project is expected to advance through Phases 0 to 2 (Feasibility and Options Selection) in 2026.

N17 Curry Active Travel
(Ballymote-Tubbercurry MD)
2026 Allocation: €25,000

The N17 Curry Active Travel Scheme aims to create a facility that will provide enhanced connectivity along the N17 National Primary Road within the village speed limits for all road users. The project will identify the locations with deficient active travel facilities within the study area and will examine feasible interventions with the objective of the provision of a connected and usable Active Travel facility for all road users. Sligo's Regional Design Office has undertaken topographical and traffic surveys and intends to progress this project through Phases 0 to 2 (Feasibility and Options Selection) in 2026 subject to adequate TII funding and staff resources.

2.4 Pavement Asset Repair & Renewal Schemes (PARR)

N16 Lugatober to County Boundary – (Sligo-Drumcliffe MD) 2026 Allocation: €1,500,000

This scheme, which involves pavement resurfacing and strengthening of 2.25km of the existing N16, commences at the northern end of the N16 Lugatober Realignment Scheme in Lugnagall townland and continues eastward to the Leitrim County boundary at Gortnagrelly townland. Subject to adequate TII funding and staff resources, a tender process will be progressed to award a contractor to undertake the works which are anticipated to commence on site in Q3/Q4 2026.

N4 Sligo Inner Relief Road Pavement Resurfacing Scheme (incl. Summerhill Roundabout) 2026 Allocation: €Nil

This scheme which was completed in 2025 involved pavement repairs and surface course replacement along 1.1 km of the existing N4 Inner Relief Road from Summerhill Roundabout to Hughes Bridge. The Sligo Regional Design Office will be managing the defects period and completing the Project Closeout report in 2026.

N59 Tullylin to Fiddaun (Ballymote - Tubbercurry MD) 2026 Allocation: €Nil

This scheme involves structural rehabilitation and strengthening of 2.4km of the existing N59 pavement between the Townlands of Tullylin and Fiddaun. Design works on the scheme will be progressed in 2026, and it is anticipated that Sligo County Council will seek approval from TII to progress the scheme to tender subject to staff resources.

2.5 Road Safety Improvement Schemes (RSIS) 2026:

N15 Cloyspara (HD17) Road Safety Improvement (Sligo – Drumcliffe MD)

This road safety improvement scheme will investigate collision history on the N15, in the townland of Cloyspara, situated between Grange and Cliffoney, with a view to making safety improvements. The scheme will require approval to extinguish several existing public accesses onto the N15 to progress. Subject to securing these approvals, along with adequate TII funding and staff resources, the project is expected to advance through Phases 0 to 2 (Feasibility and Options Selection) in 2026.

N59 – L2802 Hungary Rock Junction HD17 Road Safety Improvement Scheme (Ballymote – Tubbercurry MD)

This road safety improvement scheme will examine the collision history on the N59 at its junction with local road L2802, in the townland of Lugnadeffa, with the objective of identifying and delivering appropriate safety improvements. The progression of the scheme will require the acquisition of lands necessary to implement the proposed measures. Subject to successfully acquiring these lands, along with adequate TII funding and sufficient staff resources, the project is expected to advance through Phases 0 to 2 (Feasibility and Options Selection) in 2026.

N59 Ballisodare (HD17) Pedestrian Crossing Road Safety Improvement Scheme (Sligo-Drumcliffe MD)

This road safety improvement scheme aims to provide a controlled pedestrian crossing, supported by appropriate traffic-calming measures, to facilitate vulnerable road users wishing to cross the N59 in Ballisodare town centre.

The scheme has progressed through Phases 0 to 3, and the Design Report has been approved by TII. Subject to securing TII funding and adequate staff resources, it is anticipated that the project will advance through Phases 5 and 6 (Design, Procurement, and Construction) by the end of 2026.

N15 – L3402 Oxfield Junction (HD17) Road Safety Improvement Scheme (Sligo-Drumcliffe MD)

This road safety improvement scheme will examine the collision history on the N15 at its junction with local road L2802 in the townland of Cullagh Beg, with the objective of identifying and delivering appropriate safety improvements.

Progression of the scheme will require the dedication of lands and agreement on the necessary accommodation works with the associated landowner, to implement the proposed measures. Subject to successfully securing these lands, along with adequate TII funding and sufficient staff resources, the project is expected to advance through Phases 0 to 2 (Feasibility and Options Selection) in 2026.

N59 – L2203 Junction (HD17) Road Safety Improvement Scheme (Ballymote – Tubbercurry MD)

This road safety improvement scheme will examine the collision history on the N59 at its junction with local road L2203, in the townland of Leekfield, Skreen, with the objective of identifying and delivering appropriate safety improvements.

Subject to successfully securing timely approvals, along with adequate TII funding and sufficient staff resources, the project is expected to advance through Phases 0 to 6 (Feasibility and Options Selection, Design and Construction) in 2026.



Figure 5: N15 Shannon Eighter (HD15) Pedestrian Crossing RSIS - Completed in 2025



Figure 6: N17 Tubbercurry (HD15) Pedestrian Crossings RSIS - Completed in 2025



Figure 7: N17 - L 8319 Curry RSIS - Completed in 2025



Figure 8: Section 38 Public Consultation - N59 Ballisodare Pedestrian Crossing RSIS

2.6 National Road Maintenance Works

National Road maintenance works are developed on an ongoing basis by the Area Engineering staff. Works include surface renewal at particular locations, barrier repairs, bridge maintenance, signing & lining, drainage works, public lighting, etc. The TII requires the logging of maintenance issues on the TII Geo App on handheld tablets and the programming of maintenance works online. This system also allows applications to be made for additional general maintenance funds (Category A: Defects Works) and for additional capital maintenance funds (Emergency Repairs) to address maintenance issues.

2.7 HD 28 Schemes – Road Surface Texture Improvements

There were 9 locations identified by TII for improvement of surface texture at a total grant of **€609,859.20**. It is anticipated that the schemes will progress in 2026 subject to staff resources.

Table 3: Road Surface Texture Improvements

Road No.	Approximate Location:	Treatment:
N15	Oxfield Road & Cloonmull crossroad junction	Overlay
N15	Drum (North of Sligo town)	Mechanical Abrasion
N17	South of Ballinacarrow	Resurface
N17	South of Ballinacarrow	Resurface
N59	East of Ballysadare	Resurface
N59	Stonehall, west of Ballysadare	Resurface
N59	Lugawarry, west of Ballysadare	Mechanical Abrasion
N59	Skreen-Dromard (13 km East of Ballysadare)	Resurface
N59	Beside Skreen Cemetery (17 km East of Ballysadare)	Resurface

National Primary Road Maintenance

The TII has allocated **€604,077** for National Primary Maintenance of N4, N15, N16 and N17 in 2026. The National Roads within Sligo Urban area are managed by the Sligo City Area Engineer. The N4 Dual Carriageway from Summerhill Roundabout to Toberbride Roundabout (junction with N17) is managed by the Sligo/Strandhill Area Engineer. The N4 from Toberbride Roundabout to the Roscommon Border is managed by the Ballymote Area Engineer. The N15 and N16 outside the Sligo Urban Area is managed by the Grange/Drumcliffe Area Engineer. The N17 is managed by the Tubbercurry Area Engineer.

The breakdown for County Sligo is:

- €228,430 for Ordinary Maintenance. The 2026 works programme emphasises surface maintenance, verge maintenance and drainage works.
- €203,302 for Winter Maintenance.
- €172,345 for National Primary Route Lighting.

National Secondary Road Maintenance

The TII allocated **€133,381** for N59 Maintenance in 2025. The N59 from Belladrehid to Corhownagh Church is managed by the Sligo/Strandhill Area Engineer. The N59 from Corhownagh Church to the Mayo border is managed by the Enniscrone Area Engineer.

