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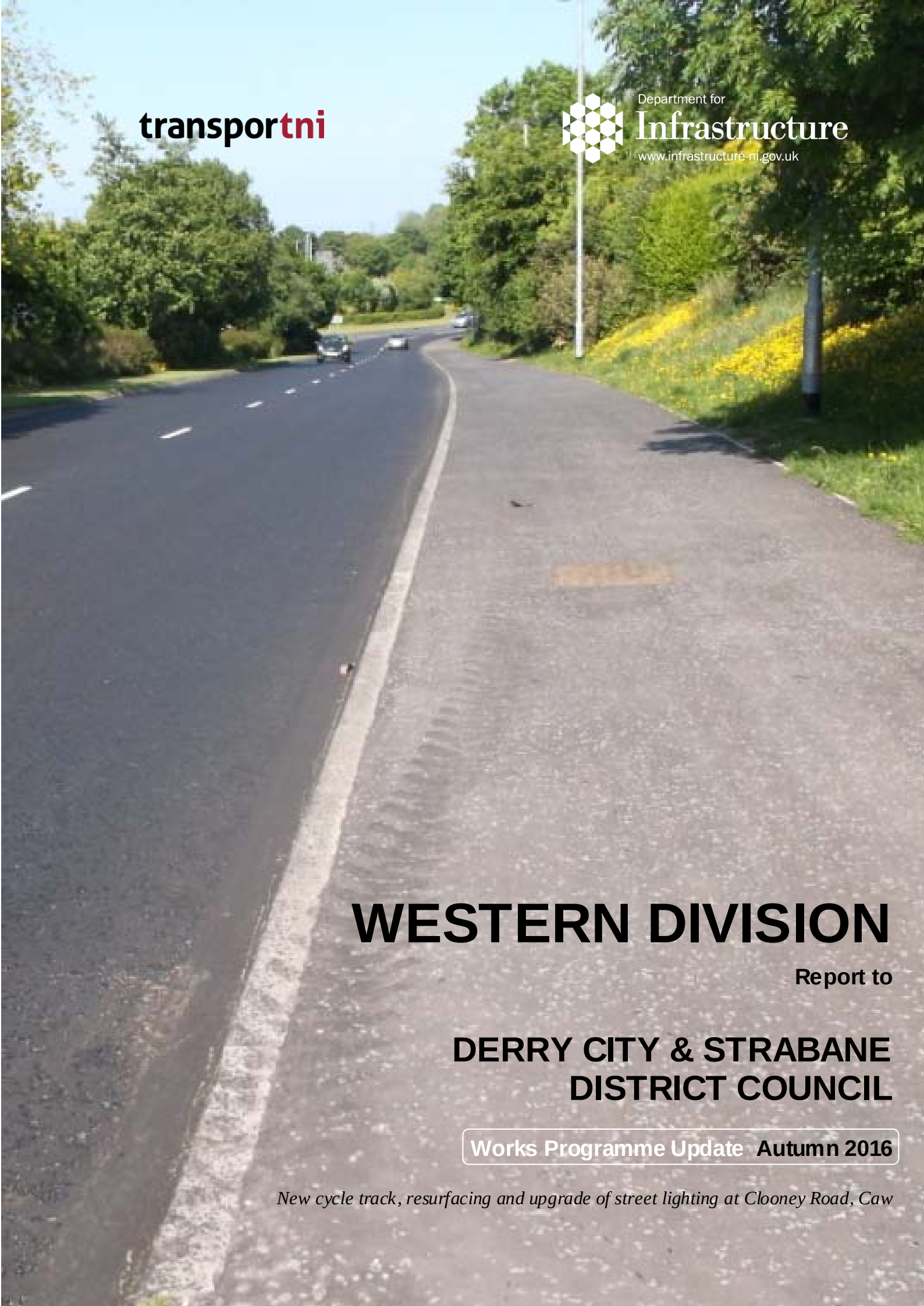

WESTERN DIVISION

Report to

DERRY CITY & STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Works Programme Update Autumn 2016

