Non-Statutory Public Consultation on the proposed R161 Navan to Trim Pathfinder Scheme

Project Overview

Meath County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, proposes to develop the R161 Navan to Trim Pathfinder scheme commencing at Balreask Cross Roads, and ending at the R161/R154 Regional roads Junction. The scheme extends over a distance of approximately 11kms and aims to provide active travel connectivity between Navan and Trim.

The Scheme aims to:

- Provide enhanced connectivity between Navan and Trim for pedestrians and cyclists to encourage increased walking and cycling trips;
- Improve cycle and pedestrian safety;
- Provide a consistent and coherent standard of cycle facilities between Navan and Trim;
- Connect to the planned cycle infrastructure at each end of the scheme in Navan and Trim and points of interest along the route eg. MDL, Dunganny - Meath GAA and Bective Abbey;
- Create a sustainable link for active travel modes between Navan and Trim;
- Contribute to the achievement of the targets set out in the Meath County Council Action plan 2024-2029;
- Contribute towards the aims and goals of the 'National Sustainable Mobility Policy 2022' in delivering additional active travel and public transport journeys and achieving a reduction in kilometers driven by fossil-fuel powered vehicles.

Outline of Target Delivery Programme:

- **Summer 2024**: Option Assessment and Identification of Emerging Preferred Option
- **Autumn 2024:** Emerging Preferred Option and Non-Statutory Public Consultation
- **Late Autumn 2024**: Preliminary Design
- **Late Autumn/Winter 2024:** Detail Design & Tender
- **Winter 2024:** Commence Construction

Current Status: The scheme is currently at Non-Statutory Public Consultation Stage 1 and an Emerging Preferred Option has been identified.

Emerging Preferred Route: The Emerging Preferred Option (EPO) will deliver 9kms of segregated two-way cycle track and 2kms of shared facility for active travel users. The EPO for the scheme shows a new facility to be constructed on the Western side of the R161 road for the most part, linking the town of Navan, the administrative capital and largest town in Meath, with the heritage rich and tourist town of Trim, providing active travel connectivity with the villages of Robinstown and Bective and with the sporting facilities such as the Meath GAA Centre of excellence at Dunganny and the Meath & District League (MDL) soccer pitches at Philpotstown.

The EPO aims to deliver high quality cycle and pedestrian facilities 3m wide along 11kms route corridor from Balreask Cross Roads to R161/R154 Regional roads Junction. The EPO is shown overleaf on the Route Corridor Map. (See Figure 1)

What's Next:

- Phase 3 Preliminary Design;
- Detail Design and Tender;
- Construction.

Public Consultation

We now wish to consult with the public on the R161 Navan to Trim Pathfinder Emerging Preferred Route. This non-statutory public consultation will continue for a two (2 No.) week period from 11/09/2024 to 25/09/2024 inclusive. Details of the proposed scheme will be available for inspection from 11/09/2024 on the Council's website https://consult.meath.ie or during office hours at the offices of Meath County Council at Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co Meath, C15 Y291.

Making a Submission

Submissions should be made no later than 25/09/2024 via the Council's website https://consult.meath.ie or emailed to activetravel@meathcoco.ie or via post to: Transportation Active Travel, Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, Co Meath, C15 Y291.

Contact Us

If you have further queries about the scheme or making a submission, you can contact us by Email to: activetravel@meathcoco.ie or by phone on 046 9097000.