The breakdown is:

- €60,017 for Ordinary Maintenance. The Grant will be used for surface maintenance, verge maintenance and drainage works.
- €56,063 for Winter Maintenance.
- €17,301 for N59 Route Lighting.

Total National Road Maintenance Allocation for County = €737,458.

Details of the National Road Maintenance Grants are outlined in the following appendices:

- Appendix 1A-Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD
- Appendix 2A Sligo/Drumcliffe MD
- Appendix 3A Borough District of Sligo

**LOCAL AUTHORITY ENGINEERING SUPPORT FOR
COUNTY SLIGO 2026**

Transport Infrastructure Ireland provide additional support for the maintenance and overall management of the National Road Network within the County.

The following allocations have been provided in 2026 for Sligo County Council staff.

Table 4:

Description:	Amount:
Local Authority Support - Maintenance	€60,900
Local Authority Support - Winter Maintenance	€10,000
Local Authority Support - Improvement	€213,000
Total NP and NS Engineering Support	€283,900

Part 3

3.0 Non-National Roads

3.1 Non-National Roads Allocations:

Sligo County Council has been allocated a grant of **€20,559,975** in 2026 by the Department of Transport for the maintenance and improvement of non-national roads. This is approximately 9% increase on the 2025 grant. This is supplemented by €1,502,000 in funds from Sligo County Council's own resources. A breakdown of the works proposed in 2026 is detailed in this report.

The non-national roads programme has been developed by the roads engineering staff. The programme considers Department of Transport conditions regarding work type allowable for each grant, the existing road conditions and ongoing input from elected representatives. The section of the programme relevant to each Municipal District will be presented to members for consideration at Municipal District meetings arranged to discuss the Schedule of Municipal District Works. The Discretionary Grant is distributed throughout the county generally on a per kilometre basis.

The Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance grants have in recent years been distributed on a 50/50 weighting based on road lengths/population density. It is proposed to again use this method to distribute funds between the three Municipal Districts.

The following is the distribution for the Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance Grant and Supplementary Maintenance Grants:

- Borough District of Sligo and Sligo Drumcliffe Municipal Districts (excluding Sligo city) 31.7% - (620 km approximately of Non-national roads).
- Ballymote/ Tubbercurry Municipal District: 68.3% - (1870 km approximately of Non-National Road)

The Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Grants are then distributed between the Borough District of Sligo and Sligo Drumcliffe Municipal Districts on a per km basis.

The grant distribution for the County is shown in the Table 5 below:

Table 5: Breakdown of grant distribution per Municipal District

Grant Type	County Allocation	Borough District of Sligo	Sligo / Drumcliffe Municipal District	Ballymote / Tubbercurry Municipal District
Restoration Improvement:	€9,882,500.00	€345,887.50	€2,844,183.50	€6,692,492.00
Restoration Maintenance:	€1,166,500.00	€27,529.40	€342,484.50	€796,486.20
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance:	€1,079,000.00	€25,464.40	€316,794.40	€736,741.20
Discretionary Grant:	€2,362,500.00	€626,062.50	€496,125.00	€1,240,312.50
Total:	€14,490,500.00	€1,024,943.80	€3,999,587.40	€9,466,031.90

3.2 Restoration Maintenance Grant

Two separate grants are provided for surface dressing roads i.e., a Restoration Maintenance Grant of €1,166,500 and a Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant of €1,079,000. Therefore, an overall grant of €2,245,500 provided in 2026 for Restoration Maintenance works. This allocation is in line with last year's grants for these categories of work.

This grant is intended for surface dressing regional and local roads which are still in a reasonable condition and is intended as preventative maintenance to ensure road surfaces do not deteriorate to the extent that substantial repairs are required later. The maximum allowable expenditure on Restoration Maintenance for Regional Roads is €5.50/m² and €5.00/m² for local roads. Amounts above these rates are not funded by the Department.

Sligo County Council has carried out a Pavement Surface Condition Index Survey (PSCI) on all of the non-national roads in Sligo. Each section of road is rated between 1 (very poor condition) to 10 (very good condition). Roads sections with a PSCI rating of 7 and 8 only, may be included in the Restoration Maintenance programme as roads with lower ratings would require more costly preparation for surface dressing and would not comply with the above expenditure rates per m². A minimum of 15% of the Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance grants must be spent on regional road improvement/maintenance.

There were 79 schemes totalling 102 km completed countywide under this heading in 2025.

Details of the Restoration Maintenance Grant and Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Grant to be carried out in each Municipal District in 2026 are outlined in the following appendices:

- Appendix 1B-Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD (55 no schemes totalling 86km)
- Appendix 2B Sligo/Drumcliffe MD (13 no schemes totalling 21km)
- Appendix 3B Borough District of Sligo (1 no scheme totalling 2km)

Total County Wide: 69 no schemes totalling 109km

3.3 Restoration Improvement Grant

The 2026 Restoration Improvement grant for County Sligo is **€9,882,500**. This represents a 6.4% increase from the 2025 grant.

The type of work to be carried out includes:

- Laying bitumen macadam surfacing to shape and strengthen the roads followed by surface dressing for skid resistance.
- Laying crushed stone to shape and strengthen the road and double surface dressing to seal the road surface.
- Recycling – This is where there is adequate stone already in the road structure, but the road had disintegrated (typically used in bog road locations).

There were 84 no schemes totalling 63km completed countywide in 2025 under this grant heading.

Details of the Restoration Improvement Grant works to be carried out in each Municipal District in 2026 are outlined in the following appendices:

- Appendix 1C-Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD (51 no schemes totalling 42km)
- Appendix 2C Sligo/Drumcliffe MD (19 no schemes totalling 18.5km)
- Appendix 3C Borough District of Sligo (5 no scheme totalling 1.4km)

Total County Wide: 75 no schemes totalling 61.9km



Figure 9: Road Resurfacing Works at Hazelwood Road, Sligo 2025

3.4 Discretionary Grant

The 2026 Allocation is **€2,362,500** which represents a 2.8% increase on the 2025 grant. This grant is used for maintenance and improvement works on non-national roads and is required for road maintenance such as pothole repairs, bridge repairs, road drainage, road signs, traffic signals, verge maintenance, road markings, bridge repairs and winter maintenance.



Figure 10: Road Resurfacing works at Cleveragh Drive, Sligo 2025

Details of the Discretionary Grant works to be carried out in each Municipal District in 2026 are outlined in the following appendices:

- Appendix 1D-Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD
- Appendix 2D Sligo/Drumcliffe MD
- Appendix 3D Borough District of Sligo

3.5 Former National Roads (Strategic Rehabilitation Regional Road Programme)

This grant was introduced in 2019 to assist local authorities with the rehabilitation of sections of former national roads with a poor condition rating. A grant of €250,000 was used in 2025 to carry out works on the L3608 from Carraroe to Ballisodare. The grant allocation for 2026 of €220,000 will be used to continue the resurfacing works on the L3608.



Figure 11: Road resurfacing works on the L3608-0-S0

3.6 Local Road Maintenance Own Resources

The following allocations are made to local & regional road maintenance by Sligo County Council out of its own resources:

Table 6: Local Road Maintenance Own Resources:

Allocation Item:	Amount:
Local Road Maintenance (Distributed to area Groups)	€471,000
Local Roads Maintenance Councilor's Proposals	€306,000
Road Overheads	€300,000
Treatment of Japanese Knotweed treatment	€20,000
Footpath Enhancement Program (LPT)	€100,000
Local Road General Improvement Works - LPT Funded	€305,000
Total Regional & Local Road Maintenance - Own Resources	€1,502,000

Details of the Regional & Local Road maintenance own Resources allocations in each Municipal District in 2026 are outlined in the following appendices:

- Appendix 1E-Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD
- Appendix 2E Sligo/Drumcliffe MD
- Appendix 3E Borough District of Sligo

3.7 Local Road Improvement Fund

Sligo County Council is providing **€305,000** for local road improvements in 2026.