New cycle track, resurfacing and upgrade of street lighting at Clooney Road, Caw

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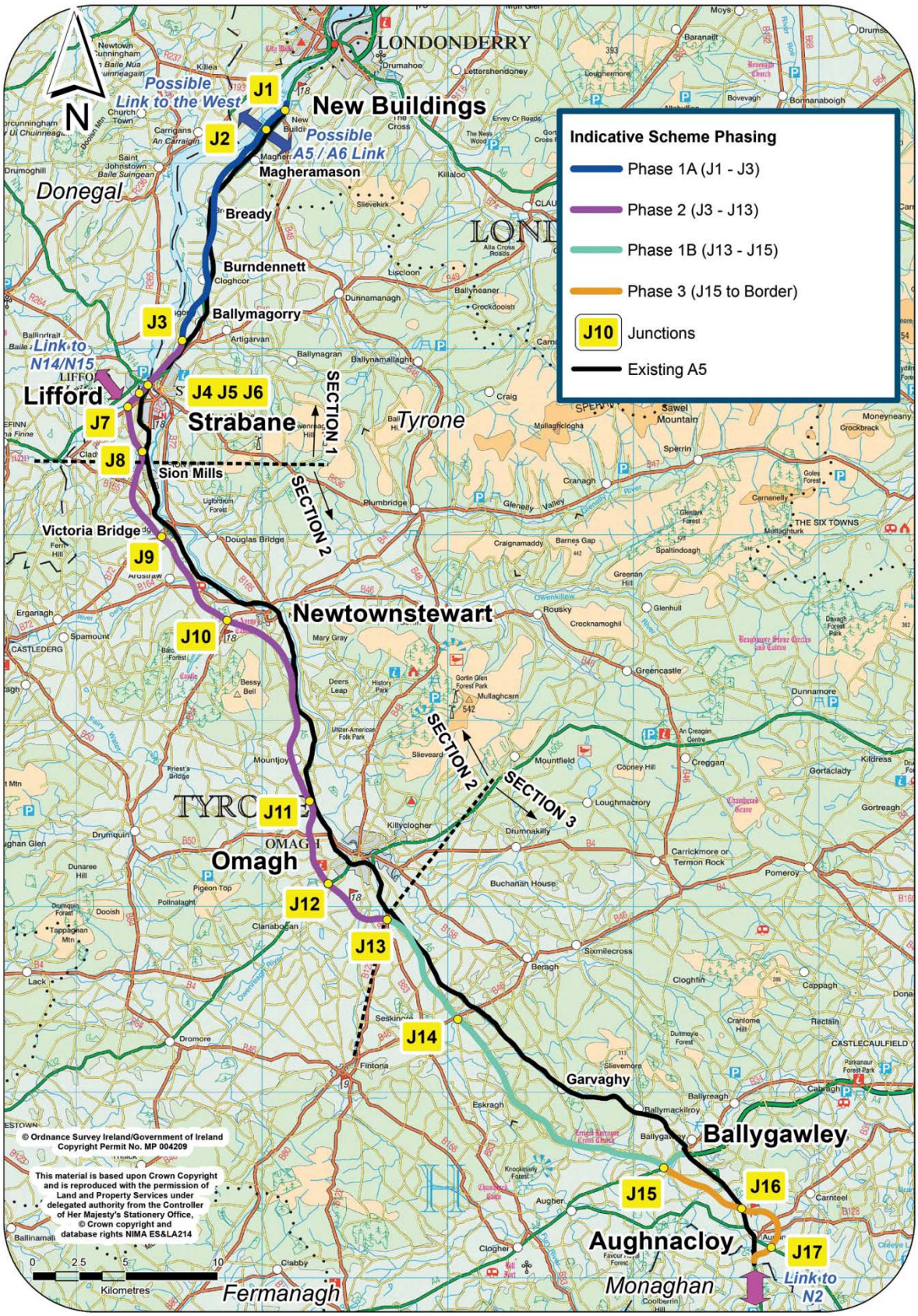
STRATEGIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A5 Western Transport Corridor (A5WTC)



The A5 Western Transport Corridor (A5WTC) is a Northern Ireland Executive led scheme which aims to provide 85 kilometres (55 miles) of dual carriageway from south of Londonderry at New Buildings to the border at Aughnacloy.

