

# A Transport Plan for the Waterford Area



**Easy to Read information leaflet**

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# What is this information leaflet about?



This information is about a transport plan for the Waterford area.



This plan is called the Waterford Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.

It looks as far ahead as 2040.



The plan was put together by the National Transport Authority, or the NTA for short.

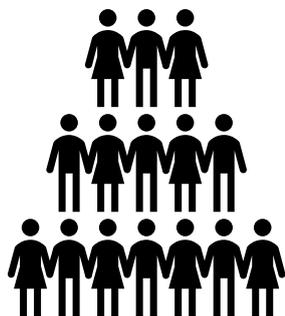


The NTA worked on the plan with Waterford City and County Council, Kilkenny County Council, Southern Regional Assembly, and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

# Why do we need this transport plan?



We want a high quality transport system for Waterford.



More people will live and work in Waterford in the future.

There will be more demand for transport.



We want everyone to be able to use the transport system.



A good transport system will help Waterford to grow as a European city.

# Why do we need this transport plan?



A good transport system will help the economy to grow and will bring more jobs and money into the region.



Bad traffic jams in Waterford mean that journeys can take a long time.



Heavy traffic is bad for the environment and for public health.



Too many people rely on their car for short trips. A lot of people use their car to bring children to school.

# Why do we need this transport plan?



We need to look at how we use our streets and roads.



We want to make it easier and safer for people to walk and cycle.

More active travel can help people to stay fit and healthy.



We want more people to be able to use public transport to get around.



We want the city to look well and be a good place to live, work, visit, and have fun.

# Putting this transport plan together



We looked at different policies and laws.



We looked at national, regional, and local plans.



We talked to people about the different challenges and listened to their advice.



We studied the area and the transport network now.

# Putting this transport plan together



We thought about what we will need for the future.



We tested out different ideas.



We put together the transport plan.



We will talk to the public about this plan.  
We will listen to what they have to say.

# What does the transport plan say?



# Land use



Land use is about where houses and other places, such as workplaces, are built.



Land use and transport plans must work together.



This is important so people do not need to travel by car all the time.



We need to develop cities and towns so more people can live there and have a good quality of life.

# Walking



Most journeys start and end with walking.

We want walking routes that people can use to get to public transport, work, school, college, and leisure places.



When we say walking, we mean all people that use the footpaths.

This includes wheelchair users and those with mobility difficulties.



We want our walking spaces to be safe, accessible to everyone, and nice to be in.



We will have maps so people can find their way.

# Walking



We will have better paths and crossings that are safe and easy to use.

We will stop people parking on footpaths.



We will have a bridge over the River Suir for people walking and cycling.

There will also be an electric shuttle bus.



We will take clutter off the streets.



We will work with different groups to check on walking spaces.

These are called walkability audits.

# Cycling



Cycling is good for the environment.  
This type of transport does not cost much money and is getting more popular all the time.



You can cycle from the centre of Waterford city to the edge of the city in 20 minutes.



We want people to be able to cycle to more places.  
We want cycle routes that are comfortable to use.



We will make routes as safe as possible.  
We will try to keep cyclists away from cars, buses, and trucks.

# Cycling



We will have better road layouts, traffic calming, and lower speed limits.



People should be able to park their bikes in the City Centre, town centres, schools, rail and bus stations, public buildings, shopping areas, and workplaces.



We will have a bike share scheme in Waterford city.

We will support electric bike share schemes.



We will have lockers, changing rooms, and showers for cyclists.

# BusConnects Waterford



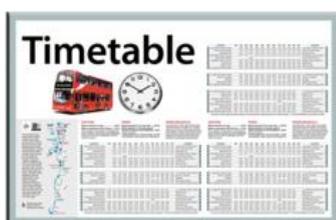
Buses are part of the public transport system in the Waterford area.



We will have new and faster bus services.  
Routes will go to more places as the area grows.

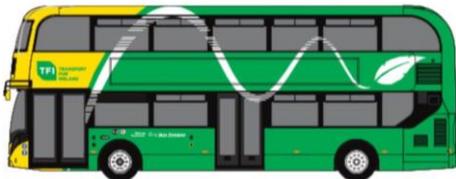


People will be able to use buses to go from the City Centre to University Hospital Waterford and WIT.