Table 7: 2026 Local Road improvement Fund

Eng Area	Townland/ Location	Proposed Works	Cost
Sligo Strandhill	Knockbeg	Provision of footpaths and pedestrian facilities	€40,000
Sligo Drumcliffe	Rossespoint	Cycle Path Repairs	€22,000
Sligo Drumcliffe	Yacht Club Car Park	Safety Improvements	€23,000
Ballymote	Carrownanty	traffic calming signs and speed ramps	€20,000
Ballymote	Sooey	traffic calming signs and speed ramps	€25,000
Ballymote	Ballinafad	Speed ramps and warning signs	€20,000
Tubbercurry	Lavagh	Resurfacing of public car park Lavagh village which serves church and Community Hub	€30,000
Tubbercurry	Gurteen	Footpath - road safety measure at entrance to village	€30,000
Tubbercurry	Rathmore, Coolaney	Bend removal	€15,000

Table 7 Continued...

Table 7 (continued): 2026 Local Road improvement Fund

Eng Area	Townland/ Location	Proposed Works	Cost
Enniscrone	Donneen	Improve sightlines at junction	€25,000
Enniscrone	Seevinness/ Rathosey	Set back boundary to improve sightlines	€20,000
Enniscrone	Ballymeeney	Set back boundary to improve sightlines	€35,000
Total:			€305,000

3.8 Footpath Enhancement Programme

A Footpath enhancement programme for the County has been in place since 2020. The programme fund for 2026 is **€200,000**. This is funded by €100,000 from LPT and €100,000 from the Discretionary Grant.

Table 8: 2026 Footpath Enhancement Programme

Municipal District:	Description of works:	Estimated Cost:
Sligo Drumcliffe	Ballisodare Footpath Repairs	€22,000
Sligo Drumcliffe	Ballywheelin Footpath Repairs	€24,667
Sligo Drumcliffe	Cliffoney Footpath Repairs	€20,000
Sligo Borough	Strandhill	€16,111
Sligo Borough	Greenfort	€10,000
Sligo Borough	Heather View	€10,000
Sligo Borough	Maugheraboy / Hazel Grove	€10,000
Sligo Borough	Treacy Avenue	€10,000
Sligo Borough	Cairns Drive	€10,000
Enniscrone	R297 Main St., Carrowhubback	€11,111
Enniscrone	R297 Main St., Easkey	€11,111
Tubbercurry	R294 Teeling Street, Tobbercurry	€22,000
Ballymote	L1401-0 & L1402-0 Riverstown	€4,000
Ballymote	R293-46 & R293-56 & L1604-0 Ballymote	€4,000
Ballymote	R293-46 Ballymote	€15,000
Total:		€200,000

3.9 Specific Improvement Grants 2026

Table 9: 2026 Specific Improvement Grants

Sligo County Council	
2026 Specific Improvement Grants	
Scheme Name:	Allocation:
Mail Coach Road to Burton Street	€1,200,000
Killaraght R361/L-57131 Junction Improvement	€100,000
Oakfield Road	€20,000
Western Distributor Road R869/R292/First Sea Road Junction Upgrade	€25,000
R293 Safety Improvement Scheme – South of Gurteen	€130,000
Eastern Garvoge Bridge (EGB) Southern Link Road Approaches, Sligo East City	€25,000
TOTAL:	€1,500,000

MCR (Mail Coach Road) to Burton Street Link Road
(Borough District of Sligo MD)
Allocation €1,200,000

Construction work is ongoing with approximately 60% of the main contract complete. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete at the end of Q2 2026.

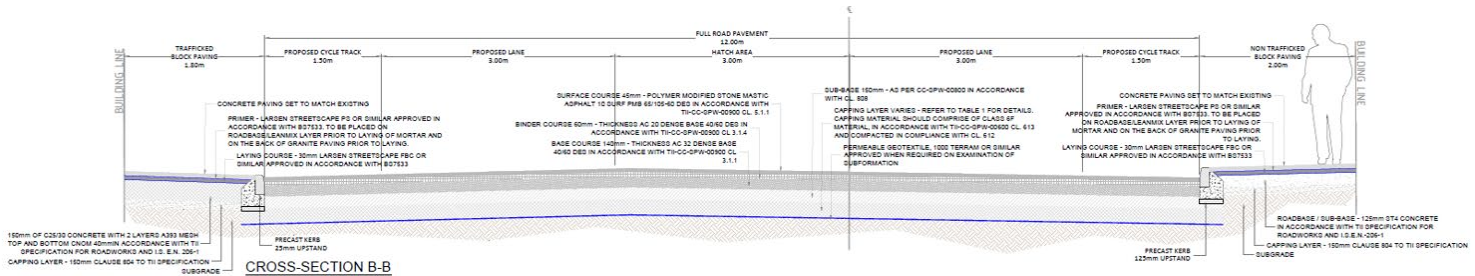


Figure 12: Cross Section for New Link Road



Figure 13: New Link Road Image

R361/L-57131 Junction Killaraght
(Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD)
Allocation €100,000

The grant is for major improvements to the junction in terms of visibility on all approaches. It is planned to carry out detail designs land acquisition and commence construction in 2026 subject to agreements with landowners.

L3601 Oakfield Road Upgrade
Allocation €20,000.00

This grant is to progress the project through the Part 8 Approvals process and commence the detailed design in 2026. The proposed improvement works will include provision of active travel facilities and the realignment of the existing road.

Typical Cross Section 3

- Footpath left: 2.30m
- Cycle track left: 2.00m
- Buffer left: 0.30m
- Two-way carriageway: 6.00m
- Buffer right: 0.30m
- Cycle track right: 2.00m
- Footpath right: 2.25m

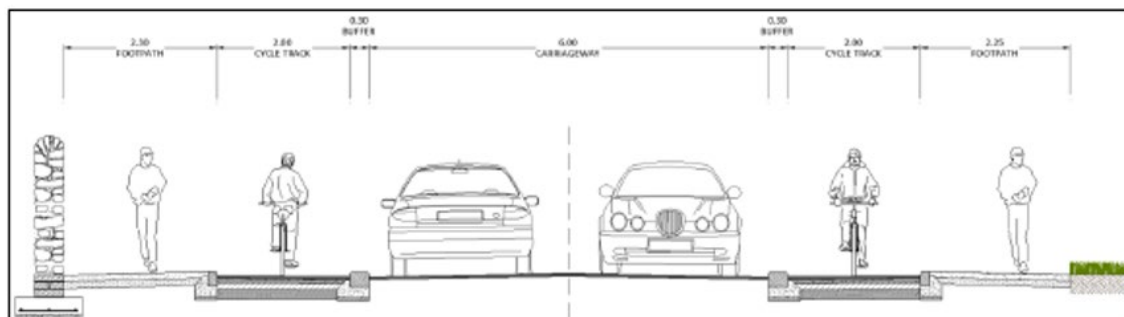


Figure 14: Typical Cross Section 3

Western Distributor Road R869/R292 First Sea Road Junction Upgrade
(Borough District of Sligo MD)
Allocation €25,000

Complete accommodation works and boundary setbacks at the Southeast and Southwest corners of this junction. Design and construct revised layout of junction to improve safety.

R293 Safety Improvement Scheme – South of Gurteen
(Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD)
Allocation € 130,000

Verge strengthening and safety works are planned to be carried out South of Gurteen village.