In February 2016 the then Department for Regional Development (DRD) published for consultation the Notice of Intention to Make Vesting Orders (draft Vesting Orders) for a number of phases of the scheme as follows:
• Phase 1A - New Buildings to north of Strabane;
• Phase 1B - south of Omagh to Ballygawley; and
• Phase 2 - north of Strabane to south of Omagh.

The Notice of Intention to Make a Direction Order (i.e. draft Direction Order) for the length between New Buildings and Ballygawley and a new Environmental Statement (ES) covering the full extent of the scheme between New Buildings and Aughnacloy were also published during that time.

New draft Vesting Orders and a Direction Order for the section between Ballygawley and the border at Aughnacloy (Phase 3) are not being taken forward until details of the link with the N2 at the border with the Republic of Ireland have been clearly identified. This section was however included in the new Environmental Statement which must take account of the full extents of an overall project.

Following the public consultation into the draft orders and environmental statement for the scheme, the Department appointed the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) as the independent inspector to administer a public inquiry. The inquiry opened on 4 October 2016 and is scheduled to close in mid–December 2016, with the PAC's report expected around May 2017.

The Minister will consider the recommendations from the PAC's report in detail before making a decision on whether to proceed with the scheme and make the necessary statutory Orders.

In late August 2016, the Alternative A5 Alliance - a group objecting to the scheme proposals, applied for leave for a judicial review. The Department is opposing the application for leave and now awaits the outcome from a hearing that took place on 22 November 2016.

The Budget 2016/17 allocated an indicative sum of £229m between 2016/17 and 2020/21 to the A5 scheme; this includes a contribution from the Irish Government of £75m.

Subject to the successful completion of all the statutory procedures and a satisfactory outcome from the PAC report, it is hoped that construction can commence in late 2017 on Phase 1A (between New Buildings and north of Strabane) in line with the 'A Fresh Start' Agreement.

The Joint Venture Contractor for Phase 1A is BAM/Balfour Beatty & FP Mc Cann.

A6 Randalstown to Castledawson

The Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan (RSTN TP) 2015 endorsed the provision of a continuous dual carriageway from the western end of the M22 at Randalstown to the Castledawson Roundabout.

Progress Report

On the 17 August 2016 Infrastructure Minister Chris Hazzard announced his decision to proceed with the A6 Randalstown to Castledawson Dualling Scheme, representing an investment of £160 million.

Following the Minister's announcement the Department published the Vesting Orders, which became effective on 27th September 2016.

Minister Chris Hazzard with Deirdre Mackle and Andrew Hitchenor from TransportNI

Construction

A two phase procurement strategy has been adopted for this project, encompassing a design development phase and a construction phase. The first phase, a contract to develop the detailed design and a Target Cost to carry out the works was awarded on 1 May 2015 to a GRAHAM/Farrans JV. This Phase 1 design development work is ongoing together with some vegetation clearance.

Advance Archaeological Investigation Works

The Department in consultation with NIEA Historical Environment Division, has carried out a series of archaeological ground investigation works to identify and record any historic features prior to the commencement of the earthworks.

Works on the Randalstown to Toome section of the scheme to erect fencing to secure the site perimeter are continuing. On the Toome to Castledawson Section of the scheme leave has been granted for a Judicial Review relating to the habitats assessment. The outcome of this process will be known in due course.

Visit https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/road-improvements/a6-randalstown-castledawson-dualling-scheme to find out more about the scheme.

A6 Londonderry to Dungiven

The Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan (RSTN TP) 2015 endorsed the provision of a 30 kilometre dual carriageway from Londonderry to Dungiven, including a dual carriageway bypass of Dungiven.

Progress Report

In May of this year consultants were appointed to assist with the procurement and delivery of this Flagship project. Work is underway to determine the extent of this scheme that can be delivered within the 2015 budget allocations, with priority being given to commencing construction of a bypass around Dungiven and then progressing westwards towards Drumahoe should funding permit.