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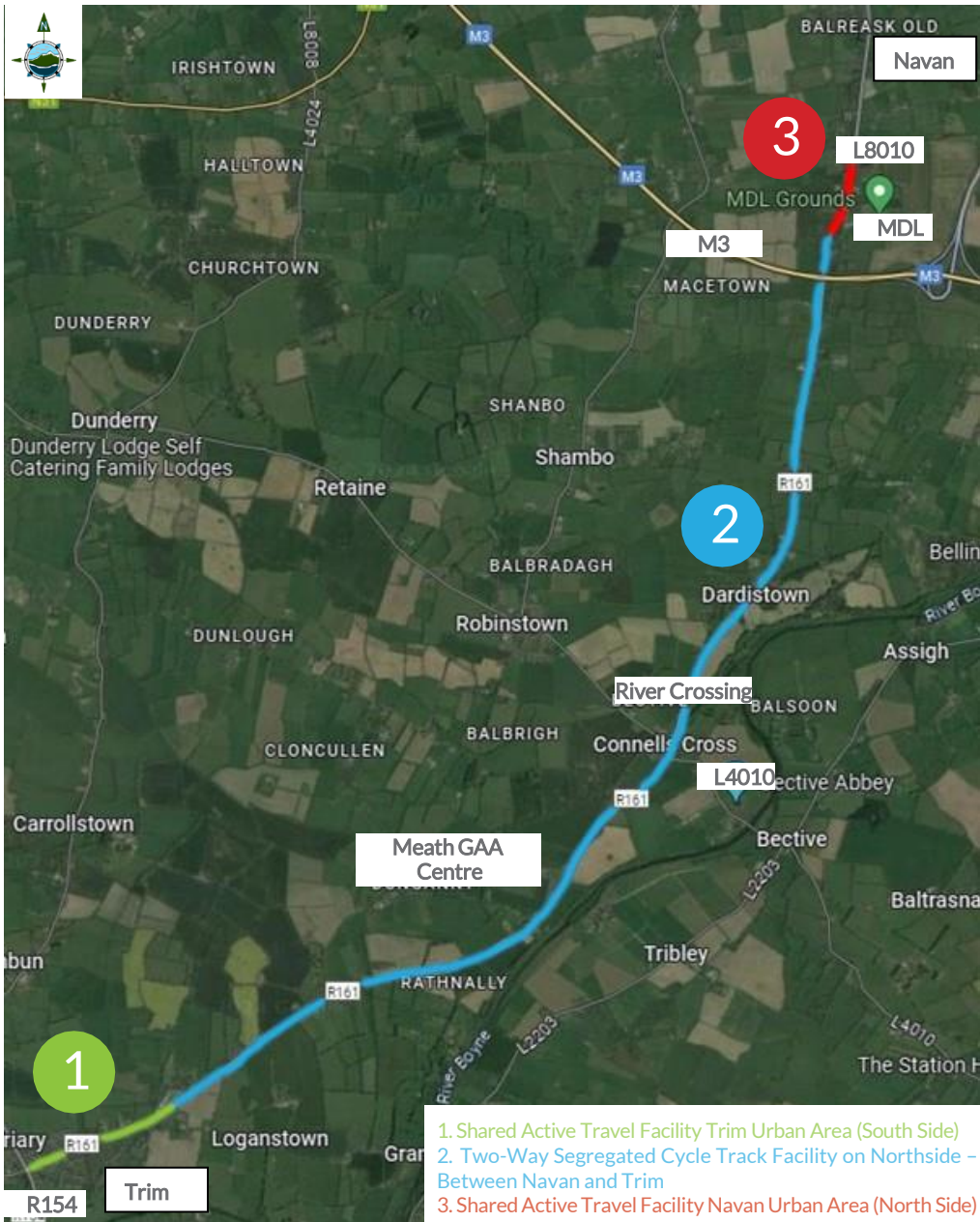
Figure 1: Navan to Trim Active Travel Route Corridor Map

Map labels:
- Navan
- L8010
- 3
- MDL
- M3
- 2
- River Crossing
- L4010
- Meath GAA Centre
- 1
- R154
- Trim

1. Shared Active Travel Facility Trim Urban Area (South Side)
2. Two-Way Segregated Cycle Track Facility on Northside – Between Navan and Trim
3. Shared Active Travel Facility Navan Urban Area (North Side)

Navan Urban Boundary Before

Navan Urban Boundary After

Dunganny (GAA Centre Of Excellence) Before

Dunganny (GAA Centre of Excellence) After

Trim Rural Before

Trim Rural After

Artists Impression Photomontages