Eastern Garavogue Bridge (EGB) southern link road approaches, Sligo East City
(Borough District of Sligo MD)
Allocation €25,000

The allocation from the DOT will provide junction and carriageway upgrades to southern road network on approached to the Eastern Garvogue Bridge Project. Project may include junction tightening measures, improved pedestrian facilities and pavement upgrades. Analysis of the approach road network will be concluded in 2026

3.10 Strategic Regional and Local Roads

Table 10: 2026 Strategic Regional & Local Roads Allocation

Sligo County Council	
2026 Strategic Regional and Local Roads	
Scheme Name:	Allocation:
Western Distributor Road Phase 2	€25,000
Eastern Garvogue River Bridge	€1,800,000
TOTAL:	€1,825,000

Eastern Garvogue Bridge & Approach Roads
Allocation €1.8 million

The Eastern Garvogue Bridge and Approach Road Scheme is of strategic importance to the development of Sligo and in linking communities with Sligo City. The scheme has been developed as traffic calmed urban distributor road consisting of a single carriage with cycle ways and footpaths. Planning approval has been received and compulsory purchase order confirmed. Detailed design and advanced works will be completed in Q1 2026, preparation of contract documents will continue in Q1 2026 with a view to going to tender for construction in Q2 2026.



Figure 15: Artist's impression of the proposed Eastern Garvoge Bridge – Looking East



Figure 16: Southern Promenade-Public Realm/Recreational Area

The Eastern Garvoge Bridge and Approach Road Scheme has also received a funding allocation of €6m from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). It is expected that the scheme will be jointly funded between the URDF fund and the Department of Transport.

3.11 Piers, Harbours & Coastal Protection

Pollatheeny Pier

Pollantheeny Pier, west of Easkey is used by local fishermen with the main catches being mackerel, pollock and lobsters.

Sligo County Council have lodged a funding application to the Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Marine for major rehabilitation works to the pier. Part of this reinforced concrete structure has deteriorated due to wave action over the years. Concrete face is being worn away with steel reinforcement exposed and beginning to corrode.

Work is planned to commence in June 2026 subject to funding.



Figure 17: Pollantheeny Pier (Pic 1)



Figure 18: Pollantheeny Pier (Pic 2)

Mullaghmore Harbour

Mullaghmore Harbour is the busiest fishing harbour in the county with the main catches being mackerel, pollock, lobsters and crabs. It is very busy in the Summer and is used for marine leisure activities including kayaking, stand up paddling and sailing.

Sligo County Council have lodged a funding application to the Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Marine for masonry wall repair works to the harbour. This is part of a dedicated ongoing programme to carry out essential repair and maintenance works. 2026 proposed works entail repairs to the seaward face of the northern wall and repairs to the inner harbour walls at the southern end of the harbour. Work is planned to commence in May 2026 subject to funding.



Figure 19: Mullaghmore Harbour (Pic 1)



Figure 20: Mullaghmore Harbour (Pic 2)

3.12 Winter Maintenance Programme

The salting and gritting of County Sligo's National & Regional roads are carried out during cold weather from October to April as per the Council's Winter Service Plan 2025/2026.

Depending on conditions up to seven different routes totalling over 440km are gritted on each run - sometimes twice per night. All National and Regional Roads are salted plus some busy Local / Urban roads. The following amounts are allocated to the Winter Maintenance Programme in 2026.

Table 11: Allocations for Winter Maintenance Programme 2026

Winter Maintenance Programme 2026	
Scheme Name:	Allocation:
TII	€259,365
Discretionary Grant Allocation	€218,172
TOTAL:	€477,537



Figure 12: New Winter Maintenance Gritter

3.13 Safety Improvement Works on Regional & Local Roads

A grant of **€400,000** has been allocated for Safety Improvement works in 2026. Funded schemes are outlined in the table below:

Table 13: 2026 Safety Improvement Works Programme

2026 Safety Improvement Works Programme			
Municipal District:	Road No.	Location:	Allocation:
County wide	County Wide	Renewal of Regulatory Road Markings at Junctions	€35,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	L7609-0	Collooney National School	€50,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	R278 / L-7418-29	Loughanelteen Calry	€40,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	R287-5	Aghamore Far	€35,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	L2101-6.0	Ardcotton/ Bleechgreen, Collooney	€10,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L1401-0/L1402-0	Riverstown Village	€45,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L6805-0/L2803-0 /L68043-0	Carrownleam Coolaney	€35,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	R294-21/L88015-0	Gortersluin	€40,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	R284-12	Coola/ Cloonskirt	€20,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	R293-11	Ardee, South of Ballymote	€30,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L66017-0	Pier Road Enniscrone	€40,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	R297/L2403-0	Moneragh, Easkey	€20,000
TOTAL:			€400,000

3.14 Drainage Grant 2026

The purpose of this grant is to improve the maintenance of road drainage systems on regional and local roads to prevent flooding and to prevent the deterioration of road surfaces and road structures and to prolong the lifespan of the road network. The Department of Transport provided a specific grant for 2025 of €516,000. A further grant allocation of €516,000 has been provided for 2026. Proposed works under this funding stream must comply with the Department of Transport document “*Guidelines for Road Drainage 2nd Edition*”.

Details of the Drainage Grant works to be carried out in each Municipal District in 2026 are outlined in the following appendices and are subject to Department Approval:

- Appendix 1F-Ballymote/Tubbercurry MD
- Appendix 2F Sligo/Drumcliffe MD
- Appendix 3F Borough District of Sligo

3.15 Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

The Department of Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht provide the funding to local authorities for Local Improvement Schemes (LIS). Grants under the Scheme are available for road works on non-public roads which provide access to agricultural lands and local amenities with specific conditions placed on the award of a grant in accordance with the LIS Scheme Outline.

In April 2025, Sligo County Council initially received an allocation of €497,776 for LIS schemes and later, as part of a second tranche of funding to local authorities, it received an additional allocation of €321,645. The 2025 allocation facilitated the completion of 18 road projects throughout the county. In February 2026, the Department announced an allocation of €501,750 for LIS roads in Sligo in 2026. Sligo County Council has a current reserve list of 29 LIS schemes requiring grant aid of €1.5m.

3.16 Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

The Department of Transport reintroduced a Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) Grant in 2018. This scheme funds works on local public roads and are part funded by the local community. Works are carried out mostly on Class 3 cul-de-sac type roads.

The Council was allocated €437,000 in funding for 2025 under this grant and this allocation facilitated the completion of thirteen road projects. In late 2025, Sligo County Council was required to apply to the Department for funding for Community Involvement Schemes (CIS) for 2026 and 2027. The CIS allocation announced for Sligo in 2026 is €512,475. Sligo County Council currently has 104 schemes requiring funding to the value of €5.4m.

3.17 Climate Change Adaption and Resilience

The Department of Transport introduced this new grant in August 2020 and has continued to fund this scheme in subsequent years. The scheme can include but is not limited to the following type of works:

- Preventative measures such as drainage works to mitigate road flooding.
- Works at bridges to take account of increased hydraulic loads due to “flash floods” or other climatic events. These works aim to mitigate against scour damage and the undermining of the bridge structure.
- Protection measures for roads which would be vulnerable to severe weather events such as embankment stability measures to protect the road and prevent slippage.
- Altering the level of the road to mitigate flooding and reduce road closure frequency.
- Road edge protection measures.
- Replacement/repair of seawalls or retaining walls which support regional and local roads.

Priority is given to measures that will prevent or mitigate against a re-occurrence of the risk event in the future. In certain cases, consideration may be given to remedial/repair works where severe damage due to storm events has occurred if the likelihood of re-occurrence can be shown to be low. However, the scheme is not intended to fund ongoing storm damage to roads unless the rehabilitation is such that the damage will not occur again.