Subject to making the statutory orders, approval of the final business case and successful procurement, it is possible that the first phase of the Derry to Dungiven scheme could commence in the latter part of 2018/19.

Claudy to Dungiven Section of the A6 Improvement Scheme

Visit https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/road-improvements/a6-londonderry-dungiven to find out more about the scheme.

A2 Buncrana Road

The Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan (RSTN TP) 2015 endorsed improvement of the A2 Buncrana Road, Londonderry from Pennyburn Roundabout to the border with the Republic of Ireland.

Progress Report

The preferred route for the scheme, announced on 10 February 2009, will widen the existing road from Pennyburn Roundabout to Skeoge Link Roundabout to four lanes and will provide a dual carriageway from Skeoge Link Roundabout to County Donegal.

As part of the Stimulus Package Funding announced in October 2016 by Chris Hazzard, Minister for Infrastructure, funding has been secured to resume the development work on the Buncrana Road improvement scheme. An engineering consultant has just been appointed to assist with the development of the scheme.

The next step in the development process will be to complete the preliminary design work, including reviewing the junction strategy. On completion of the preliminary design works the Department will publish the Draft Statutory Orders and Environmental Statement which will be subject to a formal public consultation process. The outcome of this public consultation may lead to the need for a Public Inquiry.

When this work is complete, it will provide sufficient information to ensure the land required to facilitate improvement of Buncrana Road is afforded planning protection.

It is anticipated that the statutory process could be concluded in early 2019 however delivery of the scheme thereafter will dependent upon the level of funding made available through future budgetary settlements and the relative priorities afforded to schemes competing for the available funds.

NETWORK MAINTENANCE

STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE – PLANNED WORKS 2016-2017

Resurfacing

In the 2016-2017 financial year it is proposed to resurface the following roads at an estimated cost of £1.3 million

Road No	Road Name	Length (m)	Status
A2	Buncrana Road, Pennyburn Roundabout to Racecourse Road	500	Completed
A2	Clooney Road at Caw Brae	300	Completed
A5	Mulvin Road, Urbalreagh	1000	Ongoing
B72	Learmore Road, Killen	250	Ongoing
B72	Derry Road, Strabane	220	Deferred to 2017/18
B74	Main Street, Claudy	770	Completed
C675	Ferguson Crescent, Castlederg	300	Programmed
C677	Orchard Road	1043	Completed
U1511	Argyle Street	229	Programmed
U1512	Springtown Park	223	Completed
U2043	*Beechmount Avenue, Strabane	382	Completed
U2043	*St Colman's Drive, Strabane	156	Completed
U2045	Glen Road, Strabane	505	Completed
B536	Ligford Road, Plumbridge (RRI)	520	Programmed
C609	Camus Road, Victoria Bridge (RRI)	838	Completed
C513	Longland Road (RRI)	1437	Completed
C677	Drumnabey Road, Spamount (RRI)	371	Completed
U170	Garvaghblane Road (RRI)	290	Completed
U1169	Knockbrack Road (RRI)	454	Completed

U1184	Straid Road (RRI)	1576	Programmed
U1211	Kilcul Road (RRI)	859	Completed
U1213	Mountfield Road (RRI)	1483	Completed
U1214	Cool Road (RRI)	336	Completed
U1215	Heathfield Road (RRI)	983	Completed
U1567	Slieveboy Park (RRI)	68	Programmed
U1801	Park Road (RRI)	590	Completed
U1802	Greenlaw Road, Ballymagorry (RRI)	449	Completed
U1826	Coolermoney Road (RRI)	179	Programmed
U1845	Sallowilly Road (RRI)	1346	Completed

*Funded by Department for Communities, North West Development

Surface Dressing

This year it is proposed to surface dress approximately 211.96 kms of road.