BusConnects Waterford will have buses that come regularly and on time.

# BusConnects Waterford



There will be new buses that cause less pollution and are better for the environment.



There will be road changes, transport corridors, and bus gates.

This will help buses to get around faster.



There will be new fares and tickets.



Bus stops and shelters will be safer and more comfortable.

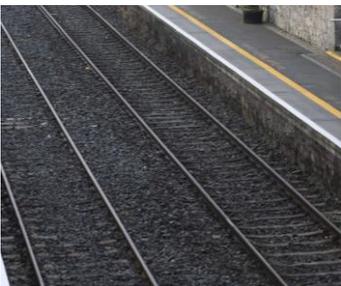
# Rail



We want to make the best use of the rail services in Waterford.



Waterford City has InterCity services direct to Dublin, Kilkenny, Clonmel and connections via Limerick Junction to Cork, Limerick, Tralee, and Ennis.



We will look at higher speeds and better connections on the Waterford to Dublin and Waterford to Limerick Junction lines.



We will look at the line between Waterford and Rosslare.

This was closed in 2010.

# Rail



The Plunkett Station building will move to the North Quays.



We will try to make the rail system better for the environment, for example, by using electric trains.

# Roads



We will manage the road network better and cut down the number of short trips that people take by car.



All new roads will be designed to be safe for walking, cycling, and public transport.



Roads and streets will change to meet the needs of people living and working in the area.



We will have new bridges to help people get around the area more easily.

# Roads



We will look at the routes used by trucks and vans.

We will put together a plan for moving goods around the area.



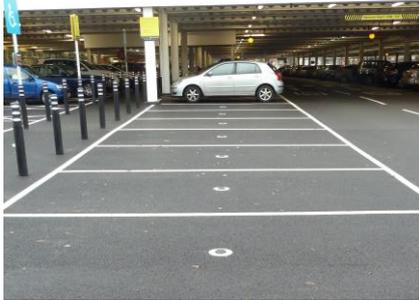
We will study how and when deliveries are made.

We want to use delivery vehicles that are quieter and better for the environment.



We will look at how we can use the rail system to move goods.

# Parking



We will take action on parking too.



We will have Park and Ride spaces.

These are car parks where you can leave your car and finish your journey by bus, for example, if you are going into the City Centre.



We will look at on-street parking in the City Centre.



We will look at the idea of Mobility Hubs.

These are used in European cities to help people move from using their car to walking, cycling, and public transport.

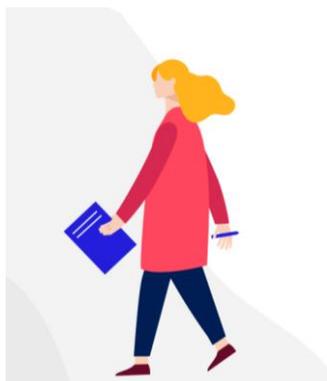
# Other Important Things in the Plan



We need good local plans to help to put this transport plan into action.



We will use Universal Design.



We would like to have walking and cycling officers in the local areas.



We will design our streets, towns, and cities to be nicer, healthier, safer public spaces. There will be less car traffic and public spaces will be easier for everyone to use.

# Other Important Things in the Plan



We will have School Travel Plans.

We will support the Safe Routes to School and Green Schools programmes.



We will support cycle training programmes in places of education and employment.



We have a Smarter Travel programme to encourage people to walk, cycle, or use public transport to get to work or college.



We will encourage people to use electric cars.

# Other Important Things in the Plan



We will need money to put all the parts of our plan into action.



We want to use technology to make the public transport service better and to give information.



We want to give clear, accessible information that everyone can understand.



We will have campaigns to tell the public about the plan and our goals.

# Next Steps



Some of our actions will happen before 2028.  
Some will take longer, up to 2040.



We have short, medium, and long-term goals.  
We say how we will measure our progress on  
our goals.



We will review our progress every 6 years.  
We will find out if our actions mean good  
changes are happening.



We will keep talking to local communities about  
their transport needs.  
We will work with other groups and  
organisations such as the County Councils.

# More Information



You can get more information on the plan and look at maps and routes at [www.nationaltransport.ie](http://www.nationaltransport.ie)



There is more information on all our planned changes in the main report.



This report was put together by the National Transport Authority.



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