Sligo County Council was allocated a grant of €463,000 to progress 12 schemes in 2025. An allocation of €463,000 has been allocated for works in 2026 at 9 locations as detailed below:

Table 14:

2026 Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works			
Municipal District.	Road No.	Location:	Allocation:
Sligo / Drumcliffe	L3404	Tormore Culvert Upgrade	€5,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	L74121	Collinsford Realignment	€5,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L6804 & L68021	L6804-0 Rockfield Village Drainage Scheme	€50,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L4804-04	L4804-0 Aclare Village	€45,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L-18012	Lecarrow Culvert Replacement	€35,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L-4104	Monasteraden Drainage	€40,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L2702-0 (53)	Flooding on L2702-0 (53) Crowagh	€100,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L621-0 (32)	Flooding on L6210-0 (32)	€110,000
Borough District of Sligo	L-9217-0	Newtownholmes Road Surface Water Improvements	€73,000
Total:			€463,000

3.18 Bridge Rehabilitation

County Sligo has a high-density bridge inventory of up to 800 bridge structures supporting regional and local roads. Most bridges are over 150 years old with some as old as 350 years. The asset value of this bridge stock is in excess of €250m. Sligo County Council carry out an annual Bridge Rehabilitation Programme, in which suitable candidates are identified for refurbishment, funding is sought and works carried out. This programme is supported financially by an annual Department of Transport grant. The 2026 allocation for this programme is **€546,500**:

Table 15:

2026 Bridge Rehabilitation Programme			
Municipal District	Bridge No.	Location:	Allocation:
County Wide	N/A	County Wide - 161 inspections	€48,500
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L-65062-01	Carragh Town Bridge, Carragh Town, Inniscrone, Co Sligo	€45,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L-53021-01	Drumacool Bridge, Drumacool, Sooeey, Co Sligo	€45,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	SO-L2101-B-020	Kilnamanagh Bridge, Collooney, Co Sligo	€45,000
Borough District of Sligo	SO-R286-B-000	Markeivciz Bridge, Bridge St, Sligo	€80,000
Borough District of Sligo	SO-R870-B-000	Quay Wall, Markeivciz Road, Sligo,	€60,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	L-3203-01	Streedagh Bridge, Grange, Co. Sligo	€65,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SO-R295-B-000	Derrygolagh Bridge Cloonloo, Bolye, Co. Sligo	€30,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SO-L4603-B-000	Carrownaleck Bridge, Lavagh, Ballymote, Co. Sligo	€25,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SO-R290-B-000	Kilross Bridge, Ballygawley, Co. Sligo	€30,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L-8705-02	Farranyharpy Bridge, Skreen Co. Sligo	€40,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	L-8705-02	Tullycusheen Beg Bridge, Cloonacool, Co Sligo	€25,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SO-L5710-B-000	Cuppanagh Br, Cupanagh, Cloonloo, Co Sligo	€8,000
Total:			€546,500



Figure 21: Taylors Bridge Pre-Construction Works



Figure 22: Taylors Bridge: Post-Construction Works.



Figure 23: Closkeybeg Bridge Pre-Construction Works



Figure 24: Closkeybeg Bridge Post-Construction Works

Bridge and Ancillary Structures Maintenance

Sligo County Council has allocated €39,532 of the Discretionary Grant to fund Bridge Maintenance & Repairs. This funding is reserved for routine maintenance and repairs of bridges and structures including vehicular impact damage, storm damage etc. Repairs are carried out on a priority basis with the priority list been continuously updated throughout the year.

Part 4

4.0 Active Travel Programme

4.1 Active Travel Programme (National Transport Authority Funding)

Government investment in Active Travel has increased significantly in recent years. This reflects the commitments made in the National Sustainable Mobility Policy, the Climate Action Plan, and other Government policies to encourage modal shift, where possible, away from private car use and towards more sustainable transport modes such as walking or cycling. Active travel is cemented in these policies which seeks to deliver at least 500,000 additional daily active travel and public transport journeys by 2030. Active travel is an intrinsic part of a sustainable transport system, one that prioritises low carbon transport choices and comprises multiple modes, including walking, cycling, public transport, e-bike, wheeling, and car sharing.

Active Travel is defined as *‘travelling with a purpose, using your own energy’*. Walking, cycling, wheeling and using a non-motorized scooter to make journeys to work, school or the shops, for example, are all considered forms of Active Travel. Policies relating to recreational walking and cycling fall under the remit of other Government Departments, including the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, the Department of Health and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD). Projects for consideration under this new programme include the following:

- Development of focused transport studies for larger towns, to identify active travel strategies, networks, and projects for implementation later in the programme.
- New or improved access to town centres, schools, or other major destinations for walking and/or cycling.
- New or upgraded cycle facilities, providing segregation from motorised traffic on key routes in and approaching towns and villages.
- New footpaths for pedestrian connections or upgrading/renewal of existing footpaths.
- Filtered permeability schemes, conferring “short-cut” advantage to pedestrians and / or cyclists to access key local destinations.
- Improved access to public transport.

Sligo County Council has established a dedicated Active Travel Team to progress this programme. Sligo County Council completed numerous works under this programme. Works funded included improved facilities for pedestrians including footpaths & pedestrian crossings, and cycle parking facilities. The funding also covers significant preliminary design works on several schemes. The National Transport Authority (NTA) has allocated **€3,500,000** to Sligo in 2026. NTA funding allocations are as follows in Table 16.

Table 16:

2026 Active Travel Programme		
Municipal District:	Description:	Allocation:
All County	Low-Cost Junction Tightening	€80,000
N/A	Sligo County Council Active Travel Staff Costs	€240,000
Borough District of Sligo	Clarion Road - Active Travel Facilities	€10,000
Borough District of Sligo	Strandhill Active travel scheme	€31,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Rosses Point Village Road Footpath Scheme	€10,000
Borough District of Sligo	Cleaveragh Active Travel Scheme	€380,000
Borough District of Sligo	First Sea Road Active Travel Scheme	€16,000
Borough District of Sligo	Caltragh Newtown Holmes Active Travel Scheme	€20,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Ballygawley Village to Castledargan Footpath	€16,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Coolaney to Rockfield village Active Travel Scheme	€600,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Carraroe to GAA Pitch Active Travel Scheme	€604,000
Borough District of Sligo	SRTS R1 St Johns National School	€400,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SRTS R1 Jesus and Mary Secondary School Enniscrone	€30,000
Borough District of Sligo	SRTS R1 Scoil Ursula Sligo	€20,000
Borough District of Sligo	Sligo City to Carraroe Active Travel Corridor-Pathfinder Scheme	€60,000
Borough District of Sligo	Sligo City to ATU Active Travel Corridor-Pathfinder Scheme	€8,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SRTS R3 - Moylough NS	€133,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SRTS R3 - Banada NS	€75,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	SRTS R3 - Rathlee NS	€83,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	SRTS R3 - Ballintrillick NS	€72,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	SRTS R3 - Calry NS	€72,000
Borough District of Sligo	SRTS R4 - Ransboro NS	€20,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	SRTS R4 - Ballisodare NS	€20,000
Sub Total:		€3,000,000
Allocations through other NTA Funding Streams		
All County	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€500,000
Total:		€3,500,000

4.2 Pathfinder Projects

Carrowroe to Sligo City Centre

Sligo County Council, in conjunction with the NTA, aims to improve the current cycling infrastructure on this route, Pearse Road/Crozon Road, to provide dedicated cycle lanes along the route, to examine all the junctions along the route to establish the best interventions under the umbrella of Active Travel.