Road No	**Road Name**	**Length (m)**	**Status**
A40	Mullenan Road	2600	Deferred to 2017/18
B47	Dergbrough Road	1200	Completed
B47	Glenelly Road	2927	Completed
B48	Duncastle Road	433	Completed
B49	Longland Road	391	Completed
B72	Learmore Road	1060	Completed
B72	Castlegore Road	430	Completed
B72	Strabane Road	415	Deferred to 2017/18
B85	Urney Road	175	Deferred to 2017/18
B193	Letterkenny Road	1993	Deferred to 2017/18
B536	Ligford Road	2220	Completed
C510	Altinure Road	5668	Deferred to 2017/18

C515	Bigwood Road	1795	Completed
C604	Sentry Road	272	Completed
C607	Camus Road	895	Completed
C672	Ardbarren Road	1612	Completed
C672	Urbalreagh Road	2720	Completed
C674	Crilly's Hill Road	1395	Completed
C675	Magheranageeragh Road	1545	Completed
C675	Carn Road	2130	Completed
C677	Drumnabey Road	188	Completed
C677	Listymore Road	1743	Completed
C679	Creevy Road	200	Completed
C679	Old Bridge Road	1080	Completed
C680	Cavandarragh Road	1375	Completed
U103	Erganagh Road	955	Completed
U103	Freughlough Road	1540	Completed
U104	McCreerys (Grahamstown) Road	1003	Completed
U104	Erganagh Road	900	Completed
U104	Priestsessagh Road	1422	Completed
U108	Spring Road	437	Completed
U109	Crew Road	1078	Completed
U111	Scarvagherin Road	82	Completed
U112	Scarvagherin Road	237	Completed
U113	Scarvagherin Road	250	Completed
U115	Cavandarragh Road	1730	Completed
U117	Drumclamph Road	570	Completed
U118	Archill Road	911	Completed
U119	Creevy Road	1453	Completed
U135	Kirlish (Kilmore) Road	892	Completed
U136	Lettercarn Road	2145	Completed
U137	Lisleen Road	685	Completed
U138	Munie Road	2318	Completed

U142	Hegarty's Road	926	Completed
U143	Mosses Road	277	Completed
U149	Shannaghy Road	1779	Completed
U157	Travers Road	1340	Completed
U159	Hemphill's Road	443	Completed
U160	Tullycar Road	2030	Completed
U162	Ardarver (River) Road	775	Completed
U163	Corgary Road	4689	Completed
U171	Carn Road	882	Completed
U176	Barleyhill (Pullyernan) Road	671	Completed
U176	Barleyhill Road	1546	Completed
U201	Folliard Road	972	Completed
U202	Orchard Road	1289	Completed
U202	Tullymoan Road	670	Completed
U202	Lisdoo Road	1275	Completed
U205	Rabstown Road	765	Completed
U205	Scotstown Road	1146	Completed
U207	Fort Road	211	Completed
U208	Prospect Road	2211	Completed
U213	Mill Avenue	299	Completed
U214	Brocklis Road	575	Completed
U216	Stone Road	302	Completed
U219	Derg Road	1411	Completed
U226	Joe Gormley's Road	1240	Completed
U228	Spring (Kilstrule) Road	1691	Completed
U228	Kilstrule Road	1685	Completed
U229	Foresters Road	1960	Completed
U231	Cashty Road	752	Completed
U233	Oldcastle Road	427	Completed
U233	Honeyford Lane	677	Completed
U235	Grange Road (Sanny Lane)	796	Completed

U1100	Ballougry Road	3738	Deferred to 2017/18
U1100	Ballougry Hill Road	315	Deferred to 2017/18
U1102	Windmill View	989	Deferred to 2017/18
U1117	Springfield Road	1961	Deferred to 201 /18
U1120	Rossdowney Road, Crescent Link to Ardlough Road	2083	Deferred to 2017/18
U1801	Spruce Road	599	Completed
U1809	Dunnalong Road	1226	Completed
U1812	Ballybeeny Road	550	Completed
U1813	Victoria Road	439	Completed
U1817	Moyagh Road	496	Completed
U1824	Maple Road	1117	Completed
U1831	Gorse Road	829	Completed
U1838	Castlewarren Road	2362	Completed
U1839	Castlewarren Road	1969	Completed
U1844	Moneycanon Road	550	Completed
U1846	Loughash Road	957	Completed
U1847	Rousky Road	2050	Completed
U1849	Gortaclare Road	3006	Completed
U1850	Lilac Avenue	423	Completed
U1906	Crockatore Road	1487	Completed
U1958	Glencoppagh Road	2019	Completed
U1959	Ligford Road	1246	Completed
U1962	Carnargan Road	1389	Completed
U1963	Plumbridge Road	620	Completed
U1964	Corrickbeg Road	1463	Completed
U1985	Glenelly Road	1386	Completed
U1986	Glenelly Road	1920	Completed
U1987	Castledamph Road	1160	Completed
U2003	Chestnut Road	1021	Completed
U2011	Balbane Road	1331	Completed