Additionally, Sligo County Council aims to encourage Park & Ride from Carraroe to Sligo as follows:

- Provision of E-Bike parking area complete with shelter / bike charging station at public car park at Carraroe.
- Sligo County council is currently working with an E-Bike company (Bolt) on a pilot scheme which can be rolled out to services this area.
- Upgrade public lighting at the car parking area.
- Ensure adequate bike parking areas along the route and at key employment centres within and around the Urban Area.
- Installation of cycle counters along this route such that we can gather before and after data.

Sligo City to ATU Sligo

Sligo County Council, in conjunction with the NTA, propose to develop **an Active Travel corridor linking Sligo Town with ATU Sligo**. Sligo County Council see this as a major pathfinder scheme in the further improvement of Sligo as a “3km Cycle Friendly Town”. The overall proposal is to improve existing and provide additional active travel infrastructure between Sligo Town Centre and the ATU at Ballinode.

Proposals will include the following:

- Reduction in carriageway width available to vehicular traffic along the following streets – Bridge Street, Stephen Street, The Mall and Molloway Hill
- Provision of high-quality cycling infrastructure including where necessary contraflow cycle lanes on streets including Stephen Street, The Mall and possibly Bridge Street
- Provision of high-quality facilities for pedestrians including footpaths, safe pedestrian crossing facilities etc.
- Alterations to junctions and roundabouts along route to improve safety and usability for all.
- Provision of active travel linkages along the route where necessary to adjacent residential areas, schools, retail facilities, community facilities, employment centres.

This Pathfinder Scheme will deliver a much need and valuable sustainable mobility link between Sligo Town Centre and the North-East Quadrant of the town, serving large residential areas of Ballinode and Ballytivnan, ATU Sligo (third level institution with staff and student numbers of almost 10,000), Sligo University Hospital, two secondary schools (Sligo Grammar School and Ballinode College) and Carbury Primary School.

4.3 Other Active Travel Schemes

Other Active Travel schemes and projects that will be developed during year 2026 include:

Coolaney to Rockfield

New shared footpath from Coolaney Village to Rockfield, new pedestrian crossing and SRTS works at Rockfield NS. It is anticipated that construction will commence in Q2 2026.

Carrowroe to Cuilbeg

The Project will provide a new shared footpath with junction tightening and new pedestrian crossings from Carrowroe National School to Cuilbeg (St. Johns GAS pitch). It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q3 2026.



Figure 25: Illustration – Shared Footpath

Cleveragh Drive

The project will provide a fully segregated pedestrian and cycling facility from Sligo's Regional Sports Centre to Cleveragh Road. The project is progressing through the statutory process. It is envisaged that construction will commence in Q4 2026.



Figure 26: Illustration – Segregated Pedestrian & Cycling Facility

Strandhill Village

A preferred option has been identified and preliminary design completed. Informal public consultation was held in Strandhill in November 2024. Project to proceed to statutory process and detailed design phase in 2026 subject to NTA approval.



Figure 27: Illustration – Preliminary Design

Rural Footpath Schemes

A design consultant has been appointed to the schemes listed below. Each of the schemes is at a different NTA Phase and will keep progressing through the NTA phases in 2026.

- Ballygawley to Castledargan - Detailed design has been completed.
- Clarion Road, Sligo Town – Preliminary design ongoing.

Rosses Point – Top Road Footpaths

A preferred option has been identified, and informal public consultation will commence with a view to progressing preliminary design and statutory process in 2026 subject to NTA approval.

Newtownholmes Road – Caltragh

The preliminary design has been submitted to the NTA and feedback has been received. Consultants working with the NTA feedback and to progress the project to statutory process in 2026.

Low-Cost Junction Tightening Measures

The NTA have made funding available for interventions at junctions to ensure improved facilities for pedestrians at junctions with urban areas. The active travel team are currently identifying locations for interventions that will provide opportunities to reduce junction radii and junction speeds and to improve overall junction safety.

Safe Routes to School

12 schools have been allocated funding under the SRTS programme. Options to improve active travel modes to each school are being developed with a view to completing interventions in 2025.

The schools are:

1. St John National School, Temple Street Sligo – Detailed design complete. Statutory process to begin in early Q1 2026.
2. Scoil Ursula, Strandhill Road, Sligo – Detailed design complete. Statutory process to begin in early Q2 2026.
3. Scoil Asicus, Golf Course Road, Strandhill – discussion ongoing with Housing Section in relation to requirements for housing development.
4. Jesus and Mary Secondary School, Enniscrone – Works at substantial completion.
5. Scoil Náisiúnta Réalt na Mara, Rosses Point - preferred design option in place, community engagement Q2 2026.
6. SRTS R3 - St Patricks Calry NS - Construction 2026.
7. SRTS R3 - Banada NS - Construction 2026.
8. SRTS R3 - Moylough NS - Construction 2026.
9. SRTS R3 - St Aidens Ballintrillick NS - Construction 2026.
10. SRTS R3 - Rathlee NS - Construction 2026.
11. SRTS R4 - St Johns Ballisodare NS – Consultant procurement Q3 2026.
12. SRTS R4 - Ransboro NS - Consultant procurement Q3 2026

4.4 Cycle Connects – Sligo Cycle Strategy

Cycle Connects which is specifically targeted at Ireland's Cycle Network, aims to improve sustainable travel by providing the potential for more trips on a safe, accessible, and convenient cycling network, connecting more people to more places. Proposals for cycling links in key cities, towns and villages in each county are included in the plan, in addition to connections between the larger towns, villages and settlements. The plan also incorporates existing and planned cycle routes such as greenways and blueways. The NTA is currently preparing a Cycle Strategy for County Sligo. The cycle strategy, both the urban section of the strategy and the county strategy, have completed the public consultation phase. It is anticipated that the cycle strategy will continue to the next phase in 2026.

4.5 Local Transport Plan for Sligo

Sligo County Council, in conjunction with the NTA, aims to improve the sustainable transport offering in County Sligo and has developed a Local Transport Plan (LTP). The requirement for a Local Transport Plan for Sligo is set out in the NWRA's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy through the Regional Policy Objective RPO 6.2. The Local Transport Plan supports the Core Strategy and informs the transport and active travel policies of the Development Plan. The LTP focuses on Sligo Town, its satellites and the settlements located in the Regional Growth Centre Strategic Plan Area. It considers the travel demand generated by the other commuter towns and villages in County Sligo.

The principles & objectives from the LTP are:

Principles:

- Support the Climate Action Plan through reducing emissions from the car, enhancing Active Travel provision and Electric Vehicle usage to promote modal shift.
- Support the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy by providing a permeable Sligo Town Centre for walking, cycling and the mobility impaired, while safeguarding the strategic function of the national road network, including national road junctions within the LTP area.
- Ensure that the Study Area is adaptive to accommodate the projected population growth and residential developments by providing safe, convenient alternatives to the private car, without inhibiting arterial connections.
- Ensure the needs and requirements of the elderly and mobility impaired are supported through a more accessible transport system within the Study Area.
- Develop robust measures to secure funding in line with the National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland.
- Improve social inclusion and wellbeing by promoting Active Travel linked to a sense of 'Place' within the Study Area.

Objectives:

- Increase Public Transport Patronage by promoting the convenience and attractiveness of bus, rail and P&R.
- Enhance integration between existing and proposed land uses and transport.
- Enhance accessibility of Sligo Town Centre for rural communities.
- Develop an enhanced pedestrian network focusing on improving permeability and creating a sense of 'Place' within Sligo Town.
- Improve the cycle network throughout the study area.