U2018	Hollyhill Road	3245	Completed
U2020	Glenmornan Road	1475	Completed
U2023	Curleyhill Road	3366	Completed
U2028	Conthem Road	1338	Completed
U2032	Erin Road	772	Completed
U2033	Myrtle Road	463	Completed
U2035	Backburn Road	2050	Completed
U2037	Lisnafin Road	549	Completed

Drainage

This year it is proposed to carry out drainage improvements at the following locations:

Road No	Road Name	Status
B47	Glenelly Road	Completed
C608	Bunderg Road	Programmed
U167	Fort Road	Programmed
U202	Lisdoo Road	Completed
U211	Peacock Road	Programmed
U221	Coolaghy Road	Programmed
U1104	Glassagh Road	Completed
U2018	Crockan Road	Deferred to 2017 / 18
U2019	Gorticrum Road	Completed
U2024	Spout Road	Programmed
C675	Kilclean Road (RRI)	Ongoing

Proposed Footpath work

Road No	Road Name	Status
B72	Learmore Road, Killen	Ongoing
C675	Ferguson Crescent, Castlederg	Programmed
U1502	*Celandine Court	Programmed
U1503	*Rose Court	Programmed

*Funded by Department for Communities, North West Development

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY MEASURES - PLANNED WORKS 2016-2017

In the 2016-2017 financial year £190k has been allocated for Local Transport and Safety Measures within the Derry City & Strabane District Council area. As well as the schemes outlined below, it is also proposed to take forward an improvement scheme at Ballyarnett Roundabout for which a developer contribution has been secured.

Traffic Management Schemes

Road No	Road Name	Description	Status
B0072	Meeting House Street, Strabane	Controlled crossing point at new pedestrian foot bridge	Issued to Contractor
C0679	Drumlegagh Road North realignment	Improve sight line at junction with Drumlegagh Church Road	No progress
B0072	Railway Street, Strabane	Building survey to determine if wall blocking footway, between Tyre Depot & Alley Theatre can be demolished	Report complete. Awaiting confirmation that wall can be demolished
B0049	Woodend Road, Strabane	Provision of new footway to link to existing footways	Complete

Pedestrian Measures

Road No	Road Name	Description	Status
B521	Glengalliagh Rd	Upgrade Toucan with kerbside and on-crossing detectors at St Brigid's School	Complete
B521	Glengalliagh Rd	Upgrade Toucan with kerbside and on-crossing detectors at Northside shopping centre	Complete
B194	Racecourse Rd	Upgrade Pelican to Puffin, providing kerbside and on-crossing detectors	Complete

Traffic Calming

Road Name	Scheme details	Status
Springvale Park (U1516)	Traffic calming from Northland Road to Springtown Road	Design complete
Brunswick Road and Kensington Road (U1540)	Establish residents support for scheme to progress	Issued to Contractor

Safer Routes to School (SRS)

Road No	Address	Description	Status
B165	St Columba's PS Clady	Erect SRS signage	Issued to Contractor
U1516	Gaelscoil na Daróige, O'Naullian Crescent, Londonderry	Erect SRS signage	Issued to Contractor

Local Transport & Safety Measures

It is intended that the following Local Transport and Safety Measures schemes will be progressed to detailed design and land acquisition stage. If additional funding becomes available during the financial year, it may permit some of these schemes to progress to the construction stage.

Road No	Road Name	Description	Status
C568	Temple Road	Footway widening	With Lands
B118	Tamnaherin Rd at Highmoor Rd	Realignment of carriageway and junction improvement	With Lands
B118	Tamnaherin Rd at Clon Rd	Realignment of carriageway and junction improvement	No progress
B118	Tamnaherin Rd at Brockagh Rd	Junction improvement, right turning facility and junction realignment	No progress
B118	Tamnaherin Rd at Tammyreagh Rd	Realignment of carriageway and junction improvement	No progress

STRUCTURES - PLANNED WORKS 2016/2017

Bridge Management

During 2016-2017 Bridge Management Section intends to carry out work to structures in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area representing an investment of approximately £215K in the local infrastructure.

Foyle Bridge - Completion of Gantry Refurbishment

Bridge No/ Road No	Bridge Name, Location	Description of proposed work	Status
30800 / A515	Foyle Bridge, Madams Bank Road, Londonderry	Completion of gantry refurbishment	Complete
31026 / U1115	Lenamore Road, Londonderry	Parapet repairs	Complete
61435 / C613	Moyle Bridge, Strahulter Road, Newtownstewart	Masonry repair and vegetation removal	Ongoing
61150 / C679	Millbrook Bridge, Milltown Road, Newtownstewart	Masonry repairs and vegetation removal	Ongoing

60016 / C680	Crew bridge, Crew Road, Ardstraw	Scour protection measures, masonry repairs and vegetation Removal	Programmed
30062 / C514	Toneduff Bridge, Kilcatten Road, Claudy	Masonry repair and vegetation removal	Programmed
61949 / C675	Not Named, Magheranageeragh Road, Aghyaran, Killeter	Bridge replacement	Complete
61158 / B47	Plumbridge Bridge, Plumbridge	Masonry wing-wall repairs	Programmed

Vehicle Restraint Systems 2016-2017

Vehicle restraint systems (VRS) across Western Division have been inspected and remedial work prioritised. Some of these VRS will be replaced in the coming years and particular attention will be paid to barrier on wooden posts with welded angle ends. Sites will be assessed on an individual basis and current design standards will be applied. If additional barrier is needed it will be provided and if the need for barrier can be eliminated that opportunity will be taken.

It is likely that the 2016-2017 programme of work in the Derry City and Strabane District Council area will include the following:

Road Number	**Road Name**	**Length of Existing Barrier (m)**	**Status**
C557	Southway, Londonderry	238	Complete
A2	Caw Road Roundabout, Londonderry	80	Complete
A2	Kings Street, Londonderry	155	Complete
A2	Duke Street Roundabout, Londonderry	26	Complete

STREET LIGHTING - PLANNED WORKS 2016/17

In the 2016-2017 financial year £330,000 has been allocated for capital street lighting works within the Derry/Strabane District Council area. This will be used to continue our general programme of improvement/replacement of older systems.

Opportunity will also be taken to improve street lighting in areas where other street works are planned.

The following street lighting works are currently planned for 2016-2017:

SCHEME TITLE	SCHEME DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Ballynasilloe Avenue, L'Derry	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Buncrana Road Racecourse Road to Pennyburn RAB	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Curlew Way, L'Derry Phase 1	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Carrakeel Drive, Maydown Phase 2	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Foyle Fold, L'Derry	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Not Started
Glenowen Park, L'Derry Phase 1	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Issued to contractor
Gortica Road, Drumahoe	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Small Phase Complete
Knockwellan Park, L'Derry	Street Lighting Renewal scheme (Small Section)	Not Started
Longtower Court, L'Derry	Street Lighting Renewal scheme (Small Section)	Complete
Milltown Crescent, Drumahoe	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Moss Road, L'Derry	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Sandale Park cul-de-sac 35-45, L'Derry (lantern change)	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	This site is not fully adopted
Celandine Court	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Bards Hill	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	In Progress

Rose Court	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Sperrin Park	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Five Acres, Strabane	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Complete
Gamble Park, Spamount	Street Lighting Renewal scheme	Not Started