The roads department will examine projects contained within the LPT in 2026. Discussions shall be progressed with funding agencies to secure funding for the realisation of these projects.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP)

Sligo County Council is working in conjunction with the NTA and Bus Service providers to develop and implement the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP) across the County. An allocation of €500,000 has been provided by the National Transport Authority for 2026.

Sligo County Council have concluded the procurement process for the engagement of an engineering consultant to progress the design and installation of appropriate measures. A preferred consultant has been identified, and it is anticipated that the consultant will be formally appointed in March 2026.

Sligo County Council in conjunction with the NTA have identified the locations (See Table 17 below) for bus stop improvement works under the BSEP.

Additionally, the Roads Department are engaged in ongoing dialogue with the NTA in relation to bus stop enhancements related to S1, S2, and S3 routes.

Table 17: Bus Stop Improvement Works - BSEP

Municipal District	Road No.	Location	TFI Pole, Harding standing Area & Bus Cage/Line Markings
Sligo / Drumcliffe	N - R279	Mullaghmore	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	N - L-3305-0	Carney	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	N - L-3305-0	Carney	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - N15	Drumcliffe - Cemetery	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - N15	Drumcliffe - Cemetery	Type E
Sligo / Drumcliffe	N - R284	Ballygawley	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	N - R284	Ballygawley	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	N - R290	Ballintogher	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	N - R290	Ballintogher	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - L-1401-0	Riverstown	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R284	Geevagh	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R284	Geevagh	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - R292	Ransboro	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - R292	Ransboro	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - N59	Ballysadare	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - N59	Ballysadare	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - L-3610-0	Collooney Square	To be determined
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - L-3610-0	Collooney Square	To be determined
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - L-3610-0	Collooney Square	To be determined

Table 17 (Continued)

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Municipal District	Road No.	Location	TFI Pole, Harding standing Area & Bus Cage/Line Markings
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - L-3610-0	Collooney Square	To be determined
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - L-3610-0	Collooney Square	To be determined
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - Old N4	Castlebaldwin	Shelter
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - Old N4	Castlebaldwin	Shelter
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R293	Ballymote	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R293	Ballymote	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R296	Bunnanaddan	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R296	Bunnanaddan	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R293	Gurteen	Shelter
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R293	Gurteen	Shelter
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R294	Gurteen	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - R294	Gurteen	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - N17	Ballinacarrow	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - N17	Ballinacarrow	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R294	Tobercurry	Shelter
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R294	Tobercurry	Shelter
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - N17	Curry	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - N17	Curry	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - L-2801-0	Coolaney	TFI Pole / Possibility of shelter

Table 17 (Continued)

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Municipal District	Road No.	Location	TFI Pole, Harding standing Area & Bus Cage/Line Markings
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - L-2801-0	Coolaney	Shelter
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - L-6804-0	Rockfield	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	N - L-6804-0	Rockfield	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R297	Dromore West	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R297	Dromore West	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R297	Easkey	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R297	Easkey	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R297	Enniscrone	TFI Pole
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Y - R297	Enniscrone	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - N15	Drumcliffe – Village	TFI Pole
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Y - N15	Drumcliffe – Village	TFI Pole
Total No. Locations Identified: 46			

4.6 Public Lighting – Budget 2026 - €1,100,000

There are currently 9,500 public lights under Sligo County Council maintenance – 7,492 on Regional and Local Roads and 1,176 on National Roads. In addition to Sligo County Council funding of €1,100,000, TII provide an additional budget of €182,338 towards the maintenance cost of public lights on National roads. Costs include energy costs and maintenance/repair costs.

Sligo County Council is operating under significant financial constraints in relation to the provision and maintenance of public lighting. Currently there is no Sligo County Council funding available for investment in new public lighting. The provision of standalone projects involving the construction of new lighting together with associated civil works is not provided for in the budget.

Sligo County Council has made significant progress in relation to the retrofit of traditional SOX and SON fittings. Sligo County Council has now 92% LED lights on the public lighting network. It should be noted that **all** public lighting on National Roads are now upgraded to LED Lights.

4.7 Clár Schemes

The Department of Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht allocated funding of €572,306 for projects in County Sligo under the 2024 Clár Scheme. The Department sets out the terms and conditions of the Scheme and works on projects are required to be completed by June 2026. Fifteen community groups were approved for grant aid under the 2024 Clár Scheme.

The Department of Rural, Community Development and the Gaeltacht announced an allocation of €502,599 for Sligo projects under the 2025 Clár Scheme and works on the nine successful projects, listed hereunder, must be completed by June 2027.

Table 18: 2025 Clár Scheme

Municipal District:	Organisation:	Amount:
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Ballintogher Community Playground C/r Ballintogher Community Council Ltd	€100,000
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Cliffoney Celtic FC	€64,030
Sligo / Drumcliffe	Cliffoney Mens Shed	€54,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Curry GAA	€27,720
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Skreen Dromard Development CLG	€43,418
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	ETB Grange Post Primary School / North Sligo Athletics Club	€58,289
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Rathlee N.S.	€65,000
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Arrow Harps F.C. CLG	€26,635
Ballymote / Tubbercurry	Sooey Community Council	€63,507
Total Allocation		€502,599

4.8 Beach Maintenance

Sligo County Council Roads Department carry out maintenance works on beaches at Enniscrone and Dunmorán (Ballymote Tubbercurry MD) and Rosses Point, Mullaghmore and Streedagh (Sligo Drumcliffe MD) during the summer season and busy periods.

This involves cleaning, litter picking, waste collection, providing lifesaving equipment, general maintenance of access for the public and maintenance of car parks.

The budget for 2026 is €64,567.

Part 5

5.1 Comparison of 2025 and 2026 Road Grants for National Roads

Table 19:

Classification	Initial Allocation 2025	Initial Allocation 2026
TII Capital Investment – Protection & Renewal & Active Travel (AT)		
National Primary Improvement		
AT National Primary Minor Works		
AT – N4 Collooney – Castlebaldwin	€200,000	€300,000
AT – Toberbridge – Collooney	€100,000	€50,000
AT – N15 Grange	€30,000	€25,000
AT – N17 Curry	€30,000	€25,000
AT – N4/N16 Sligo Urban	€120,000	€200,000
AT – N59 Ballysadare	€30,000	€25,000
AT – Collooney to Bellaghy		€75,000
Total AT National Primary Minor Works:	€510,000	€700,000
HD15 & HD17 Minor Works		
N15_SO RSI Implementation	€114,300	-
N15_SO Shannon Eighter Pedestrian Crossing	€70,000	€20,000
N17_SO RSI Implementation	€4,500	-
N17_SO Ballynacarrow L6108 Junction	€4,500	€5,000
N17_SO Cashel South L45048 Junction	€9,000	-
N17_SO Curry Junction of N17/L4902	€20,000	€30,000
N17_SO L45048 Gilmartin Junction	€4,500	-
N17_SO Tubbercurry Pedestrian Crossing (Near GAA Pitch)	€72,000	€25,000
N17_SO Tubbercurry Pedestrian Crossing (Upgrade)	€52,500	€5,000
Total NP HD15 & HD17 Minor Works:	€351,300	€85,000
National Primary Minor Works		
N16 Lugatober Realignment	€2,100,000	€700,000
N16 Sligo to Drumkilsellagh	€100,000	€300,000
Total National Primary Minor Works:	€2,200,000	€1,000,000
National Primary Pavement Works		
N15 Yeats Grove	€65,000	
N4 Sligo Inner Relief Road Pavement	€1,259,600	
N16 Lugatober to County Boundary		€1,500,000
N59 Tullylin to Fiddaun		
Total National Primary Pavement Works:	€1,324,600	€1,500,000
Total National Primary Improvement	€4,385,900	€3,285,000

Table 20:

Classification	Initial Allocation 2025	Initial Allocation 2026
National Secondary Improvement		
National Secondary HD15 & HD17 Minor Works		
N59_SO RSI Implementation	€31,500	-
AT – N59 Ballysadare Pedestrian Crossing	€63,000	€70,000
Total HD15 & HD17 Minor Works:	€94,500	€70,000
National Secondary Minor Works		
Total National Secondary Minor Works		
National Secondary Pavement Works		
Total National Secondary Pavement Works		-
National Primary / National Secondary (NP/NS) Support Grant		
Both NP and NS Local Authority Support (Improvement)	€213,000	€213,000
Safety Support Grant NRO 2025	€100,000	€100,000
National Primary Support Grant		
N4 and Project Office Support (Improvement) 2025	€1,260,000	€1,260,000
Total NP/NS Support Grant:	€1,573,000	€1,573,000
National Primary / National Secondary Minor Works		
Maintenance Depot (LA Claims)	€500,000	-
HD28 National Primary / National Secondary	-	-
HD28 Pavement Renewals	€630,000	TBC
Total Capital Investment – Protection & Renewal & Active Travel (AT)	€7,183,400	€4,928,000
National Primary Major Schemes – Construction of New Roads		
N4 Collooney to Castlebaldwin	€1,800,000	€2,200,000
N17 Knock to Collooney	€1,000,000	€1,000,000
Total National Primary Major Schemes – Construction of New Roads	€2,800,000	€3,200,000
National Road Maintenance		
National Primary Maintenance		
NP Ordinary Maintenance	€228,430	€228,430
NP Route Lighting	€165,238	€172,345
NP Winter Maintenance	€145,632	€203,302
Total National Primary Maintenance	€539,300	€604,077

Table 21:

Classification	Initial Allocation 2025	Initial Allocation 2026
National Secondary Maintenance		
NS Ordinary Maintenance	€60,017	€60,017
NS Route Lighting	€17,100	€17,301
NS Winter Maintenance	€40,160	€56,063
Total National Secondary Maintenance:	€117,277	€133,381
National Primary / National Secondary Support Grant – Current Maintenance – Protection & Renewal		
Local Authority Support Maintenance (NP & NS)	€60,900	€60,900
Local Authority Support (Winter Maintenance NP & NS)	€10,000	€10,000
Total NP/NS Support Grant	€70,900	€70,900
Total NP/NS Maintenance	€727,477	€808,358
Greenways		
Sligo G/W Bellaghy-Charlestown-Collooney	€200,000	-
NRO Regional Greenways Support 2024	€520,000	-
Total Greenways	€720,000	-
TII Improvement Allocations:	€4,385,900	-
Total TII Allocations:	€10,710,877	€8,936,358

5.2 Comparison of 2025 and 2026 Road Grants for Non-National Roads

Table 22:

Classification	Initial Allocation 2025	Initial Allocation 2026
2026 Regional & Local Road Grant Allocations		
Restoration Programme		
Restoration Improvement	€9,290,000	€9,882,500
Restoration Maintenance	€1,166,500	€1,166,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€1,020,500	€1,079,000
Total Restoration Programme:	€11,477,000	€12,128,000
Discretionary Grant		
Discretionary Grant	€2,298,000	€2,362,500
Bridge Rehabilitation		
Bridge Inventory & Maintenance Inspection	€45,500	€48,500
Doonflin Upper Bridge 2 (Taylors Bridge)	€70,000	-
Carragh Town	€40,000	€45,000
Quay Wall, Markievicz Road	€80,000	€60,000
Markievicz Bridge	€3,000	€80,000
Closkeybeg Bridge	€58,000	-
Kilnamanagh	€45,000	€45,000
Gortersluin	€45,000	-
Bunnadober	€45,000	-
Ardnaglass	€50,000	-
Drumacool	€40,000	€45,000
Gleniff Bridge	€25,000	-
Streedagh Bridge, Grange	-	€65,000
Derrygolagh Bridge, Cloonloo, Boyle	-	€30,000
Carrownaleck 2 Bridge, Lavagh, Ballymote	-	€25,000
Kilross Bridge, Ballygawley	-	€30,000
Farranyharpy Bridge, Skreen	-	€40,000
Tullycusheen Beg Bridge, Cloonacool	-	€25,000
Cuppanagh Bridge, Cupanagh, Cloonloo	-	€8,000
Total Bridge Rehabilitation	€546,500	€546,500
Specific Improvement Grant:		
R284 Safety Improvement Scheme Gleann & Ummeryroe	€100,000	-
MCR to Burton Street	€900,000	€1,200,000
R292/R869 Junction (Strandhill Road Junction)	-	-
Oakfield Road	€50,000	€20,000
Surface Water Improvement at Rosses Point	-	-
Killaraght R361/L57131 Junction Improvement	€100,000	€100,000
Western Distributor Road R869/R292/ First Sea Road Junction Upgrade	€25,000	€25,000
R293 South of Gurteen	-	€130,000
Eastern Garvoge Bridge – Southern Link Road Approaches, Sligo East City	-	€25,000

Total Specific Improvement Grant:	€1,175,000	€1,500,000
Strategic Regional & Local		
Eastern Garvogue River Bridge	€700,000	€1,800,000
Eastern Garvogue River Bridge (Phase 2)	€40,000	
Western Distributor Road (Phase 2)		€25,000
Total Strategic Regional & Local:	€740,000	€1,825,000

Table 23

Classification	Initial Allocation 2025	Initial Allocation 2026
Safety Improvement Schemes		
Castledargan	€40,000	-
Hazelwood Demesne	€15,000	-
Castletown Easkey Village	€30,000	-
Collooney National School	€40,000	€50,000
Aughamore	€25,000	-
Riverstown Village	€40,000	€45,000
Lavagh Village	€15,000	-
Drimna National School	€15,000	-
Loughanelteen, Calry	€30,000	€40,000
Carrownlearn, Coolaney	€40,000	€35,000
Mullaghmore	€20,000	-
Rathlee National School	€20,000	-
Gortersluin	€40,000	€40,000
Coola/Cloonskirt	-	€20,000
Aughamore Far	-	€35,000
Ardee, South of Ballymote	-	€30,000
Ardcotton / Bleechgreen, Collooney	-	€10,000
Pier Road, Enniscrone	-	€40,000
Moneragh, Easkey	-	€20,000
Renewal of Regulatory Road Markings at Junctions (County Wide)	-	€35,000
Total Safety Improvement Schemes:	€370,000	€400,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€21,000	€21,000
Non-National Roads Training Grant	€61,000	€65,500
Drainage Works	€516,000	€516,000
Former National Roads	€250,000	€220,000
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€463,000	€463,000
Community Involvement Schemes	€473,000	€512,475
Speed Limit Review Signs	€492,500	
Total Regional & Local Road DOT Grant Allocation	€18,883,000	€20,559,975
Active Travel (NTA Funded):	€2,500,000	€3,500,000
Total Grant Allocations (National, Regional & Local Roads):	€32,093,877	€32,996,333

Table 24:

Classification	Initial Allocation 2025	Initial Allocation 2026
Road Maintenance Own Resources		
Local Road Maintenance (Own Resources Groups)	€471,000	€471,000
Local Road Maintenance Councillors Proposals (Own Resources)	€252,000	€306,000
Road Overheads (Own Resources)	€300,000	€300,000
Treatment of Japanese Knotweed	€20,000	€20,000
Footpath Enhancement Programme (LPT & Development Levies)	€300,000	€100,000
Local Road General Improvement Works (LPT Funded)	€305,000	€305,000
Total Road Maintenance (Own Resources):	€1,648,000	€1,502,000
Total TII/DOT/Own Resources	€33,741,877	€34,498,333